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THE NEW PREMIER.

A new Dominion cabinet, of which Hon. Senator Abbott is the framer, has been formed. At the moment of writing it is not publicly known who hold the respective portfolios. Before this issue reaches the hands of our readers the composition of the cabinet will have been disclosed to Parliament. It is, of course, inferred that nearly all the surviving members of the Macdonald cabinet will be found members of the new one. At present, it is in doubt whether the leadership of the House of Commons is to be committed to Sir Hector Langevin or Sir John Thompson, or whether the new Ontario member of the cabinet is to be Mr. Kilpatrick or Mr. Meredith or Mr. McCarthy, or some one else.

Probably the selection of the new premier is, from all points of view concerned the wisest that, for the present, could be made. True, he is a member of the wrong house, but personally he is objectionable to no section or party. He is a man of high character, widely respected, of superior general ability, conversant with public affairs, a good debater and has some experience as a political leader. It is to be presumed that Liberal Conservative members of Parliament of every shade will accept him, and support him in the premiership. Some Maritime Province Conservative members probably feel disappointed that the choice fell neither on Sir Charles Tupper nor on Sir John Thompson. But naturally they will console themselves with the thought that the Maritime Provinces will continue to be powerfully represented in the cabinet, and will, without question, exercise due influence on the policy of the government and on the course of legislation. It is much to be desired that all sections of the party represented in the government should yield it cordial support. It is a very bad thing for the dominant party in a state to be rent and torn by the rage of factions. Such a state of things has a demoralizing effect on public matters.

THE LONG DELAY.

The hesitancy shown for days by the Governor General, after the death of Sir John A. Macdonald, in calling in a cabinet builder, seems, from a British point of view, rather unaccountable. In England, in a similar emergency, the sovereign is accustomed to act with marked promptitude. On the occurrence there of a cabinet dissolution through the death of a premier scarcely hours are permitted to pass before the crown calls to its aid a reconstructor. One cannot easily understand why it should have been otherwise at Ottawa. It may be that the delay indulged in was due to difficulties confronting the Governor-General not to be overcome on the instant. However this may be, no serious public damage has apparently resulted from the slowness of the movement to secure a new cabinet.

HOW IT WILL BE REGARDED.

Now that by this time it is known who heads and who fills the reconstructed cabinet, the question arises, what do the party men in Parliament think of it? On what the Liberal Conservative party men think of it depends its usefulness and the term during which it will serve. If the party receives it coldly and gives it a divided or, at best, only a half-hearted support, its usefulness cannot be great, and its life will be short.

If, on the other hand, the new cabinet is received cordially, and supported enthusiastically by its party generally, it may do noble work and live long. Possibly it is too much to expect party unanimity in the case, with so many rival interests at work.

As to how the Opposition will speak of the new cabinet there is not left much room for conjecture. It is a foregone conclusion that old party feelings and tactics will resume sway in its ranks. The trance observed by it for a few days, due to the last illness and death of the departed premier, will be followed by the renewal of a war fierce and bitter. The Opposition party may therefore be expected to declare solemnly that of all possible constructions of a cabinet the one contemplated is the very worst, and that if it were built for the very purpose of hastening Mr. Laurier's ascension to power, it could not be better framed to serve that end. This as we know is the natural order of things.

SETTLEMENT OF THE ANGLO-PORTUGUESE TROUBLE.

It seems that the new agreement between the British and the Portuguese Governments for the settlement of their quarrel in Africa, has been signed at Lisbon. This, it is to be supposed, will speedily bring to a close the nasty squabbles in Africa between British and Portuguese subjects. The Salisbury Governments patience and forbearance in dealing with this irritating matter are much to be commended.

A GREAT MEASURE NEARLY SAFE.

The Irish Land Purchase Bill is nearly, if not quite, through the British House of Commons. It has been a fiercely fought measure. Balfour has especially distinguished himself in the conduct of this measure. He was assailed on every side and had to fight every inch of his way. But he knew how to combine conciliation and courage—knew when to yield and when to press forward with the most daring determination. It is likely to pass through the House of Lords easily. It is a great measure, and seems sure to play a great part in the settlement of agrarian troubles in Ireland.

Buctouche.

JUNE 15th, 1891.—A refreshing and welcome shower came last night making the fields around and about the village beautifully green.

For the past two months the village has been very quiet, people were busy getting in a crop, everything so far seems promising. Hay may, in consequence of such a long time of dry weather, be a little short, but on the whole the people have much to be thankful for.

There has been a large quantity of small lumber shipped from here to P. E. Island Canso, and other places by J. D. Irving and others.

