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It is difficult to overrate the importance of the political crisis at Ottawa initiated by the sudden resignation of seven ministers just at the moment of the ovening of and aroused the anger of the British Govparliament. It is, in its nature an altogether unprecedented occurrence, but the a sudden preparation for war on the part causes are apparent. We are only now beginning to understand how great and irreparable was the loss sustained by the It is only when the resources of diplomacy Liberal Conservative party in the death of have been taxed to the uttermost that such Sir John Macdonald. When Sir John measures are resorted to, and this has shaky you may be sure of it. Abbott succeeded him it was a time of doubtless been true in the present case. comparative political calm. The party was still strong in the flush of its recent victory at the polls and there were no grave questions of unusual delicacy and magnitude to be immediately grappled with. When he died they had Sir John Thompson to fill the gap, and the party, still strong and unthreatened, rejoiced again in a strong leader. He, too, died in the fulness of his fame, and perhaps fortunately for his place in history, before the troublesome questions which afterward beset his party had reached an acute stage.

When three great leaders had thus fallen in quick succession the memory of Sir John McDonald's resourceful greatness was still fresh in the minds of all Canada. When Mr. Bowell was called to the helm of state it was natural that comparison should be made between him and the great Chieftain rather than between Mr. Bowell and his more immediate predecessors Had it been otherwise the premier of 1895 called to direct its course in a time of body. storm and danger.

Bowell that he is not in many respects the equal of Sir John Macdonald. Admitted- He removed to St. John when still young ly Sir John had no equal in Canada, and for that reason the task of any one who succeeded him was doubly hard, and especially must this prove true in the troublous times that have arisen. It was of its former leading lights by death or also natural that, finding the ship in troubled waters, many should have desired to see Sir Charles Tupper-Sir John Macdonald's principal lieutenant while he lived-placed in command. This could have been effected by methods less objectionable than those taken by the re- earlier years of the union. When he besigned ministers. Their attempted coup d'etat was a blunder, however well intended, and might have wrecked a party less strong and cohesive than the Liberal Conservative party has proved itself to be. Its first effect was undoubtedly to give aid and comfort to the Liberal opposition, and it also rallied a sympathetic feeling for Sir Mackenzie in his own camp. The sudden desertion of seven ministers, to many again nominated with Mr. J. V. Ellis as minds savored of treachery, though it was one of the Liberal standard bearers for St. mistakenly intended as a short cut to a desirable end. The breach is even now being healed, but it has needlessly weakened the party front in the face of the enemy on the very eve of battle.

Bowell waited upon the Governor General for the purpose of tendering his resignation, but was desired by His Excellency to retain office and make an effort to fill up his cabinet. Parliament was adjourned till the 14th inst., to give him the better apportunity of success in this effort, but the difficulties were found to be very great. citizenship of St. John where he had so Many members were approached with a long resided and filled many important view to their entering the cabinet of Sir trusts. Mrs. Weldon survives him and Mackenzie who did not find it convenient will have the sympathy of a wide circle of to accept. This was especially true of friends. They have no children. Mr. members from Ontario and New Bruns- Weldon leaves a considerable private wick. They sympathised with the premier fortune. He had been in failing health in his efforts to carry out the governor's for over a year past, but at the last the instructions, but on consulting their col- end came unexpectedly soon, and was, no leagues in the house found there would be doubt, a great shock to the community in a doubt as to being heartily supported. which he was much respected. To be a cabinet minister without a following is an undesirable position, especially as it would involve the necessity of bein

immediately re-elected by the people. It is said Mr. Geo. V. McInerney M. the ninth of their crew and an apprentice the past.

In parliament at Ottawa on Tuesday, Sir A. P. Caron in the Commons and Sir Mackenzie Bowell in the Senate announced that arrangements for recon-Items of news from any place will be thankful- structi g the cabinet were nearly completed and would be ready to-day (Wednesday). It is understood that Bowell All communications must be accompanied by remains premier, Sir Charles Tupper enters the Cabinet and Sir Hilbert Tupper retires. Foster, Montague and other ministers who resigned will resume former portfolios and the business of the session will be proceeded with. Sir Charles Tupper will sit in Commons probably for Ottawa.

ENGLAND AND GERMANY.

Most unexpectedly the hot-headed and reckless Kaiser of Germany has very nearly brought about a rupture of the friendly relations so long subsisting between Great Britain and the German Empire. This is the more remarkable from the fact that THE BAROMETER OF HEALTH IS the royal households of the two great em-RICHIBUCTO, N. B., JAN. 16, 1896. pires are closely related in blood, the THE LATE CRISIS AT OTTAWA, queen. In the complications arising out of the raid made by Dr. Jamieson into the Boer republic of South Africa, the Kaiser suddenly and unwarrantably intervened ernment and nation. The result has been of the mother country such as proves conclusively the great gravity of the situation

When the Boer republic, formerly a British possession, was conceded its independence some 18 years ago, Britain retained the right of regulating its intercourse with all foreign nations, and of controlling any extension of its boundaries. The Boers desire to terminate this arrangement, and appear to count on the aid of Germany to effect it. This Britain will resist with all the might of her empire, and can no doubt maintain her position by naval and military force against all comers. While it is hoped that peace may be preserved, Lord Salisbury will have the need help, and take Dodd's Kidney Pills, from the date of the comple ion of the united support of British subjects everywhere around the world in not yielding an inch to the presumptuous intermeddling of the German emperor.

