DOMINION NEWS.

A Record of the Week's Events in Canada.

ONTARIO.

The Belleville stove foundry now employs 126 men.

Telephonic communication will be opened in the spring between Kingston and Amherst island.

Boys have been annoying the post-office officials of Belleville by throwing snow into the street letter-boxes.

The Northern Fair directors have decided to hold their fall show on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday following the Western Fair.

Vagrants seeking protection in the police station at the Limestone City will have to work out their accommodation by whitewashing the cells.

Kingston School Board have decided to supply all the public schools with Ten Commandment cards, so that they may be opened with prayer.

Mr. J. J. McLaren, Q.C., of Montreal, was sworn in on Saturday before the Common Pleas Divisional Court as a member of the bar of Ontario.

The Bay of Quinte Bee-keepers' Association met at Belleville on Tuesday. About twenty members were in attendance and the proceedings were interesting.

The vote on the Ontario Temperance Act at Beamsville on Monday was 62 in favour of the prohibition by-law and 66 against, the by-law being lost by four votes.

Last week there was shipped from Sandwich breeding house a large quantity of whitefish eggs, to be placed in the rivers and lakes in Scotland and England.

A petition to the Dominion Government asking that a harbour of refuge be established at Port Stanley, on Lake Erie, is being circulated at different points along the river and lake shore.

The post-office savings bank statement for January shows:—Deposits, $550,071; withdrawals, $488,394; deposits over withdrawals, $63,777. The balance due to depositors on 31st January was $12,785,687.

At a meeting of the License Commissioners of the county of Ontario, held in the court-house at Whitby Monday, Mr. J. R. Philp, of Whitby, was appointed license inspector for Ontario county under the McCarthy Act.

A deputation from Mildmay visited London a few days ago as a deputation to the London Bank, and asked that a branch of that institution be established there. The request will be taken into consideration at once.

The Council of the Limestone City are at loggerheads with the School Board over financial matters, the latter having refused to reduce their estimates as requested, and the City Treasurer refuses to honour their cheques.

The by-law granting a bonus of $10,000 and a loan of $10,000 to Messrs. Green Bros. & Co., to assist them in rebuilding their agricultural works at Walkerton, destroyed by fire on Dec. 26th last, was carried by a majority of 74.

The Toronto Board of Trade on Tuesday passed a resolution protesting strongly against Mr. Hickson's proposal to Sir John Macdonald to secure any further monopoly of railways in Ontario being received favourably by the Government.

The vault in Wilton cemetery was forcibly entered Friday night and two bodies stolen, one being that of the late John Snider, the other that of a young woman. Several other caskets were undisturbed. The desecration was not discovered until Monday.

An order was made on Saturday by Mr. Dalton, Q.C., in Chambers, on the application of Patrick Kearns, unseating Dr. McConnell as reeve of Brockton, with costs, on the ground that he has not the necessary property qualification. A new election will ensue.

In Kingston recently Dr. John Stewart waited on the Mayor at the latter's surgery and served him with papers in connection with the former's election protest. After a very brief conversation the Mayor rose and opening the stove door consigned the document to the flames.

The *Globe* informs us that the writ for South Oxford was issued and forwarded to the sheriff on Thursday. The motion authorizing it did not pass in the Legislature until 4.30 o'clock that afternoon. Mr. Mowat appears to be in a desperate hurry to get another supporter into the House.

The Dominion License Commissioners met and organized on Saturday at Belleville. Mr. R. Gordon, of Hungerford, was appointed license inspector for the county. The sub-inspectors are as follows:—F. Connell, Trenton, for West Hastings; Irvine Ray, Tyendinaga, for East Hastings; Jas. Cook, Rawdon, for North Hastings.

The Collector of Internal Revenue at Windsor has detailed excise officers to go through the division, which extends from Chatham to Amherstburg, and ascertain how generally the law requiring the destruction of stamps on oil barrels is being observed. Numerous barrels have already been confiscated at several small towns back from the border.

