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## THE QUEBEC ELECTIONS

Contests Likely in Every One of the 82 Electoral Districts

Premier Gouin and Armand Lavergne will each Contest Two Constituencies

Montreal, May 6.—The nomination of candidates for the position of representative in the sixteenth legislature of the province of Quebec is taking place today, in eighty out of the eighty-two electoral districts. The counties of Gaspé and Magdalen Island vote later on, but the nomination proceedings for the first named constituency are on today.

Every constituency is likely to witness a contest. As far as known at the headquarters of both parties in this city, two cabinet ministers and two prominent members of the opposition will be nominated in two constituencies.

It is officially announced that Sir Lomer Gouin will be nominated both in Port-Neuf and the county of St. John's.

Hon. Chas. Devlin is also booked for a nomination in Nicolet, as well as the lately selected county of Temiscamingue.

On the opposition side, Mr. Armand Lavergne, will be nominated in Montmagny, which he represented in the last legislature, as well as in Montmorency where his antagonist will be Hon. Mr. Taschereau, Minister of public works.

It is also stated that Hon. Jean Prevost will not only contest his own county of Terrebonne, but will be put in nomination in Lassomption.

## THE TITANIC INVESTIGATION

Fireman and Look-out Men Before the British Commission

Little of Importance Brought out in Their Evidence--Many Lawyers in Attendance

London, May 8.—The commission appointed under the presidency of Lord Mersey to inquire on behalf of the British Board of Trade, into the Titanic disaster, continued the examination of members of the crew today.

The investigation promises to be long drawn out, as every day new attorneys apply to represent special interests and each of these lawyers closely examine the witnesses on points affecting his client.

This morning, Lord Mersey allowed attorney to appear on behalf of the relatives of some Irish third class passengers.

Fireman Barrett of the Titanic testified that he was in the stoke hold, when the Titanic struck the iceberg. Water immediately poured in through number 6 water tight compartment, and the adjoining empty bunker. This bunker Barrett explained had been emptied on the Sunday as fire had broken out in it soon after the Titanic left Southampton.

When the bunker was empty it was found that the bulkhead had been damaged by fire.

Cross examined by Lord Mersey, Barrett said it was not an uncommon thing for fires to break out in the coal bunkers. Barrett said he left the vessel in lifeboat number 13.

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## ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS

Appointment of New Ambassador a Manifestation of Friendship

Baron Von Bieberstein the Cleverest and Most Forceful Man in German Diplomatic Service

(Canadian Press.)

New York, N.Y., May 8.—A cable from Berlin to The New York Times, says:

High hopes of a radical improvement in Anglo-German relations, perhaps the avoidance of an Anglo-German war, followed the announcement that Baron Marshall von Bieberstein, Germany's famous ambassador at Constantinople, is about to become the Kaiser's representative at London.

The Baron arrived in Berlin yesterday for the purpose of conferring with the imperial chancellor, prior to accompanying him for an audience with the Emperor at Karlsruhe, on His Majesty's return from Corfu, on Saturday.

Baron Marshall von Bieberstein's appointment has not yet been officially announced, but is semi-officially admitted and only requires the Kaiser's formal sanction.

The Kaiser intends the appointment to be a demonstrative manifestation of his desire for friendship, and an understanding with Great Britain, and he has chosen the cleverest and most forceful man in the German diplomatic service to give effect to his wishes and plans.

## LIBERALS OF PROVINCE STRIPPING FOR THE FIGHT

Messrs. Tweeddale and Burgess will again Carry the Standard to Victory in Victoria--Hon. Dr. Pugsley and Mr. A. B. Copp Attend a Meeting of St. John Executive and Deliver Addresses--New Primaries to be Held--Restigouche Liberals to Meet May 20th

St. John May 8.—In preparation for the coming provincial election the Liberal executive of the city was called together last evening in Keith's assembly rooms for the purpose of deciding whether or not new primaries should be called for the election of delegates to a nominating convention. More than a year ago delegates were chosen at largely attended meetings, but it was decided that owing to the changed conditions and the fact that many new names had been added to the list, new primaries should be called at an early date, to be followed in due course by the nominating convention. Primaries are now being held in the county, and the organizing of both the city and county for the coming fight will be pushed forward vigorously.

F. J. G. Knowlton, chairman of the city executive presided at the meeting last evening and there was a large attendance including Hon. Wm. Pugsley and A. B. Copp, M.P.P. federal and provincial Liberal leaders in New Brunswick respectively. Some little time was spent in the discussion of the business on which the meeting was called and the decision to call for new primaries was unanimous. Prospects for the success of a strong opposition ticket in the city were considered excellent, and a very enthusiastic spirit prevailed.