The brig Faber is loading at Irving's wharf with hardwood and spruce deals. She is the only square-rigged vessel arrived here so far this season.

There are several new and handsome residences being erected here this summer. The village is growing slowly but surely and the buildings erected are very substantial and pretty edifices.

R. A. Irving (Archie) is about leaving this place to enter the office of Hanington, Teed, Hewson & Hanington, at Moncton, as a student at law. Archie will succeed, as he passed some years at the grammar school, Richibucto, and at Pictou academy, and at all times had a leaning towards legal studies. I have no doubt that in time he will become a leading light in legal law. He will be much missed in Buctouche as he is one of those young men who do not only gain but retain the good-will and warm friendship of all with whom he came in contact. Mr. Irving was tendered a banquet on the eve of his departure. Mr. John Hutchinson presided at the head of the table, supported on the right by Mr. B. H. Foley. Speeches were made by Mr. Hutchinson and others and responded to by the guest.

In A Trance.

During the last three months there have been several hundred cases of the grip in the Naugatuck Valley, Conn., but none of them seem to have had the effects of that of which Miss Cora Mattoon of Plymouth, was the unfortunate victim. Miss Mattoon is the daughter of D. E. Mattoon of Plymouth Center. Wednesday, May 13 she was taken ill, and Dr. Pease diagnosed the case to be the grip, with indications of pleurisy and pneumonia. Shortly after the young lady became ill she apparently fell asleep, and so remained for fifteen days. During this time two of her warmest friends, Jennie Hawkins and Tilda Matthews, died.

Upon awakening she told her parents of having met her two friends, and also an uncle and an aunt, and a brother, all of whom had been dead for a long time, and of having seen strange and weird sights in the far beyond during her absence from home, which she supposed occupied two years. The young woman is prostrated by her experiences, and it is doubtful if she will ever again recover from the severe shock which her nervous system has received. She had fallen from a mountain into a bottomless pit, had been drowned, had been burned to death, and had been torn limb from limb by wild beasts, and had visited heaven.

Miss Mattoon, shortly after regaining consciousness, said to those around her: "So poor Jennie is dead."

She and Jennie Hawkins were great friends, and great care had been taken that Miss Mattoon should not be told of Jennie's death.

"How did you know she was dead?" Miss Mattoon was asked.

"Oh, I met her while I was away and she told me," was the reply.

The Chinese government has issued a stringent decree against immoral literature. It is ordered that "all government officials who allow immoral books to be published within their respective jurisdictions shall be discharged. Every private person publishing such a book shall receive 100 blows. Within thirty days from the issue of this law all the obscene books of the empire shall be destroyed, beginning with those now in print.

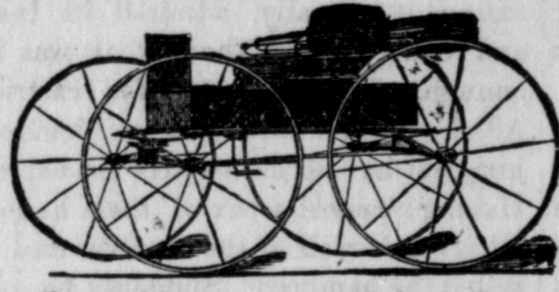
Canada's International Exhibition and Mammoth Horse Fair.

The arrangements for holding this exhibition at St. John have been proceeding quietly but effectively during the past few months. But a new impetus has just been given to the Exhibition Association, by a liberal guarantee fund which has been subscribed by private citizens and the City Council of St. John. The most gratifying feature of the work has been the manner in which both buyers and sellers are entering into the idea of the horse fair. A letter just received from Agent General Fellows, London, Eng., informs the Association that in order to secure buyers of horses for the British army, it will be necessary that the authorities be advised as early as possible of the number and classes of horses which are likely to be offered for sale.

Equally gratifying results are noted in the industrial section of the exhibition, as already applications for space have been received from a larger number of manufacturers than exhibited last year.

Arrangements for special attractions are being made both in England and the United States, and there cannot be any doubt but some of the best drawing entertainments will be offered to the public.

Three thrones in Europe are now occupied by child-Kings those of Spain, the Netherlands and Serbia. In the present century there have been four other child-sovereigns, Isabel Second, grandmother of the present baby King, by a curious coincidence was also on the throne when a little maid of three. She ruled for thirty-five years thereafter. Maria de Gloria, Queen of Portugal, came to the throne in 1826, when only twelve years old, and ruled 27 years. Charles Second of Parma ascended the throne at the age of four in 1803. And it is well known that Napoleon the First abdicated in favor of his son of three. The little Napoleon, however, was never a sovereign de facto.



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