

THE CANADA MUDDLE

May Yet Make Great Britain Step in to Settle It Arbitrarily.

THE AIR FILLED WITH RUMORS.

Downfall of the Administration Expected at the Elections.

CABINET IN COUNCIL AT MONTREAL

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The political atmosphere is full of rumors to-day, and if one-half of them materialize, within a very short time Canada will be in such a political muddle that the intervention of the British Government alone can prevent the breaking up of the federation of the British North American provinces.

Such was the opinion given expression to to-day by one of the most active party men, who, during his lifetime, followed Sir John Macdonald, but who ranks among the disaffected ones since the disclosure of last session and subsequent revelations. The intrigues of Premier Abbott, he said, to secure the dismissal of Premier Mercier are without parallel in the annals of constitutional government, and have already alienated some of its strongest supporters from the Conservative party now led by Mr. Abbott.

A Deathblow to the Administration.

The success of Premier Mercier in the approaching election which will be necessitated by the dismissal of his Government, which, supported by a large majority in the Legislature, would be the deathblow to the Abbott administration at Ottawa, so closely has Premier Abbott identified himself to secure the downfall of the late Government of Quebec.

It requires no deep penetration into the future to see that the Abbott administration, as it now exists, has but a short time to live. Some bold step alone will avert its overthrow. It therefore becomes important that Premier Abbott must at all hazards secure the election of a Conservative government at Quebec, the treasury being almost empty. It is stated that the new Government will immediately ask the Lieutenant Governor to appoint another royal commission to investigate all the transactions entered into by the Mercier Government since its entry into power. The Conservatives claim that \$1,250,000 in plunder has been obtained by the Mercierites.

Cabinet in Council at Montreal.

A special from Montreal says: The new Cabinet formed by De Boucherville is looked upon by all classes here as one of the strongest and cleanest the province has had since the confederation. The members are expected to arrive here to-night, and a council will be held to-morrow. One of the first acts will be to raise \$2,000,000 to pay the interest on floating debts and other pressing obligations, the treasury being almost empty. It is stated that the new Government will immediately ask the Lieutenant Governor to appoint another royal commission to investigate all the transactions entered into by the Mercier Government since its entry into power. The Conservatives claim that \$1,250,000 in plunder has been obtained by the Mercierites.

One Good Trait in the German Character

(Not that it is the only one) is, they generally take wife and children along when out of a Sunday—or holiday. If he gets beer they all get beer—and so on. Like Christians in Pilgrims' Progress—when she started for the Holy Land she took the little ones along (Christian had gone alone). Now herein the good-natured, family-loving Teuton and Christians are just like the man who buys a Decker broom, or Fischer piano or a vacuum cleaner, or organ. They are sure to attract all the family to them, can't help it; all are irresistibly drawn to them by the charm of their rich, beautiful colors, and the beauty of exterior. Nothing could be more symmetrical in design and artistic in ornamentation and choice of woods. In every suitable quality of hard woods, from the satin wood to the mahogany, and Circassian walnut, every conceivable style, you will find at Hamilton's for holiday trade. This house may be relied upon for prices and terms of payment to suit all tastes, pocketbooks and salaries. Indeed, so easy for even the finest goods that any well-to-do lady might pay for a piano, in monthly payments, out of her pin money and scarce miss it. Call or write for card of prices and terms; also Sets music boxes, accordions, violins, guitars, mandolins. Every musical instrument will be found at Hamilton's, 91 and 93 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh.

Outfits in the Children's Department.

Outfits for infants, outfits for girls, outfits for boys, outfits for misses. Everything new and pretty and stylish. JOS. HORNE & CO.'S, Penn Avenue Stores.

How-Knot Pins.

Late orders just opened, so we have a complete collection again in our How-Knot pins, Hair pins, Brooches, Pendants, in silver and gold, at HARDY & HAYES', Jewelers, 829 Smithfield street. Three doors from City Hall. Open every evening till Christmas.