Mr. Copp was called upon and spoke briefly in a hopeful vein reviewing conditions in the province and predicting victory for the opposition forces in the next election.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley was also optimistic of the success of the Liberal forces in the light of the record of the record of the Hazen-Plemming governments and was heartily cheered as he concluded his address.

In addition to the delegates already chosen in the county, the St. Martins delegates will be selected at a meeting to be held in the Masonic Hall, St. Martins on Friday evening.

The Liberal forces have been greatly heartened by evidences of discord in the Conservative camp. It is said that Recorder Baxter will forsake the county as the last hope of the city ticket, that Messrs Maxwell and Hatheway will retire and that there is a hot fight for the fourth place on the ticket between the friends of P. Grannen and two other gentlemen whose claims are being pressed as worthy of recognition.

OLD TICKET IN VICTORIA.

Andover, N.B., May 7.—At a rousing Liberal convention held here this afternoon, J. F. Tweeddale, M.P.P., and James Burgess, M.P.P., were re-nominated as the standard bearers in the coming provincial contest.

The meeting was a thoroughly representative one and the enthusiasm was unbounded. Only the two names came before the convention and the choice was unanimous and received with cheers.

The party was never in better fighting shape in Victoria and the feeling is that the candidates will roll up big majorities for Liberalism and good government.

C. F. Watson of Grand Falls, presided, and J. Bruce Ritchie of Perth, was chosen secretary.

RESTIGOUCHE CONVENTION ON MAY 20.

Dalhousie, N.B., May 7.—The Liberals of Restigouche County will meet in convention at Campbellton on Monday afternoon, May 20, to select two candidates for the coming provincial elections.

The same evening a mass meeting will be held in the Dimock Opera House to be addressed by the candidates and A. B. Copp, M.P.P., leader of the local opposition. The Liberals of this county were never so enthusiastic over an approaching election as they are at present.

TO DROP SPOULE

Sussex, May 7.—The political situation in Kings County is becoming interesting. The approach of the elections has made it necessary for the government party to make a change suddenly and provide an office for one of their leaders, Fred M. Sproule, M. P. P., whose usefulness has apparently gone. As the day has been named for their convention it is evident that their political arrangements have been made and Mr. Sproule suitably provided for.

The opposition has also had some changes to make. One of the candidates named at the convention over a year ago—Frank Freeze, of Penobscot—has gone west and is courting wealth and favor in that booming and prosperous region.

It is said that Henry Gilbert has (Continued on page five.)

## IS RICHESON A MORMON?

Woman Makes Affidavit that She Knew him as an Elder

Says he Joined the Latter Day Saints while Attending William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo.

Boston, May 8.—Clarence V. Richeson, under sentence of death for the murder of Miss Avis Linell has been a Mormon elder and secretly connected with the Mormon order for several years, although preaching from a Baptist pulpit, according to a sworn statement just made before Wm. A. Thibodeau, an attorney, and Justice of the Peace.

The author of the affidavit, Mrs. Lovie E. Brittain, claims to have been formerly connected with the Mormon Church, and have been an acclimated wife of New York man, who is at the head of the Mormon organization in the east. The statement Mrs. Brittain asserts, that she has known Richeson for several years past, first meeting him three years ago, at a Mormon conference held on Staten Island, where she says the Baptist clergyman was recognized as one of the Mormon elders, and was particularly active in the affairs of the conference.

She has since seen him many times in and about Boston and given him the Mormon signs, which were always answered, she claims.

She says she attended a Mormon conference at Providence R. I. a little over a year ago, at which Richeson was present, and that she received from him as a Mormon elder at a Boston gathering of the leaders of the church.

"While it is not common, it is not unusual to find the more educated of the Mormon Elders, preaching in the pulpits of evangelical Churches, which baptizing by emerson, said Mrs. Brittain, last night, in an interview.

She said that to the best of her belief Richeson was converted to Mormonism while still a student at William Jewell College, in Liberty, Mo., from which he was expelled in 1889.

At that time Richeson became attached to a young woman, who now makes her home in Salt Lake City to this young woman, is due Richeson's trend toward Mormonism, Mrs. Brittain believes.

DENIED BY MORSE

Boston, Mass. 8.—"It's a lie," said William G. Morse, attorney for Richeson today, in answer to the charge that his Client was formerly a Mormon.

"I know Richeson's life right thoroughly, and the statement that he has been a Mormon, is a wicked, foolish, ridiculous lie. We have a record in short of everything that Richeson has ever done. I know just what he has done in every year of his life. He was not in Staten Island in 1909, as this woman charges. The story is a foolish fake of the same kind as the letters I get every day, from various people, most of them claiming to be messages from heaven. The story is absolutely untrue."

