

RICHARDSON TO MEET SIFTON IN BRANDON.

This the Most Interesting Feature of Today's Political News--MacDougal of Cape Breton Challenges Mr. Fielding.

Brandon, Man., Oct. 14.—(Special).—The conservatives in convention last night endorsed R. L. Richardson.

Hon. J. H. Agnew, provincial treasurer, moved that Mr. Richardson's candidature be endorsed by the conservatives of Brandon, and A. J. Carroll, M. L. A. seconded the resolution. A few of the delegates said they would like to have had an out and out conservative, but frankly confessed they were willing to throw in their influence with the meeting on account of Mr. Richardson's sympathy with Mr. Borden's railway policy.

Mr. Richardson said that if elected he would support the opposition taken by Hugh John MacDougal, that farm implements should be free of duty. He has arranged a number of public meetings at which government ownership of railways will be the main topic discussed. He will be assisted by Hon. Hugh MacDougal, and A. H. Carroll, M. L. A. for South Brandon.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, who declined to meet Mr. Richardson, on the platform to discuss issues of the day.

MACDOUGAL TO FIELDING.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 13.—(Special).—H. F. MacDougal, ex-M. P., for Cape Breton county, today publishes an open letter to Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, in which he takes exception to the statement made by Mr. Fielding and other speakers at a liberal meeting recently held in Sydney, that the development and the prosperity in Cape Breton was due to the Laurier administration.

Mr. MacDougal charges Hon. Mr. Fielding with having opposed the imposition of duty on foreign coal, with having endeavored to smash confederation, and with having made a political machine of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, so much so that he came very nearly wrecking it and Sydney with it. He declares Mr. Fielding to be an enemy of Cape Breton, and as having been opposed to everything that pertained to its advancement and welfare.

Mr. MacDougal asserts that our development and prosperity is due wholly to inauguration of national policy in 1878.

LOCAL POLITICS.

At a meeting held in Fairville last evening to elect delegates to the convention to nominate a successor to Hon. A. T. Dunn, W. F. Barnhill, was elected chairman and J. L. O'Brien, secretary.

The delegates are John Long, Wm. McKee, Dr. Matthew Macfarland, Wm. McKinnon, John Gillis, John Avery,

Edward Long, Amador Anderson, Wm. Evans, John Donaldson, Thos. Conway, substitutes—Capt. James Hayes, Wm. Baxter, John Hooley, and Alexander Donaldson.

THE BORDEN CLUB.

A special meeting of the R. L. Borden Club is to be held this evening, and a full attendance is requested. The club has leased the premises in the Jardine building, 85 1-2 Prince William street, formerly occupied by the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club, and during the rest of the campaign all meetings will be held there.

ROTHESAY LIBERALS.

A meeting of Rothesay parish liberals was held in the Bellevue Hotel last night. Dr. McVey and other speakers addressed the meeting. Public meetings will be held at Gondola Point, Oct. 17, at Rothesay, Oct. 24, and at Golden Grove, Oct. 25.

IN CAPE BRETON.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 14.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, closed his series of addresses in the interests of Alex. Johnston, liberal candidate, last night, when he, with Mr. Johnston, Premier Murray and Dr. Kendall, spoke at Dominion No. 1.

Mr. Fielding will go into Pictou for a few meetings, after which he will visit his own constituency.

EMMERSON AND BORDEN.

Fredericton, Oct. 14.—(Special).—Hon. H. R. Emmerston, and Sir Frederick Borden will address a mass meeting, in the Opera House here on Thursday evening, next in Mr. Gibson's interests. The liberals are arranging to give them a great reception.

DR. HAY HOPEFUL.

Fredericton, Oct. 14.—(Special).—Dr. Hay, liberal candidate, for Sunbury and Queens, is in the city today, on his way to Woodstock to attend his mother's funeral. He regards his chances very bright for redeeming Sunbury and Queens.

WILL OPEN TONIGHT.

Fredericton, Oct. 14.—(Special).—Alex. Gibson Jr., and George W. Allen, M. P., will open the liberal campaign at Canterbury this evening.

MR. BORDEN COMING.

Montreal, Oct. 14.—R. L. Borden, leader of the conservative party in Canada will address a big mass meeting in Windsor hall tonight and tomorrow night speaks in the Monument National. He will spend a week in Quebec and will then go to the Maritime provinces.

THE RUSSIANS ARE IN RETREAT

Kuropatkin Admits Defeat in Despatches to St. Petersburg.

Trains Hurrying the Wounded to Harbin--A Jap Fleet Appears Off Vladivostock which is Short of Supplies--The Japs Captured 38 Guns--London Comment.