Muffs for Christmas.

Here from \$1 up, French seal, \$2, \$3 and \$4. Monkey fur, \$3.50. Unusual price. JOS. HORNE & CO.'S, Penn Avenue Stores.

Diamond Pendants.

Diamond lace pins, diamond brooches, diamond stick pins at prices never before heard of at the great special sale. KINGSBACHER BROS., 516 Wood street.

Table Linens for Christmas.

New hamamitch sets (1 cloth and 12 napkins ready for use) \$5 per set. Finer to finest up to \$40. JOS. HORNE & CO.'S, Penn Avenue Stores.

If You Don't Know What to Buy

Baby for Christmas, we would suggest a handsome baby carriage. 1822 styles now on exhibition at James W. Grove's, Fifth avenue. Eighty styles just received by express. Mackintoshes for Men, Women and Children. JOS. HORNE & CO.'S, Penn Avenue Stores.

R. & B.

Children's books—One lot 50 cent books at 20c. One lot 35 cent books at 15c. Specials for to-day. BOGGS & BUEHL.

A NEW \$5 tan mackintosh for ladies.

JOS. HORNE & CO.'S, Penn Avenue Stores.

BEST assortment of kid gloves at Rosenbaum & Co.'s, Market street.

Xmas Gifts at the Notion Center.

Gold and silver thimbles, scissors cases, sets of scissors, hair brushes (50c and up), and many other very acceptable articles. JOS. HORNE & CO.'S, Penn Avenue Stores.

A SURPRISE to anybody will be one of our fine umbrellas.

SMILEY & CO. PARIS lamp shades now \$5 and up. JOS. HORNE & CO.'S, Penn Avenue Stores.

FINELY DECORATED

Is Jacob Craig's Stand at Diamond Market. Christmas is near. That Jacob Craig and his popular assistants, Henry Dorberger, George Oaks and Charles C. Kumberger, realize this fact is made evident by the grand display which they are making at Mr. Craig's stands, Nos. 75 and 92 Diamond Market. Their large stock of meat is tastefully exhibited and artistically decorated with laurel wreath flowers and evergreen in a manner which reflects much credit upon those named gentlemen.

One of the most novel sights presented is the reembodyment of eight little pigs on a swinging shelf above the center of the stands. Their ears have been scalloped, while just back the skin has been so arranged that it forms a perfect resemblance to a seahell. In the mouth of each has been placed an ear of Indian corn. The result is one of the oddest and most interesting sights imaginable.

Mr. Craig personally makes it a point to appear neat and tasty, and he exacts the same of his employees. The result is he has a class of customers who stay with him the same as they did with his father before him, and if a clean stand, close attention to business, and a general desire to please make a success, Mr. Craig is bound to get along. To his old patrons it is not necessary to say anything in his praise, but to the general public it need only be said, pay him a visit, and you will be made to feel heartily welcome.

Umbrellas for Xmas Gifts.

Umbrellas for men. Umbrellas for women. All the best make at extremely low prices. JOS. HORNE & CO.'S, Penn Avenue Stores.

THE GREATEST SEXTET IN THE WORLD

Can Be Heard During the Holidays at Henricks' Music Co., Ltd.

If you wish to enjoy a musical treat go to 101 and 103 Fifth avenue, where you can hear the celebrated sextet, composed of Weber, Lindeman, Wiedelock and Stuyvesant pianos, assisted by the famous Palace and Kimball organs. Any of the above instruments would make a suitable present for Christmas, and as our warehouse is not large enough and our new building is not ready, we will sell at prices so low and terms so easy as to enable you to buy now. Come and make your selection from the finest in the country. Remember the address: HENRICKS MUSIC CO., LIMITED, 101 and 103 Fifth avenue.

A CHOICE assortment of cases at

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A SPECIAL HOLIDAY BARGAIN.

Fine Upright Piano, \$175.