## MIRAMICHI MERCHANT DIES SUDDENLY

(Special to The Mail)

Chatham, May 9.—The death of Mr. S. W. Russell, one of the best known business men of Miramichi, occurred at his home at Loggieville this morning. He was taken ill yesterday afternoon with an attack of heart trouble and Dr. McKenzie was called, but arrived too late to be of any assistance. Deceased was fifty-one years of age and is survived by a widow and one son, three brothers and two sisters.

WANT LEASE OF OPERA HOUSE.

Mr. F. G. Spencer and O. H. Trifts & Co of St. John have applied for a lease of the Opera House for a term of three years. Others have made similar application. The matter will be dealt with by the City Council at a meeting to be held within a week. The insurance on the City Hall has been increased by \$10,000.

## SENSATIONAL DEVELOPEMENTS

The Fowler Failure one of the Worst City has Known in Years

A Story of Frenzied Financing which has Created Much Talk about the City

Not for many years has a business failure created more talk about the city than the case of Mr. Charles H. Fowler, jeweller, who lately assigned to Mr. Harry M. Blair for the benefit of his creditors. The fact that his total liabilities are placed at \$12,000 and his assets at \$3,500 would seem to indicate that he has been insolvent for some time and depended on friends to assist him in a futile effort to tide things over. Considering the fact that he has only been in business a few years, in the language of the horsemen, that was certainly "going some."

FRENZIED FINANCE.

In connection with the collapse there are stories of "frenzied finance" on the part of Mr. Fowler which put in the shade anything this city has experienced in twenty years and the worst of it is, most of the stories are true. It is known for a fact that by employing questionable methods, he was able, during the last week he was in business, to raise a sum in excess of one thousand dollars in cash and the question on everybody's lips is, what did he do with the money?

GOT MONEY ORDERS.

On the first of May he called at the store of a leading dry goods merchant and by representing that he was in urgent need of funds to send to his brother in New York, he secured money orders to the value of \$200. He exhibited to the clerk his mother's bank-book and stated that she was too ill to go to the Savings Bank for the money and it would therefore be a great accommodation if the merchant would let him have the money orders and accept his check in exchange. He got the orders and gave in payment a check for \$200.60 on the Bank of Nova Scotia. The money orders were made payable to the order of his brother, but notwithstanding this fact he was able to cash them at a local bank. When the merchant presented his check for payment in due course it was refused on the ground that there was "no funds." Upon learning this the merchant got after Mr. Fowler, who promised to fix the matter up, but he has not yet done so.

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## THE NE TEMERE CASE HAS BEEN DEFERRED

Ottawa, May 7.—At the opening of the May term of the Supreme Court today Chief Justice Sir Chas. Fitzpatrick announced that in view of the fact that the British privy council had not yet given judgment in the "companies' case," which will determine the right of the Dominion to submit a stated case in a matter affecting provincial law, the reference concerning the act to amend the marriage act would be deferred. If the privy council judgment is given during the present sitting of the Supreme Court, the marriage law reference will be taken up at once. If delayed till later a special session of the Supreme Court will probably be called.

## ALBERTA TORIES TO PUT UP FIGHT

Calgary, Alta., May 8.—Every one of the bye-elections to be held on May 27th, will be contested by the Conservatives, according to the statement of E. Michener, leader of the party in this province.

WALL PAPER

At Williams St. Mary's is cheaper than elsewhere.

Mr. W. J. Kirk of Toronto, is at the Queen's.

## IMPORTANT BUSINESS SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL LAST EVENING

The City Council last night held one of the most important meetings which that body has held in some time and transacted business of much weight. In the matter of containing complete rights to Queen's Square the special committee considering the matter was continued with power to complete the purchase of the rights of Mrs. Ada L. Twining to the tract of land in question. The petition of the Palmer-McLellan Shoe Company for a free site for a factory with exemption from taxation and the payment of water-rate and sewerage rates for twenty-one years was considered at length and a diversity of opinion appeared. Ald. Guthrie and others favored the immediate granting of the prayer of the petition. Ald. Calder counselled caution in the matter and stated there was no need for undue haste. The casting vote of Mayor Hooper decided that a special committee composed of Ald. Guthrie, Ald. Cruikshank, Ald. Calder, Ald. Wilkinson and Ald. Burchill shall consider the matter of site, etc., and report to the Council within a week.

In the matter of grants for band concerts the council was more generous than it usually is dividing the sum of \$500 between the two bands of the city, \$350 going to the Fredericton Brass Band and \$150 to the 71st York Regt. Band. A special committee was appointed to decide upon the number and class of concerts to be given during the summer.