Tokio, Oct. 14.—I. p. m.—Field Marshal Oyama reports that fighting is in progress along almost the entire front and that the Japanese are making satisfactory progress.

Berlin, Oct. 14.—The tone on the Bourse to-day was weaker on account of the defeat of the Russian army south of Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—General Kuropatkin reports that he has ordered the Russian troops on his left flank to retire, because Japanese reinforcements threatened to cut them off.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—11.15 a. m.—An official telegram from the front states that the Japanese captured sixteen guns on the right flank of the Russian troops Wednesday night, though most of these were recaptured. The Japanese subsequently captured several other guns. The number taken, however is not stated.

CAPTURED 38 GUNS.

London, Oct. 14.—Advice received at the Japanese legation says that the report of Marquis Oyama, giving details of the operations below Mukden on Tuesday and Wednesday, which were previously described in the Associated Press despatches from Tokio, seems to make the total of Russian guns captured 38, and ammunition wagons 74. General Oku's army was credited with having taken 23 guns. The report regarding General Nodzu's capture is not quite clear. It says he took "two field guns and eight ammunition wagons on a height a few miles east of Yentai, and while pursuing the enemy captured also field guns with ammunition wagons, numbering eleven, at Sankaushah mountain, besides 150 prisoners." The Japanese legation is not sure whether this means eleven guns and eleven wagons, or whether the guns and wagons together total eleven.

RUSSIAN LOSSES.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—The emperor has received the following despatch dated yesterday from General Kuropatkin. "Two regiments of the Russian right on October 12, sustained heavy losses. The commander of one was killed and the brigade commander was wounded. Both regiments were compelled to withdraw abandoning their artillery but subsequently under Col. Vannovsky, who temporarily assumed command of the brigade, they, after a desperate assault regained possession of the guns, with the exception of sixteen which remained in the hands of the Japanese. The final issue of the battle Wednesday on this flank was successful for us. On account of a night attack of the Japanese, who executed a turning movement, our troops were forced not only to abandon their positions but again lost the guns previously recovered from the Japanese. Our forces retired to the position previously prepared on the Shakhe river.

BACK TO HARBIN.

London, Oct. 14.—A despatch to a news agency from Harbin today says that the hospitals there are preparing for the reception of 37 officers and 1,200 men, wounded during the recent fighting before Yentai and who are now on their way to Harbin by train.

GLOOM IN ST. PETERSBURG.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—1.05 p. m.—It is now seven o'clock at night, on the battleground below Mukden, and the fate of General Kuropatkin's forward movement and possibly the fate of his whole army may have already been decided, but no word has yet come regarding the issue. Naturally the city is filled with countless rumors of defeat and victory. The public has been aroused to the highest pitch of excitement and anxiety by Kuropatkin's despatch of last night, reciting the terrible character of the combat yesterday, and acquainting the people officially that he was on the defensive. That, together with the Tokio despatches declaring that the Japanese forces were gaining ground, and Kuropatkin's concluding statement that he would give orders to "obstinately defend the positions occupied by us" has chilled the enthusiasm with which the news of the Russian advance was hailed, and instead has raised ominous fears of impending disaster. The crowds engaged in celebrating the festival of the "intercession of the Virgin for humanity," on which occasion they usually spend their time in merry-

making, clung obstinately to the bulletin boards, waiting news of the war. It is fully appreciated that if Kuropatkin's army was driven back today the whole plan of the Russian advance may have been wrecked, and that if Field Marshal Oyama is able to follow up the Russians energetically, the battle may end in irretrievable ruin for Kuropatkin.

On the other hand, if Oyama, having himself met the Russian advance by assuming the offensive and throwing the weight of his armies upon the Russian lines today, exhausted the energy of his troops and failed to break his opponents' lines, a repulse necessarily must weaken his resisting power when he falls back on the fortified positions of his triangle.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—3.35 p. m.—General Kuropatkin's official report given out at 1.30 p. m. definitely confirming the loss of artillery attached to the brigade on his right flank as the result of Gen. Oku's attack on Wednesday night only served to increase public apprehension. The number of guns lost is not specifically stated. Each division is composed of two brigades with a brigade of artillery of forty eight guns. It seems that the Russians lost twenty-four guns which would correspond with the Tokio report.

LONDON COMMENT.

London, Oct. 14.—The London papers have to rely mainly upon official reports for news of the Far East, but on despatches thus far received they regard a complete Japanese victory assured, and editorialize entirely from this point of view. Says the Daily Telegraph: "General Kuropatkin has shot his bolt. It seemed to be speeding well towards the mark, yet has missed it badly. He has suffered not merely a repulse but a disastrous defeat, which Japan's incomparable army under incomparable generalship added another glorious page to their chronicle of war and proved that Oyama is still Kuropatkin's master in every branch of the art of war."

