

## Private Boarding House.

FIFTH-CHEMIST PRIVATE BOARD, with or without  
furniture at No. 17, Wellington St., over Weir's  
gas Works, no connection with the Restaurant.  
Dec. 20.

## Daily British Whig.

"Opfer der Freiheit Dienst."

As is the case of the unnecessary superannuation of Mr. Patrick, Clerk of the House of Commons, so is the matter of the unjust dismissal of Mr. Bedford from the Superintendence of the Welland Canal, the members of the present Government seek to show that the discarded officials are well satisfied with the treatment they have received. This is only adding unnecessary insult to us deserved injury. Mr. Bedford was a most efficient official. The trumped up charges against him proved on investigation to be utterly unfounded, and yet his suspension was confirmed by dismissal. His real offence was that he had been a Liberal member of Parliament and when in the House had given a vigorous opposition to the men who have since taken it upon them for no other cause to dismiss him from the public service.

It is a significant fact that those journals that assert an independence of any party bias or allegiance are one and all death on the syndicate scheme of the Government. This fact is rendered more ominous to the Government from the fact that the majority of these "independent" journals have been marked by a decided leaning towards the present Government and its national policy. This was the case with the Toronto *Telegram* and the Montreal *Star*, both of which are out in uncompromising hostility to the monstrous terms of the new contract. This fact may be taken as an indication that the current of popular sentiment has set in strongly against the Government in this thing, and that the opposition to the contract does not spring from party considerations, but is a genuine indignation on the part of the people against a bargain in which the interests of the people are ruthlessly sacrificed.

It is reported in Montreal that Mr. W. P. Simpson who was promoted to the Collectorship of that port from Kingston is soon to be superannuated, and that M. P. Ryan, M. P., a gentleman nearly as old as Mr. Simpson, is to succeed him. Mr. Simpson must have failed very rapidly, indeed, from what he was when Collector in this city if physical infirmities have suggested and should necessitate his superannuation. We are afraid that this is only another case in which the importance of an office seeking political support of the present Government is precipitating the otherwise quite unnecessary retirement of an efficient and experienced publicofficial. The fact that the expectation is nearly as old as the occupant of the office is proof enough that the shifflife, if it is made, will only be done for the purchase of furnishing a fat government berth to a parliamentary supporter who claims his reward, and is anxious to enter upon it. All these things are proofs of the sincerity of the present Government in regard to Civil Service Reform.

The only matter referred to in the "speech" of His Honour Lieut.-Governor Cawchon is that of the extension of the boundaries of the Province of Manitoba. It does not say much for the foresightfulness of the man who set off the Province and defined its present boundaries that it should soon require enlargement. The Prairie Province was made ridiculously limited in area in the outset, and this has become more potent than ever from the fact that Dr. Schultz and a few other capitalists have monopolized the bulk and the best of the land, and now hold it for fancy prices. From these causes it may be necessary to extend the boundaries of Manitoba so as to give intending settlers some chance of obtaining land there. It is rather significant that the Dominion Government has granted a ready assent to Manitoba extension, while it has stubbornly refused to recognize the award of the arbitrators in the matter of the Ontario boundary. Some trouble may be anticipated, too, in this matter, for the extension of Manitoba eastward will be almost certain to interfere with the western limits of the Province of Ontario.

## AN ANGRY MINISTER.

Every fresh development of Sir Charles Tupper's behaviour, whether in Parliament or before the electors, serves to deepen the general impression that he can never become a popular leader in the same in which Sir John Macdonald, for example, has held that role. Sir Charles is not only an extreme party man—he is a bitter malignant partisan, and omits no opportunity of showing his vindictive animus against those who cross his path or criticize his record.

A pretty heavy hit, to take Sir Richard Cartwright to task for degrading the dignity of the House of Commons, and then immediately to make a most brutal attack upon an opponent who happened at the time to be in the reporter's gallery. This model of good manners and champion of the dignity of Parliament scrupled not to outrage that dignity by referring to the criticisms of the  *Globe* as being as false and venomous as the "black heart" of its editor.