DEATH OF MR. WELDON, Q. C.

Mr. Charles W. Weldon, Q. C., a prominent lawyer and member of the Liberal party in this province, died at his home in would not have suffered so much in the St. John on Sunday last. The deceased contrast For neither Sir John Abbott gentleman was one of a number of able nor Sir John Thompson were called upon men whom Richibucto has contributed to to face the difficulties which Sir Mackenzie | the commercial metropolis of the province. Bowell has had to meet. We refer to the He was a son of the late Hon. J. W. Welacute stage of the Manitoba school ques- don, Judge of the Supreme Court of this tion and the near approach of a general province, and previously speaker of the election. They had but to guide the ship | House of Assembly and one of the memof state through smooth waters. He was bers representing Kent County in that

Mr. Weldon was born in Richibucto in It is no disparagement to Sir Mackenzie 1830, graduated at Kings College, Windsor, and was called to the bar at an early age. in the law and rapidly attained a strong position in the profession, especially as a commercial lawyer. In his later years, when the bar had been depleted of some promotion, he came to be recognized head of the profession in the province.

Mr. Weldon was a strong opponent of the confederation of the provinces at its inception, and this fact no doubt operated as a bar to his official promotion in the came associated with the Liberal party it was perhaps more from the force of circumstances and from personal rather than political reasons, as the bent of his mind was strongly Conservative. He entered parliament in 1878 as the colleague of the late Hon. Isaac Burpee, and was re-elected in 1882 and 1887. His first defeat was sustained in 1891. Last spring he was

At the time of his death Mr. Weldon was the senior vice-president for New Brunswick of the maritime Liberal Association. He was also the president of the Since our last issue Sir Mackenzie St. George's Society of St. John, chairman of the board of school trustees, there, a warden of Trinity church and solicitor of many leading corporations including the C. P. Railway company, the Bank of Montreal and others. His death creates a void that will be very generally felt in political legal and business circles as well as in the

K. D. C. Pills tone and regulate the

The ministers who retired appear to have P., is to be appointed County Court named Gilroy died. These all were conheld a strong influence among the Con- Judge for Northumberland. Restigouche signed to the sea as they died to keep the servative members of the house, which is and Gloucester. The present Judge heavily iced boat from sinking and to make quite natural considering their prominence (Wilkinson) is to be superannuated, His room for the living to work. Early last in the party councils and their ability and Honor being in poor health. Dr. Quigley night the cold moderated and a breeze activity in fighting the party battles in of St. John is also a candidate for the sprang up from the eastward. Pulling in

> tion to the bench an attempt will be made with another oar. At daylight they to in luce Mr. John Jardine to offer for sighted a schooner about two miles to the Commons as the Liberal Conservative | windward, but all efforts to attract her atstandard bearer. Should Mr. Jardine tention were futile, and they had no oars consent to run he would stand to win.

> The Times rejoices over the request of the of water placed in the boat when they left United States that Great Britain use her the ship, had frozen solid the first day, good offices in behalf of the Americans ar- leaving only fragments of ice. rested in the Transvaal and the British re-Transvaal that will be extended to British for gone are some of them. subjects under like circumstances.

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ticulars were gathered, although his sufferings are intense. The ship struck about 6 p. m. on Monday, a dense vapor hiding everything from view. They were unable to see the land or the lights, and were going at quarter speed. Half an hour afterward it was necessary to take to the boats, as the ship was settling fast and the sea very heavy. They were unable to get the starboard boats clear, as the ship had listed to starboard. The two port boats were cleared and the captain with the first engineer, second officer, boatswain and 14 others got in the larger boat, while the first officer, second and third engineers and three seamen took the smaller boat. The two boats hung by a line to the wreck, which settled toward daylight. The small boat disappeared and probably sank, and they were obliged to drift before the gale. Soon after daylight on Tuesday two of the firemen succumbed to the exposure. During Tuesday night Captain Meek and a fireman named Wilson died. Wednesday morning the first engineer died and later in the day three others expired. Thursday at noon, as they caught sight of land l

their sail and broken oars, which had been used as a drag, they rigged the sail on two In the event of Mr. McInerney's eleva- pieces of oars for jury masts and steered with which to row to her, so they kept steering before the increasing wind. They England and America are friends again. were without compass or food. A barrel

When land was sighted, soon after the ply thereto that High Commissioner Gov. boy Gilroy died, they hoped to bring h m ernor Robinson has been instructed to ex- to land, but found the gale increasing, and tend the same protection to John Hays with a prayer consigned him to his watery Hammond and any other American citizen grave at the entrance of the harbor. It is



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