

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The Washington negotiations are to be discussed at a full meeting of the council tomorrow.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—In North Hastings, Allen, conservative, has a majority of five hundred and eighty.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—It was announced today that a syndicate of American capitalists made a proposition to the Richelieu and Ontario Steamship Co. for re-organization with greatly increased capital, which will probably be accepted.

Tarts and other liberals are planning a monster demonstration over the results of the last elections for Tuesday.

Returns from the Ontario elections are meagre up to a late hour. In Nipissing, Loughrin (liberal) had a majority of 348; eleven polls to hear from there are no returns from North Hastings.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—The post office department says it is not responsible for withdrawal of permission for the Montreal letter carriers to ride free on the street railway cars in that city.

There was a good attendance at the cabinet meeting today when the three knights broke the news gently to their colleagues that there was small prospect of reciprocity with the States.

The High school cadet movement in Ontario is making splendid progress. The government has decided to loan Martin-Henri's instead of Sniders.

3rd (New Brunswick) Artillery—Provisional 2nd Lieut. E. R. Jones, having obtained a commission in the Imperial army, retired; to be adjutant, Capt. F. C. Jones, vice White, promoted.

62nd (St. John) Fusiliers—To be second lieutenant provisionally, J. S. Frost, vice Smith, retired.

67th Battalion (Carleton) Light Infantry—Provisionally, 2nd Lieut. M. Howlett, No. 8 company, and J. Cyr, No. 7 company, having failed to qualify, their names are removed from the list of officers.

1st (York) Battalion, No. 1 Co.—To be lieutenant, W. H. Grey, vice McFarlane, appointed quartermaster; to be second lieutenant, provisionally, Sergt. T. R. Blaine, vice Grey, promoted.

33rd (Northumberland) Battalion—Lieut. and Adj. H. Irving is granted the rank of captain.

The commissioner of agriculture received advices today of the sale of trial shipments on Ontario fattened poultry sent from St. John to Liverpool about a month ago. The birds met a ready sale in Liverpool at 16 cents per pound, wholesale. The chickens were sent plucked but not drawn, and weighed an average of 5.2 pounds each. The wholesale price therefore was equal to 17.6 per pair. The chickens when put up to fatten were worth 50 cents per pair. The food consumed per pair during the fattening cost 31 cents, making a total cost of 81 cents per pair, without allowing anything for the labor of attending them. The packing cases cost at the rate of three cents per pair, and the transportation and selling charges would cost, in the usual course of business, 10 cents per pair.

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