It was cowardly in the extreme for Sir Charles Tupper to make no brutal assault upon one who, at the time and place of the attack, had no opportunity to retort. The spirit evinced by the stretcher, however, is proof enough that he has been smarting under the lack of journalistic criticism, and it may be taken for granted that the gallant jade will be made to wince again from similar and, unfortunately, too well deserved censures. In the meantime Sir Charles' exhibitions of bad temper will not improve his chances for the Tory leadership of the future.

## THE MAYORALTY.

## IRELAND.

## SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES AND DISORDERS.

We are glad to see that there is no disposition of either side to conduct the Mayoralty contest this year in any way other than a courteous and friendly way. At the same time it will be necessary for the candidates for this civic distinction to push their candidature in a fair and honourable manner. We note that a little fly-sheat, circled in the interest of Mr. Ald. McNamee, declares that "hitherto the practice of electing the oldest member of the Council has been observed." It is rather strange that such a statement should appear over Mr. McNamee's signature, for that gentleman must be well aware that such has not been the practice of the citizens in the selection of Mayor. It certainly was not so in the case of the present occupant of the civic chair—Mayor Carson—who was such a rule observed in the election of Mayors McIntyre, Britton Sullivan and others we might mention. In fact the rule is very properly here to consider fitness for the office, and not mere seniority, as the condition of election. The alleged rule of making more length of service the condition of election has also been similarly and very properly ignored by the School Board in its selection of Chairman. In point of fact Mr. McNamee's own candidate for next year's Mayoralty is in violation of the "rule" he lays down, inasmuch as he is not himself at the present moment the senior Alderman at the Council Board. It follows that to have such a certain number of years in an Aldermanic chair "ensures the safety of the duties of the office" as claimed by the circular from which we have quoted. Each of the gentlemen now before the people has been long enough in the Council to have acquired an intimate acquaintance with civic affairs, and the question of the relative fitness of the respective candidates will be decided by the electors without much regard to a so-called rule that has been very properly much more honoured in the breach than in the observance.

## RESCUE MILITIA.

The *Canadas Gazette* contains the following announcements in regard to the Reserve Militia:

REGIMENTAL DIVISION OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON.

No. 1 COMPANY DIVISION.—To be Captain, Lieutenant Alexander Ross, from No. 5 Cavalry Division, vice Archibald Livingston, left limits. To be Ensign, William McEvily Drennan, vice Henry Conley.

No. 2 COMPANY DIVISION.—To be Lieutenant Ensign John M. Machar, vice T. A. Corbett, deceased. To be Ensign, William Alexander Gunn, vice Machar, promoted.

No. 3 COMPANY DIVISION.—To be Lieutenant Ensign Wm. R. Anglin, vice J. O. Ireland, left limits. To be Ensign, Jas. Swift, vice Anglin, promoted.

No. 4 COMPANY DIVISION.—To be Captain, Lieutenant Samuel T. Drennan vice Drennan, promoted. To be Lieutenant Ensign F. S. Ross, from No. 7 Company Division, vice Drennan, promoted. To be Ensign, Robert J. Carson, vice John M. O'Longhain, left limits.

No. 5 COMPANY DIVISION.—To be Lieutenant, Leonard Clements, vice Ross, promoted to No. 1 Company Division. To be Ensign, Richard Waldron, vice Wm. F. Hudson, left limits.

No. 6 COMPANY DIVISION.—To be Captain, Lieutenant Chas. F. Gilderstone, vice J. D. Ferri, deceased. To be Lieutenant Ensign Edward J. B. Pense, vice Gilderstone, promoted. To be Ensign, John Muir, gentilman, vice Pense, promoted.

No. 7 COMPANY DIVISION.—To be Captain, Lieutenant James Philip Gildersleeve, vice John Conighan, left limits. To be Lieutenant, William Martin, vice Gilderstone, promoted. To be Lieutenant Ensign, George Richardson, vice C. F. Smith, promoted in No. 4 Company Division.