A magnificent 7 1/2 octave upright piano, with latest improvements, full iron frame, excellent tone, splendid action and handsomely carved case, will be sold, fully warranted, for \$175, including fine plush cover and stool. A special holiday bargain at the music store of J. M. HOFFMANN & CO., 537 Smithfield street.

Agents for the celebrated Sohmer pianos, Colby pianos and Schubert pianos.

BEST and most fashionable London and New York neckwear. JOS. HORNE & CO.'S, Penn Avenue Stores.

PITTSBURGH AND LAKE ERIE RAILROAD CO.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

On December 24, 25 and 31, 1921, and January 1, 1922, round-trip tickets will be sold between all stations, also on December 23, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 between all stations on the P., M. & Y. and Bellevue division. Tickets will also be sold to Cleveland, Erie and principal points on the Lake Shore and N. Y., P. & O. Railroads. All excursion tickets will be good for return until January 4 inclusive.

BEAUTIFUL fans—\$1 to \$30 each.

JOS. HORNE & CO.'S, Penn Avenue Stores.

Best assortment of fancy goods in the city.

Store open every evening. JOS. EICHBAUM & CO., 48 Fifth avenue.

Marriage Licenses Issued Yesterday.

Table listing names and residences of couples who obtained marriage licenses the previous day.

DIED.

AHLBORN—On Tuesday, December 22, 1921, at 3 o'clock A. M., ELIZABETH B. AHLBORN, widow of the late A. H. Ahlborn, in the 71st year of her age.

DR. PRICE'S DELICIOUS Flavoring Extracts

NATURAL FRUIT FLAVORS. Vanilla, Lemon, Orange, Almond, Rose etc. Of perfect purity. Of great strength. Economy in their use. Flavor as delicately and deliciously as the fresh fruit.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BERGER—On Monday, December 21, 1921, LOUIS BERGER, in his 81st year. Funeral taken from his late residence, No. 102 Pine street, Twenty-seventh ward, Southside, on Wednesday, December 22, 1921, at 8:30 P. M. Services at St. John's Church, South Fourteenth street, at 9 A. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

CALL—On Tuesday, December 22, 1921, at 11 A. M., JEROME CALL, daughter of Nell F. and Elizabeth Call, aged 19 years 3 months. Funeral on Thursday, December 24, 1921, at 2 P. M., from parents' residence, Ohio street, off Hazelwood avenue, Hazelwood, 3.

DARLEM—On Monday, December 21, 1921, at 2 P. M., GEORGE B. DARLEM, son of Jacob H. and Mary E. Darlem, aged 15 years and 3 months.

DREW—On Tuesday, December 22, 1921, at 9:30 A. M., LENA DREW, youngest child of John and Mattie Drew, aged 8 months and 23 days. Interment private.

DEMPSTER—On Tuesday, December 22, 1921, at 2:45 P. M., ALEXANDER DEMPSTER, Jr., in his 81st year. Funeral services at the family residence, corner Stanton and Euclid avenues, East End, on Thursday, 24th inst., at 2 P. M. Interment private.

FISHER—On Tuesday, December 22, 1921, at 5:30 P. M., ANNA J. FISHER, wife of John H. Sprague, aged 42 years. Funeral will take place from her late residence, 165 McCure avenue, Allegheny, on Thursday, December 24, at 3 P. M. Interment private.

FLYNN—On Tuesday, December 22, 1921, at 7:30 A. M., KATE FLYNN (nee Ferris), wife of Michael Flynn, in her 77th year. Funeral from her late residence, Penn street, Verona, on Thursday morning, December 24, 1921. Requiem mass at St. Joseph's Church at 9 A. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

HUGHES—On Tuesday, December 22, 1921, at his residence, 1024 North avenue, at 5 P. M., CHRISTOPHER HUGHES, in the 84th year of his age. Notice of funeral hereafter.