Mr. Edward Meek issued a writ of summons on Saturday on behalf of Mrs. White, the administratrix of James White, one of the victims of the Humber disaster, claiming $15,000 damages from the Grand Trunk railway under Lord Campbell's Act. This is the first writ issued in consequence of the accident, and it is to be followed up with further proceedings without delay.

A large manufacturer in Windsor has declared that if the Town Council gives a bonus to the Barnum Wire and Iron Works as an inducement for it to remain in Windsor he will demand the same privileges and be able to show just as satisfactory reasons why he should get them. He claims that one business enterprise is as much entitled to municipal recognition as another.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association was held in Ottawa on Thursday, there being a large attendance present. The annual report was presented. Lord Lansdowne spoke, paying a graceful tribute to last year's Shoeburyness team, and complimenting the association on the success it had achieved in disseminating a knowledge of scientific gunnery. His Excellency also announced his intention of continuing the prizes offered for competition by the Marquis of Lorne. Major-General Luard was unanimously re-elected president.

Mr. Dalton, Q.C., in Chambers last week granted summonses in the nature of writs of *quo warranto* to set aside the election of Messrs. H. C. Odett and Patrick Delmon, jr., as councillors for the municipality of the township of Anderdon, in the county of Essex. The applicant in each case is Mr. Peterson, who moves on the ground that the gentlemen named have not the necessary property qualification. The seats are claimed for Messrs. Joseph Drouillard and Nelson Papst respectively. Argument is expected this week.

Mr. Elliott, of Milton, moved absolute a summons in Chambers on Monday in the nature of a writ of *quo warranto* to void the election of Dr. Buck and John Husband as first and second deputy reeves of the township of Trafalgar, in the county of Halton, on the ground of corrupt practices. Mr. Laidlaw appeared for the respondents. Mr. Dalton directed a reference to the County Judge at Milton to take evidence as to the corrupt practices, and upon the return of that evidence the motion will be adjudicated upon.

The argument of the election case of Walton v. Apjohn was heard on Friday before the Queen's Bench Divisional Court. The action is one brought to recover $1,000 penalties against Apjohn, a Grit returning officer at Rat Portage, for corrupt practices at the Algoma elections. The plaintiff claimed that Apjohn refused to allow a number of electors to take the oath or vote at the election. The case was tried at the last Toronto assizes before Mr. Justice Cameron and a jury, and a verdict was awarded in favour of the plaintiff with costs. Mr. Maclennan, Q.C., and Mr. Proctor moved on Friday to set aside the verdict on a number of grounds, which will be found in the legal column. Mr. Osler, Q.C., and Mr. Meek supported the verdict. Judgment was reserved.

Contested Elections.

Judgment will be given in the North Victoria case on Monday.

In the North Ontario case judgment was delivered on Monday, in Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Mr. Justice Burton holding that the petition against Mr. Gould, Reformer, the member-elect, should be dismissed with costs. Mr. Justice Osler, while he agreed in the maine with his colleague, was of opinion that the respondent should bear a portion of the costs incurred.

South Elgin Conservatives.

AYLMER, Feb. 15.—The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year at the meeting of the Liberal Conservative Association of East Elgin to-day:—President, Dr. C. W. Marlatt; First Vice-President, Moses Leeson; Second Vice-President, W. G. Emery; Secretary and Treasurer, D. H. Price.

The following local presidents were also elected:—St. Thomas, T. W. Crothers; Yarmouth, Joseph Marlot; Malahide, Francis Leeson; Bayham, Hy. Godwin; South Dorchester, W. Marlin; Vienna, R. McCauley; Springfield, H. L. Dance; Aylmer, Edward Walker; Port Stanley, Major Ellison.

Implement Manufacturers in Session.