## St. John's Church.

The usual preparations for Christmas services are being made in this Church, and on a more extensive scale than in former years. Rev. Father Kelly has the wall back of the altar finished in colors with gratifying effect, by Mr. W. H. Whitehead. Near the floor on each side of the altar is a field of light blue; between these is an equal area of light green; between the two, directly behind the altar, is a horizontal band of cardinal red; above the whole is a roof-shaped field of light blue spangled with golden stars. When the paper ornaments, evergreens, lights, &c., shall have been completed, the Church will present a gorgeous sight. During this year it is intended to repaint the whole inside of the Church, and have the walls and ceiling frescoed. On Christmas day the services will be more than ordinarily attractive. The new choir will, for the first time in Canada, sing the Union Mass. There will be High Mass in the morning at five o'clock, and again at half-past ten. At seven in the evening Grand Vespers will be sung with an orchestral accompaniment. We believe it is customary for the people to present their Pastor on Christmas with liberal collections; and as collections will be taken at each of the above services no doubt Father Kelly will be the recipient of substantial proof of popularity with his congregation.

## Engines Bishop.

The Grand Trunk express, due on Saturday evening, was detained owing to an accident a little distance west of Kingston. The cylinder of the locomotive burst, and the express remained at a standstill until a freight train came up and pushed it some miles when a siding was reached. There the freight train was left, its engine replacing the disabled locomotive and taking the express up to Belleville, where another locomotive happened at the time to be in the reporter's gallery. This model of good manners and champion of the dignity of Parliament scrupled not to outrage that dignity by referring to the criticisms of the *Globe* as being as false and venomous as the "black heart" of its editor.

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## SUPPRESSING A MEETING.

Dublin, Dec. 20.—The Irish Land Commission is expected to report on Thursday. It is rumoured that the majority of the Commission are agreed on the outlines of a scheme, the principle features of which are extension of the Ulster tenant right to the whole of Ireland with the alternative of compulsory purchase.

## NEW BUILDING.—We are always glad

to hear of Kingstons doing well, but more particularly when they use their means for the benefit of their native city. We are happy to announce that Dr. E. H. Horsey, of Chicago, has purchased Ahd. Hart's lot on King street west, and intends next Spring to erect thereon a handsome residence something similar to one of recent erection near the park. We hope long to welcome the genial Dr. as a permanent resident here.

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Dublin, Dec. 20.—The *Freeman's Journal* and the *Irish Times* of Saturday morning at Calkehill on Saturday was one of the greatest incitements on public right and liberty ever committed, and accused the Government of perjury in the announcement of its intention to suppress the meeting until the last moment so as to provoke a collision with the troops.

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## INDIVIDUAL OPINION.

London, Dec. 20.—Mr. Phankett, M.P. for Dublin University, a Conservative member, has issued a circular urging his constituents to sign a petition to the Government to prohibit the outrages in Ireland under any emergency, and to take means to protect themselves. Another circular announces that a subscription has been opened for organizing defense and giving information in regard to the cost of arms.

MR. PARSON'S YOUNG BOY.

It is stated that Mr. Parson will not be able to attend the opening of Parliament on January 6th at the risk of a collision with the Government authorities. It is said he hopes by submission to induce the authorities to postpone the trials to enable him and the other indicted Land Leaguers to reach Parliament in time for the opening.

## MORNING AT JUSTICE.

London, Dec. 19.—A mob of a thousand persons attempted on Saturday to wreck the residence of Mr. Downing, Justice of the Peace, at Bonnyolan, county Mayo. He had served writs of ejectment on some tenants. The police kept the people back at the point of the bayonet while Downing escaped on a car to Ballina, where he took refuge in Dublin. The police occupy his residence.

## BLOODY CHRISTMAS.

Mr. O'Connor, M.P., said that he believed the situation in Ireland was most grave and threatening, and that a bloody Christmas was not at all improbable.

In his opinion the greatest danger was to be apprehended in the west, where every man is armed, to the teeth, and where all have revolver, many rifles of the most approved pattern, and no inconsiderable number carry both kinds of weapons.

## A BOLD MOVE.

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