The Daily Graphic describes General Kuropatkin's move as a "gambler's throw" and considers that the grand bluntness of his report to the emperor seems to speak the language of a man who had done his best with the bungling advice of some superior agency.

The Standard finds Gen. Kuropatkin's despatch full of tragic meaning, whilst the Daily News argues that the Russian dash southward was prompted by a desperate desire to relieve Port Arthur rather than to victory Alexieff's malign influence.

Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, discussing strategic possibilities, thinks the issue will turn upon which side shot first become exhausted by the protected operations. "Telegrams," he says, "do not yet reveal the final decision, but they certainly do not point to the scales turning in Russia's favor. It remains to be seen whether either army kept large reserves ready to throw in when it becomes apparent that the forces engaged have become exhausted."

In this connection Mr. Wilkinson alludes to the report current last week that the Japanese had a strong force west of the Hun River, and says if the Japanese should utilize such a force now it would probably force the retreat of the whole Russian army.

A JAP FLEET.

New York, Oct. 14.—A despatch from Paris to the Times says: St. Petersburg despatches report five Japanese cruisers off Vladivostock. The commander in chief of the fortress has summoned the inhabitants to surrender fire arms of all descriptions within a week.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—The admiralty says it has no information in regard to the report from St. Petersburg by way of Paris of the appearance of five Japanese cruisers off Vladivostok, and discredits it. The admiralty yesterday received important news from Port Arthur simultaneously with the arrival of Gen. Stoessel's despatch. It is evident that the news relates to the Port Arthur Squadron and it would not be surprising if Rear Admiral Wiren made an attempt to escape at any moment.

IN NEED OF FOOD.

Vladivostok, Oct. 14.—It being six months ago that battleship Petropavlovsk was sunk off Port Arthur and Admiral Makaroff and many others on board perished, memorial services were held in all the churches here yesterday. All the schools will open to-morrow and it is feared there will be considerable increase in the price of food owing to the influx of students and others. There is a comparatively small supply of food in the place, as little was brought in last year either by rail or water owing to the blockade and to the fact that the military monopolized the use of the railway.

HEAVY RUSSIAN LOSSES. St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—Another despatch from Gen. Kuropatkin, dated early this morning says, regarding the fighting of October 12, and October 13th, that the Russians on the right wing defended their advanced positions, and also portions of the different main positions, particularly in the direction of Sialin-hedy, until towards evening, when Kuropatkin ordered them to withdraw a short distance. In spite of the fact that the Japanese attacks were carefully directed against these troops they held the ground to which they retired.

On the left wing after a very obstinate struggle, the Russians occupied the rocky hills south of Bentziapuz and New Bentzu about eight miles north of Yentai, but the arrival of large Japanese reinforcements prevented them from profiting by this success, and as this body was separated from the rest of the troops, Kuropatkin ordered it to retire.

The despatch reiterates that the Russians suffered heavy losses.

NEW BISHOP APPOINTED.

Montreal Oct. 14.—The house of Bishops, in the Provincial synod of Canada received a form, last night, from the missionary society, of the Church of England, in England, announcing the appointment of Rev. F. H. Duvernet as bishop of Caledonia in British Columbia. Duvernet is now rector of the Church of England at Toronto Junction, and was for a number of years lecturer of theology in Wycliffe College, Toronto. The house of bishops are in communication with the Arch Bishop of Canterbury, today, confirming the appointment. Archbishop Bond of Montreal was elected primate of all Canada.

CLAIM HE TOOK SHIRTS.

Fredericton, Oct. 14.—(Special).—The trial of Private McGlinch of the Royal Regiment charged with stealing shirts, from Lieut. Duval, was commenced before Col. Marsh in the police court, today. The complainant and Sergt. Shaw testified that the missing articles were found in the prisoner's kit. McGlinch, in his evidence, admitted having the shirts, but, claimed that he took them from Duval, with the intention of sending them to the laundry for him. The case will be finished this afternoon.

THIRTY LASHES AND SEVEN YEARS.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 14.—(Special).—Seven years and thirty lashes was the sentence imposed on Wm. Smith, by Magistrate Daly, at the police court yesterday. The charge was criminal assault on a young girl.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Chicago, Oct. 14.—Merrit L. Joslyn, who was assistant secretary of the interior under President Arthur, is dead at Woodstock, Ills.