A few of the leading implement manufacturers of the province met in London on Friday in order to discuss the question of self-binders. Among those present were:—Adam Cochrane, of St. Thomas; J. K. Osborne, of Brantford; John H. Tilden, of Hamilton; John Harris, of Harris & Son, Brantford; and Wm. Elliott, of this city. The idea was to discuss the question of the price of self-binders, of which articles, it was admitted, there had been last season a large over-production. It was thought advisable to guard against this during the coming season, and, if possible, arrange to have the number limited. The matter of prices was also talked over, and an arrangement may be entered into with a view of guarding against the cutting of prices.

Inquest on the late Mr. Beall—Verdict of the Jury.

WHITBY, Feb. 18.—The inquest on the body of Jabez P. Beall, who was fatally injured near Whitby station on Tuesday last, came on to-day before Mr. Carson, coroner. Mr. J. E. Farewell, County Attorney, appeared and conducted the inquest on behalf of the Crown. Mr. W. W. Pope was present on behalf of the Grand Trunk railway. Dr. Eastwood stated that he attended the deceased and that he told him several times that he jumped from the train, that his ticket was for Toronto, and he did not say anything to the conductor about stopping at Whitby. He also told Messrs. Sebert and Lawrence that he jumped clear of the train, but got back in some way. No person saw him until after he was off the train. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence.

Gazette Notices.

The *Gazette* contains the following:—

The appointment of Hayter Reed, Esq., member of the Executive Council of Regina, N.W. Territories, to be the administrator of the Government of the North-West Territories during the absence on leave from Regina of his Honour Edgar Dewdney, Lieut-Governor of said Territories.

Juchreau de St. Denis Lemoine to be sergeant-at-arms of the honourable the Senate of Canada.

Benjamin Walker Ross, of the township of Cockburn island, district of Algoma, Ont., to be an out-port collector of her Majesty's Customs.

A proclamation amending the boundaries of Sherbrooke and some other liquor license districts.

The announcement that the Canada Temperance Act will be declared to be in force in Cumberland, N.S., after the expiry of the present licenses.

Wandering Away of a Belleville Lady During Insanity—Fears of Suicide.

BELLEVILLE, Feb. 13.—The sudden and mysterious disappearance of a lady who resided in this city, and was well known and highly respected, created a great sensation here to-day. Mrs. Moynes, wife of J. C. Moynes, a commercial traveller, became insane about three months ago through illness. She recovered her reason and health, and went to Ottawa with her husband last week. On Monday they returned to Brockville, and Mr. Moynes having business there, left his wife on the train. Mr. Moynes reached here this morning, but found his wife missing. Inquiries were at once made, which showed that Mrs. Moynes had come safely to Belleville and had left the station, whilst a woman answering her description had been seen walking towards Canifton on Monday evening, but no further trace of the missing woman could be got. A searching party was organised and began a search at noon. There can be no doubt that the unhappy lady has relapsed into insanity, and it is feared that she may have committed suicide. Her little children were looking for her in the vicinity of the Grand Trunk station this morning.

Provincial Appointments.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz.:—

James Smart, of the town of Brockville, in the county of Leeds, Esquire, to be sheriff in and for the united counties of Leeds and Grenville, in the room and stead of William Patrick, Esquire, deceased.

Dugald Brown, of the city of St. Thomas, in the county of Elgin, Esquire, to be sheriff in and for the said county of Elgin, in the room and stead of Colin Munro, Esquire, deceased.

Hiram Jeremiah Scripture, of the village of Brighton, in the county of Northumberland, to be bailiff of the Eighth Division Court of the united counties of Northumberland and Durham, in the room and stead of Thomas Bidwell Pake, resigned.

George C. McKay, of the village of Embro, in the County of Oxford, to be bailiff of the Ohird Division Court of the said County of Txford, in the room and stead of John McDonald, resigned.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen commissioners under the provisions of "The License Act of 1876," in and for the undermentioned districts, viz.:—

Durham (East):—Edward Budge, John Maguire, B. P. Ross.

Glengarry:—James Fraser, Wm. Bathurst, James Dingwall.

Hastings (West):—Albert Rockwell, M. D. James Clark, Thomas Alfred O'Rourke.