In the matter of the three requests from the W.C.T.U. which waited upon the aldermen Monday night, the council decided to have a curfew by-law drafted and also called upon the provincial government to provide a normal school for juvenile offenders. A special committee was appointed to confer with the owners of hacks and public vehicles in the city with a view toward drafting a by-law for the licensing and registration of such vehicles.

THOSE PRESENT.

Those present were His Worship Mayor Hooper, Ald. Ryan, Ald. Kitchen, Ald. Wilkinson, Ald. Burchill, Ald. Cruikshank, Ald. Moore, Ald. Calder and Ald. Guthrie. Ald. O'Neill, who was confined to his home as a result of a driving accident, was the sole absentee.

The minutes of the preceding meetings were read by the City Clerk and adopted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Auditor's report was adopted as follows:

Roads and Streets, .....	\$ 264.47
Fire Department, .....	1,088.36
City Hall, .....	370.18
Wharves, .....	3.25
Municipal Home, .....	61.10
Contingent, .....	622.02
Administration of Justice, .....	255.43
Street Lighting, .....	1,080.81
Market and Weight-scales, .....	4.25
Sewerage, .....	71.75
Water, .....	1,135.81

The usual monthly and quarterly salaries and allowances were ordered paid on the motion of Ald. Calder.

On the motion of Ald. Moore, a cheque for \$200 was ordered to issue in favor of the Municipal Home Commissioners.

CITY ENGINEER APPOINTED.

Ald. Burchill moved the appointment of Mr. John O'Neill at an annual salary of \$800 as City Engineer and Plumbing Inspector. The motion was seconded by Ald. Wilkinson and was carried. The appointment goes into effect on May 20th.

QUEEN'S SQUARE PURCHASED.

Ald. Guthrie reported on behalf of the special committee appointed to consider the purchase from Mrs. Ada L. Twining of her rights in Queen's Square. The form of agreement between the city and Mrs. Twining was found satisfactory in certain details and the committee was continued with power to complete the purchase of Mrs. Twining's rights.

PALMER-MCLELLAN CO. PETITION

Ald. Calder reported the matter of the petition of the Palmer-McLellan Shoe Company for free site and other concessions. He stated that the promoters of the company and members of the special committee had inspected several suitable sites for a factory building, but nothing definite had been done. He suggested that the matter remain open for a time.

Ald. Guthrie favored action as soon as possible. The Queen's Square purchase would probably be completed shortly and there was no reason why the company should not now be given a site of the area required, three hundred by two hundred feet, on Queen's Square.

Ald. Cruikshank was of similar opinion.

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## MARYSVILLE GIRL WEDS IN FRAMINGHAM

Groom Prominent Young Merchant of Framingham Centre, Mass.-- Other Marysville News

Marysville, May 8.—Miss Ethel Johnson daughter of the late Robert Johnson formerly of Marysville, was married last Tuesday at Framingham, Mass., to Mr. Wheaton S. Caldwell a well known and popular young merchant of Framingham Centre. The happy couple will make their home at Framingham.

Mrs. Bradford Pond has been confined to her home for several days through illness.

Mr. Wardlow Sloat's many friends will be sorry to hear he is still confined to his home and is not yet able to be around.

Mr. John Daily left last evening for his home at New River Mills to see his father Mr. Patrick who met with a serious accident by falling.

FIRST TRIP OF SEASON

The steamer D. J. Purdy, formerly the Sincennes, of the Crystal Stream Line arrived here from St. John last night with a heavy freight. She will make weekly trips to this city during the summer.

RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Temple Savage of Gibson are receiving congratulations on the arrival at their home of a young son.

## RIO AND STEEL CORPORATION FEATURES OF THE MARKET

By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co., 621 Queen Street, Fredericton, N.B.)

New York N. Y., May 8.—The market opening was moderately active and stocks as a rule showed declines of moderate fractions. The fact that the rally which set in on Tuesday afternoon was not continued tended to discourage holders comparatively few of whom had sold stocks since beginning of downward movement. Interest in Steel but shorts betrayed no sign of uneasiness. Reading was exception to general rule opening at an advance of 1/2. Traders thought bull interest was in absolute control of the market for that stock.

quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John N. B. members of Montreal Stock Exchange

Open Noon

Copper .....	80 1/2
Smelters .....	83 1/2
Brooklyn .....	82 1/2
C.P.R. .....	256
Great Northern .....	131 1/2
Penna .....	123 1/2
Reading .....	175
Union Pacific .....	169 1/2
U. S. Steel .....	65
Virginia .....	53 1/2
Southern Pacific .....	110 1/2

MONTRÉAL MORNING SALES

Commerce Bank—100 @ 227; 25 @ 226 1/2.

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