Burlington, Vt., Oct. 14.—The funeral of Joseph King, of Milton, Vt., 111 years old, was held here yesterday from St. Joseph's, Roman Catholic church. Mr. King was born in Canada and served during the Papineau rebellion in 1837. He is survived by six children, two sons and four daughters.

DEATH OF REV. H. M. SPIKE AT THE AGE OF 83 YEARS.

One of the Most Active and Venerated Anglican Clergymen in the Province The Story of An Unselfish Life.

Rev. Henry M. Spike, one of the oldest anglican priests in the diocese passed away this morning after an illness of but a few days.

Father Spike left on Monday last for Lepreau, to visit some old parishioners; and while there became suddenly ill. He was attended by Dr. Reynolds, and returned home on Tuesday, when Dr. Murray MacLaren was at once summoned. Father Spike complained of stomach trouble and was unable to take much nourishment. It is supposed, however, that death resulted from heart failure, and a slight attack of paralysis.

The venerable priest was eighty three years of age, and death took place about nine-thirty this morning at his home, No. 43 St. Paul street. Father Spike was born in Halifax, N. S., about the year 1821. He was a son of the late Henry Spike, and began life in the dry goods business, in his native city, with the late Jas. Donaldson. In 1842 he decided to enter the ministry, and after four years preparation at the Halifax Grammar school, he entered King's College, Windsor, and graduated in 1849.

After completing his college course he was lay reader with Rev. Mr. Stange of St. Margaret's Bay. The bishop, Rev. Dr. Inglis, was at this time in England, and the Diocese was administered by Archdeacon Willis of Saint Paul's, Halifax.

In 1850 Mr. Spike went to Fredericton, and was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Medley, in St. Anne's church. In the same year he married Miss Louisa Maria Whittemore. The ceremony took place in the Anglican church, Turro, N. S. He returned to St. Margaret's Bay, and remained another year.

In 1851 he was sent to Tusket, near Yarmouth, which he organized as an independent parish. The following year Bishop Binney, who had been appointed the preceding year, visited Tusket during a confirmation tour, and ordained Mr. Spike to the priesthood. In 1853, a year later, he was appointed to the parish of Newport by the bishop, as successor to Rev. R. J. Uniacke.

On his arrival he at once went to work to raise funds for a new parish church. His efforts were zealously seconded by the parishioners, and a bazaar was held, which realized the very large sum of \$1200, probably a record in the history of the diocese. The following year (1854), saw the completion of the church. At that time services in Newport parish were held at Walton, Cognaguin, Upper Newport, Newport Village, and Ardouise. Father Spike remained in Newport for four years, and removed in 1857 to Petite Riviere, Lunenburg county, succeeding Rev. Dr. Ambrose.

In this parish he remained sixteen years and finished the erection of churches at Comqueraul and La Havo Island, begun by Dr. Ambrose. During those sixteen years the baptisms

averaged fifty annually. In 1865 a church was built at Lower Dublin, and a year or two later another church was built at Vogler's Cove. During his incumbency of the parish, several stations, started by himself, were added to adjoining parishes, and just before his departure the parish was divided.

After sixteen years of splendid work, Father Spike removed, in 1873, to Musquash, N. B., where he remained for twenty-three years. While in this parish he greatly extended the work of the church, and opened several new stations.

In 1895, after nearly fifty years of faithful service, Father Spike retired from active work. Although nearly eighty-four years of age, he was full of energy, and often took regular clerical duty. In August last he took charge of the parish of Dalhousie N. B., and was at MacAdam for one year.

After leaving Musquash he took up his residence in St. John, West, and in April last removed to St. Paul street.—He has assisted at different times in the Mission church of Saint John Baptist, Paradise Row, and was among the clergy who took duty there during the vacation of Rev. Father Owens-Jones this season.

Father Spike preached his last sermon last Sunday evening in St. Mary's church, Waterloo street. Since his retirement he has done a great deal of excellent work among the poor, in the West End, and along the Straight Shore his name has become a household word.

On cold winter mornings during the past few years, Father Spike would frequently come over from the west side to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at the Mission church, and he was a familiar figure on Paradise Row and through the North End.

He attended the last Encoenax at King's College, Windsor, and received the degree of M. A. He also attended the annual gathering of the Sons of Kings, when he made an interesting speech.

His wife died at Musquash on June 5th, 1882 and was buried in St. Anne's churchyard at Musquash. About a year ago he celebrated his fiftieth year in Holy Orders.

He was a most interesting and entertaining companion, and full of interesting information about old times in Nova Scotia, and possessed a great fund of anecdote.

He was the oldest priest in the diocese of Fredericton, and will be greatly missed by rich and poor alike.