Monck—Stephen Haney, Hugh Crawford, Charles Priestman.

Huron (East)—Robt. Miller, W. J. Shannon, Thos. Wilson.

Kent (East)—Isaac Swarthout, Augustus Crane, Wm. Ward.

Ontario (South)—Yeoman Gibson, Andrew Annis, Stephen K. Brown.

Renfrew (North)—Horace James Church, Capt. Patrick Duggan, Wm. A. Hunter.

Nipissing—J. L. Caverhill, Francis Mundle, Napoleon Gauzerin.

QUEBEC.

Settlers at Lake St. John, Quebec, and the inhabitants of the county of Chicoutimi, have voted the handsome subsidy of a quarter of a million dollars to secure railway extension into the district.

Another hitch has occurred in the long-deferred payment of the circulation of the Exchange Bank, it having to be again deferred owing to a dispute on a question of interest with the Federal Bank.

One of our most beneficent institutions, which admits all who are sick without regard to nationality or religion, the Montreal general hospital, has received as the result of bequests from late citizens within the past three months the aggregate amount of nearly $22,000. Its means for doing good are being constantly augmented in the same way, and by donations like that of Mr. Geo. Stephen, who lately gave $50,000 for a new wing.

The amount of an insurance policy in the Phœnix Mutual was declared irrecoverable by Mr. Justice Mathieu, in Montreal because deceased became addicted to intemperance after his life was insured. A provision was inserted in the policy to the effect that acquiring drinking habits vitiated it.

A newly married man who, with his bride, arrived in Montreal on Tuesday night for the honeymoon, was disagreeably surprised by being served next day with a writ of action for ten thousand dollars for trifling with the affections of a young lady of Montreal, who claims that she has waited thirteen years for the fickle swain to redeem his promise.

Mrs. Grace, a respectable married woman living in St. Gabriel, just outside of Montreal, went a few evenings ago from her home to the telegraph office for a despatch, when she was attacked by a scoundrel who followed, knocked her down, and rifled her pockets. The villain was then joined by a confederate and between them they dragged her insensible to a lonely place where they committed an outrage upon her. Fortunately their names are known and the police are searching for them, but they have evaded arrest so far. The victim has been confined to bed by the brutal treatment she received, and is being attended by a physician.

Three Mysterious Deaths.

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—The adjoining village of St. Laurent has been thrown into a ferment by the mysterious deaths of Mrs. Gravel and her two children after great agony from what looks like poisoning, but how it was administered to them is not known. The curé of the parish reported their decease to the coroner of this city and he has opened an inquest, but so far nothing can be discovered until the medical examinations are completed. The other members of the family were also ill, but are better, and no further danger is apprehended.

THE NORTH-WEST.

The city of Winnipeg has a menagerie, in the possession of which, however, it is not happy. We have already referred to one of its "elephants." According to the *Sun* it has two others, the Louise bridge, which it proposes to give away, and a so-called park. The latter is really a swamp, which cannot be made useful, much less ornamental, for less than $15,000.

A meeting of farmers and business men was held in the hall of the Ontario house, in Moosomin, N.W.T., on the 5th inst., to take into consideration the propriety of erecting an elevator and flour mill on the joint stock principle. There were about fifty present. Speeches were delivered by several prominent gentlemen favouring the project. The Hudson Bay route was agitated and highly favoured. A committee was appointed to canvass the whole question and report at the next meeting.

An agent from the Farmers' Union of Manitoba called into Moosomin, N.W.T., the other day, and put up posters for a farmers' union meeting and lecture. After a few hours' dodging about from place to place, he learned to his great surprise that the subject was rather distasteful to the people of that locality. He tore down his posters and left for a more congenial atmosphere. If he had convened the meeting he would have received an unmistakable expression in the way of a resolution for the Government and the Canada Pacific railway.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Legislature of Prince Edward Island will meet on the 6th of March:

Mrs. Angelique Comeau died at Cape Bald, N.B., on the 6th inst., at the age of 105 years, 1 month, and 6 days. She was undoubtedly the oldest inhabitant of the Maritime Provinces.