JONES—On Tuesday, December 22, 1921, at 6 A. M., JOHN L. JONES, formerly of Brady's Bend, in the 60th year of his age. Funeral services at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Isaac Jones, 414 Butler street, on Wednesday, December 23, 1921, at 7:30 P. M. Interment Thursday morning at Tarentum. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

KEHOE—On Monday, December 21, 1921, at 5:30 A. M., ANNA ELIZABETH KEHOE, aged 58 years. Funeral from the residence of Mr. E. K. Collins, Morningside, Eighteenth ward. Interment private.

KOLLER—On Monday, December 21, 1921, at 9:30 A. M., JOHN KOLLER, in the 34th year of his age.

MILLER—On Tuesday, December 22, 1921, at 8:15 A. M., ROBERT MILLER, in his 78th year. Funeral services at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Isaac Jones, 414 Butler street, on Wednesday, December 23, 1921, at 7:30 P. M. Interment Thursday morning at Tarentum. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MILLER—On Tuesday, December 22, 1921, at 9:45 A. M., MARY MILLER, in the 68th year of her age. Funeral services from the residence of S. F. Beltzhoover, Castle Shannon, Pa., on Wednesday, December 23, 1921, at 7:30 P. M. Interment Thursday morning at Tarentum. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MCCLELLAND—On Monday, December 21, 1921, JOHN MCCLELLAND, in his 65th year. Funeral from the residence of Samuel R. Frith, No. 17 Seventh street, McKeesport, on Wednesday, December 22, 1921, at 7:30 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MCCUNISKI—On Monday, December 21, 1921, at 4 P. M., MRS. MARY MCCUNISKI (nee McCurtain). Notice of funeral later.

NEWTON—On Tuesday, December 22, 1921, at 7:30 P. M., MRS. MARY NEWTON, 24 1/2 West street, Allegheny, CHARLOTTE, wife of John Newton.

RAMAGE—On Monday, December 21, 1921, at 4 A. M., HENRY RAMAGE, aged 1 year, 2 months and 20 days. Funeral from parents' residence, near Homestead, on Wednesday, December 23, 1921, at 10 o'clock noon. Carriages will leave Union depot on the arrival of the 2 o'clock train.

SCHWAN—At the parents' residence, Margaret street, Nineteenth ward, on Monday, December 21, 1921, at 8:30 P. M., LAWRENCE R., youngest son of Charles and the late Annie J. Schwan, aged 3 years and 4 months. Funeral on Wednesday, December 23, 1921, at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

SHEDDY—On Tuesday, December 22, 1921, at 10:30 A. M., MARY, oldest daughter of J. D. and Catharine Shеды, aged 21 years 4 months. Funeral from the parents' residence, corner McClure and Fleming avenues, Allegheny, on Thursday, December 24, at 9:30 A. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

SHOTS—On Tuesday, December 22, 1921, at 1:30 P. M., LOUIS, son of John and Margaretta Shots, aged 21 years and 4 months. Funeral from his late residence, Ridge street, near Thirty-third street, Pittsburgh, on Thursday, December 24, 1921, at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

STERRIT—In New York, suddenly, Tuesday morning, December 22, 1921, GEORGE STERRIT, aged 49 years.

THEIKEN—On Sunday, FRANK THEIKEN, aged 55 years 3 months 25 days. Funeral taken place from his late residence, No. 36 Gregory street, Twenty-seventh ward, Southside, on Wednesday, December 22, at 9 A. M. High mass at St. Michael's Church. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

WALLACE—Tuesday, at 4:30 A. M., ELIZABETH WALLACE, beloved wife of Dr. T. C. Wallace. Funeral service at residence, 11 Pennsylvania avenue, Allegheny, WEDNESDAY at 8 P. M. Interment private.

WILLIAMS—At 11 o'clock A. M., Monday, December 21, Mrs. ELLEN BARCLAY, widow of the late William H. Williams, aged 79 years. Funeral services at the residence of her son-in-law, A. Filson Dalzell, 57 Plymouth street, Duquesne Heights, at 2 P. M. WEDNESDAY, December 23. Interment private.

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