He is survived by two sons, William Spike, Customs officer at Ardouise, and Charles, in the Yukon. He also leaves four daughters. Mrs. Joshua Knight of St. John, Mrs. Dore, of Virginia, and Misses Harriet and Charlotte at home.

The family have the tenderest sympathy of a large circle of friends, in their hour of trial. Arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

A CANADIAN THEY SOLD BAD BOOZE.

Report That U. S. Steel Co. will Erect Great Plant at Peterboro.

Peterboro, Oct. 14.—(Special).—The Times this morning says that a short time ago a representative of the United States Steel Corporation visited Peterboro for the purpose of investigating the adaptability of the town as a site for the proposed Canadian plant of the corporation and his report is such that this place will probably be chosen. The representative of the company stated that the plant would probably employ from 5,000 to 7,000 hands.

TO INSPECT THE BRIDGES.

Fredericton, Oct. 14.—(Special).—H. J. McGrath, inspector of masonry of the I. C. R., is here to make an inspection of the bridges and culverts, on the Fredericton branch, with a view to having them brought up to the Intercolonial standard.

GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS SALMON'S RESIGNATION.

Convention on Pacific Cable Postponed Because of the Elections--Icebreaker Launched for the St. Lawrence.

Ottawa, Oct. 14.—(Special).—An order in council has been passed, accepting the resignation of Capt. Salmon, wreck commissioner, of the marine department.

Another order has been passed, accepting the resignation of Judge Warburton, of Prince Edward Island, who is the liberal candidate in Queens county, P. E. I.

Information has been received at the state department that the proposed conference in London, 20g., on the Pacific cable has been postponed on account of the Canadian elections.

Sir William Mulock is to be the Canadian representative and Sir Sandford Fleming will represent New Zealand. They intended leaving here about the end of October, but the political campaign has upset their plans. The conference was to have been in November but it will be later now.

CHARLOTTETOWN HAS A TERRIBLE MURDER.

Woman Cut Down in the Street With An Axe and Her Head Almost Severed--Two Arrests Made.

Charlottetown, Oct. 14.—There was a terrible tragedy here last night and as a result Lillian Warren, 35 years old, is dead. She was murdered, by an unknown assassin and the city is greatly excited over the case. The murder was committed almost in front of the Charlottetown hospital in the southwestern end of the city.

The murdered woman was found dead with frightful wounds in her head caused by an axe, found near by. Her neck was almost severed.

The police, although they had no direct clue went to work at once and at midnight arrested Michael Power and Henry Palmer.

Michael Power arrived here on Tuesday from Charlottown Mass., where he has been confined in the State's prison for robbery. Power belongs to a family who has been a terror in this city for years. Ten years ago the prisoner and his brothers had a terrible fight with the police when they assaulted. Palmer is a noted

criminal, and has served a term in the penitentiary. During the past six months he has three times escaped from Falconwood Asylum here. It is not known what evidence there is against them, as the police refuse to disclose this till after inquest.

The unfortunate woman was returning from work when she was murdered.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 14.—(Special).—Palmer and Power were arraigned this morning before Stipendiary MacDonal. Palmer is a discharged inmate of Falconwood Asylum and was ordered to be held in custody. The asylum authorities were notified. Power was remanded for eight examination into his sanity. There is no evidence yet against him, but suspicion is based on his mental condition and the fact that his house is only a hundred feet from where the body was found. Physicians declare that from the number of wounds that nine blows were delivered, five with an axe blade.

CHINKS PAID WELL TO GET INTO THE UNITED STATES.

Men in the Toils in Michigan Tell How Chinese are Smuggled From Canada on a Wholesale Scale.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 14.—With two Chinese under arrest at Lansing and two white men, arrested with them, detained at Adrian, the local Chinese inspectors believe they have broken up a system of Chinese smugglers that have long been causing the inspectors trouble. A third white man has been in jail at Detroit for a month awaiting trial for aiding a Mongolian to illegally enter the United States. Windsor, Ont., just across the river, from Detroit, was the headquarters of the smugglers.

It is stated that the two Chinese, now in jail, at Lansing, confessed that they expected to pay their guides \$270 upon their safe arrival

at St. Louis, Mo., and they had paid \$25 on the contract. They were rowed across the Detroit River, Sunday night, landing south of the city limits of Detroit, and, with their two American guides, had proceeded as far as Adrian, Mich., when they were discovered, and placed under arrest. One of the Chinese had a certificate purporting to show that he had been born in San Francisco. This paper he said cost him \$50.

A Requiem celebration for Rev. H. M. Spike will be said in the Mission church of St. John the Baptist, Paradise Row, on Monday morning next at six forty-five.