An interesting point in regard to the new License Act has been raised by the Mayor of St. John, New Brunswick, who refuses to act on the license board on the ground that the exclusive right to issue liquor licenses is vested in the city corporation by the charter granted by George III. in 1785.

CASUALTIES.

John Ronalds, a coloured man, was killed near Chatham on Monday by a passing railway train.

A youth named Thomas Maloney, son of the porter of the Grigg-house, London, was drowned on Monday evening while trying to rescue a dog.

Walter Helm, of Hagersville, Ont., committed suicide with a revolver on Monday evening. No cause is assigned for the deed, as he was a well-to-do merchant.

Theophilus Smith, while chopping a tree on his farm in Lobo recently, was struck by a falling limb and instantly killed, leaving a widow in destitute circumstances.

A young man named Sweet, 19 years old, son of a farmer in Niagara township, shot himself accidentally on Saturday week. He was out shooting rabbits, when he slipped and fell, and the concussion discharged the contents of the gun, which passed into his forearm, shattering it so badly that amputation was necessary. The poor fellow walked half a mile after the accident before reaching a sleigh to take him home. He lost a large quantity of blood.

Explosion of Gunpowder in a London Hardware Store.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—London was to-day the victim of a gunpowder explosion which shook the centre portion of the city to its foundation, and caused intense excitement among the people for an hour or two. Standing on Richmond street looking south at a quarter to ten o'clock it appeared as if a locomotive boiler had burst. The street was in a cloud of dust and missiles were flying in the air. The explosion took place at the large hardware store of Hobbs, Osborne & Hobbs, in the Waterloo block. The roof was raised bodily, the walls of the top floor were blown out into the street, and the roof settled down on the floor of the next flat. Imprisoned there were three of the employés of the firm.

FLAMES BURST OUT,

and several who had gone to the roof to remove the *débris* were forced back. Fortunately a number of heroic men climbed to the roof of the next building and were lowered to the place, and after forty minutes' incessant work were successful in extricating alive Frank Shaw, book-keeper, and Percy Ince, corresponding clerk, from the burning *débris*. The third man was Donald Smith, the clerk in charge of the floor, and his body was not found until two hours afterwards,

BURNED TO A CRISP,

and his legs broken. He was a native of Scotland, not long out. He lived in Toronto before coming here, and has a brother there. Shaw was burned and crushed with falling bricks and both legs broken by beams of the roof falling upon him. Ince was hurt so seriously that he died at two o'clock. His feet were burned off and his chest roasted. They were all unmarried men.

The loss in Hobbs' is covered by insurance. The cause is said to be a clerk smoking in the upper storey and throwing a waste match carelessly around.

An inquest was held on the body of Donald Smith at the city hospital to-night. After viewing the bodies of Smith and Ince the testimony of the only other person in the room at the time was taken, viz., Frank Shaw, who was so seriously hurt. He was able to answer the questions of the Crown Attorney intelligently, and described how the explosion occurred to the best of his knowledge. He said while he was sampling some wine Ince took up a quantity of gunpowder from a small keg and rubbed it on a small piece of board, which he held in his hand, and remarked to Shaw how fine the grain was. Shaw at this time had his back to Ince, and replied that he did not know much about it. Ince then took a small quantity from a little canister and said it was rough and smutty, and called Shaw's attention to it. Shaw did not notice him particularly, but as he turned to pick up a bundle of wire he observed Ince taking something out of his vest pocket resembling a match and rub it upon the board upon which the coarse powder was placed. The next he knew was the *débris* falling upon him from every direction. He is reported much easier to-night.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Frank Shaw, the third victim of the powder explosion at Hobbs, Osborn & Hobbs' warehouse, died to-night. During the forenoon he seemed quite restful and slept at intervals, but shortly after noon he relapsed into a comatose state, and the physicians saw that his chance for recovery had gone, and he died as stated. Shaw's father was buried five weeks ago. Deceased was a young man of splendid parts, and was well known as the renowned breeder of black Hamburg fowls, having taken prizes all over the States and Canada with his birds. He will be buried by the Masonic fraternity, having been initiated into the order in November last.

CRIMES.

The post-office at Elsinore, Ont., was entered by burglars the other night who carried off about $60.

N. S. Appelby, ex-M. P. P., Belleville, arrested for forgery, but admitted to bail, has left the country.

Burglars entered Dr. Bentley's drug store, Newmarket, recently, and stole a bottle of brandy, leaving in exchange a chisel.

Burglars entered the residence of William Weir, Hamilton, and after roughly using him left, as they could not find any money.

Henry Coons, of Trenton, Ont. has been sent for trial for making use of a warehouse receipt for 250 bushels of peas, contrary to law.

Joseph Ferdinand Finnigan of Fergus, was arrested in Toronto on Monday, accused of stealing $100 from a resident of the former place.

Wm. Cummings, coloured, has been sent to the penitentiary for five years for assaulting Mrs. Carrol and Miss Graydon, of St Catharines.

Wm. Kent, coloured, while drunk, entered the home of a family named Jordan, also coloured, and attempted to outrage Mrs. Jordan. A struggle ensued between Jordan and Kent, resulting in the death of the latter. The affair took place near Digby, N. S.

John Keays, secretary-treasurer of the school board in the township of Cumberland, has been arrested on suspicion of embezzling $250 of the funds of the school. Some time ago information was given by Mr. Keays to the effect that he was robbed of this money, but as there were no appearances of any violence being used, or anything of that kind, several interested parties had him arrested.

Murderous Assault on a Farmer.

WELLAND, Feb. 12.—At the court-house this morning, before Judge Baxter, a couple of men, said to bear rather a bad character, were charged with having feloniously shot at Janies Wilson, a coloured man living at Crowland, near Welland. The names of the prisoners were Richard and David Hanna, and on the charge sheet also appeared the name of Jerome Hanna, but the police had been unable to find him, he having made himself scarce and slipped over to shelter beneath the American flag.

After hearing the evidence against the prisoners, counsel addressed the court, when his Honour dismissed David Hanna with a caution, saying that he had placed himself in a perilous position. He had no doubt in his own mind that he was at Wilson's house and assisted in the attack, but the evidence was insufficient to convict him. He hoped never to see him before him again.

Addressing Richard Hanna he said that this was the third time he had placed himself in peril of his liberty. During his last term of imprisonment he had nursed the spirit of revenge. Instead of repenting of his evil ways he had plotted to take the life of Wilson. It was very fortunate for him that Wilson had managed to miss the bullet intended for him. Had this had the effect prisoner desired, the latter might now be on trial for murder. He would place him where he would be unable to commit such outrages, and send him down to Kingston for eight years.

FIRES.

Ex-alderman Kent's pottery, Hamilton, was destroyed last week. No insurance.

The main building of the Oshawa Stove Co's works, Oshawa, was destroyed on Monday. Loss about $35,000.

Leary's grist mill, Cannington, containing 15,000 bushels of wheat, was destroyed last week. Insurance $12,000.

A building in Chatham, Ont., occupied by the Waggon Manufacturing Co., and an adjoining dwelling were destroyed last week, causing a loss of several thousand dollars.

Destructive Fire in Elora.

ELORA, Feb. 18.—A a quarter past three this morning fire was observed issuing from the building owned by Chas. Allan, on Mill street, opposite Victoria bridge, containing two stores, one of which was occupied by Messrs. Grant Bros. with a $10,000 stock of dry goods and groceries. The ground floor of the other store was vacant, but overhead were the library and law offices of Mr. John Jacob. In a few minutes the building with its entire contents became a total loss. The losers are as follows:—Messrs. Grant, stock, $10,000, insured in the Northern for $5,000. Mr. J. Jacob, law library, $4,000, insurance unknown. Mr. Charles Allan, building, $3,500; insured in the Royal for $2,500. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Dominion Rifle Association.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association was held at Ottawa on the 13th, when Hon. Mr. Kirkpatrick, Speaker of the House of Commons, was elected president. Hon. Mr. Caron, in seconding the motion for Mr. Kirkpatrick's appointment, made the gratifying announcement that the Government grant would be increased to $10,000. His Excellency also contributed $500 to the funds of the association.

The following gentlemen were elected vice-presidents:—For Ontario, Lieut.-Col. Allan Gilmour; for Quebec, Lieut.-Col. Ouimet; New Brunswick, Col. Botsford; Nova Scotia, Lieut.-Col. A. K. Mackinlay; Manitoba, Hon. M. A. Girard; British Columbia, Hon. W. J. McDonald; Prince Edward Island, Hon. Mr. Haythorne.

The new council met in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the following members of the staff were appointed:—Chairman of the Council, Lieut.-Col. Hon. L. R. Masson, of Terrebonne; to the Executive Committee, Capt. Perley, in place of Capt. O'Grady, and to the Finance Committee, Capt. Perley, in place of Lieut.-Col. White. Major Wickstead and Capt. Toller were elected auditors.

The council is composed as follows:—

Ontario—Col. Gzowski, Major Mason, Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, Lieut. Macnachtan, Lieut.-Col. Otter, Lieut. Gourdeau, Lieut.-Col. White, Lieut.-Col. Panet, Lieut.-Col. Williams, Lieut.-Col. Bacon, Lieut.-Col. Vance Graveley, Lieut.-Col. Gibson, Capt. Casey, and Major Macpherson.

Quebec—Major Blaiklock, Lieut.-Col. D. T. Fraser, Capt. Prevost, Capt. Hood, Capt. Balfour, Lieut.-Col. Masson, Lieut.-Col. McEachern, Major E. Bond, Mr. Hall, M.P., and Lieut.-Col. Worsley.

New Brunswick—Major Tilton, Capt. Perley, Lieut.-Col. Beer, Capt. Toller, Hon. John Boyd, and Josiah Wood, M.P.

Nova Scotia—Maj.-Gen. Laurie, Mr. Stairs, M.P., Mr. D. B. Woodworth, M.P., Lieut.-Col. Bradley, Lieut.-Col Bremner, and W. Macdonald, M.P.

Manitoba—Lieut.-Col. Scott, Hon. Mr. Royal, Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, and A. W. Ross, M.P.

British Columbia—Hon. Mr. Nelson, D. E. C. Baker, M.P., Hon. Dr. McInnis, and Lieut.-Col. Ross.

Prince Edward Island—Major Dogherty, Capt. D. Stewart, Capt. Brecken, M.P., and Surgeon Malloch.

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ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

FIFTH PARLIAMENT--FIRST SESSION

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:—

To permit the Supreme Court to admit John Robertson Miller to practice as a solicitor; to incorporate the Toronto Tenement House Association; to amend the Act imposing a tax on dogs and for the protection of sheep; to legalize, confirm, and declare valid a certain by-law of the city of Kingston; to improve the Liquor License Act; to prevent the spread of noxious weeds and of diseases affecting fruit trees.

DIVISION LINES.

Mr. GRAHAM enquired whether it was the intention of the Government, during the present session, to introduce any legislation having for its object the relief of division lines in rural municipalities from the operation of the Real Property Amendment Act of 1871.

Mr. MOWAT said the subject was under the consideration of the Government.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC BOUNDARY.

Mr. MORRIS asked whether the Parliament of Canada had passed an Act to declare and establish the boundary between the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, in accordance with an Act respecting the boundary between the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec passed by the Legislature in 1875, whereby the establishment of the said boundary was made subject to ratification by the Legislatures of Ontario, Quebec, and the Parliament of Canada; and if not, whether at any times, and if so, at what times, applications were made by the Government of Ontario to the Government of Canada, with respect to obtaining the ratification by the Parliament of Canada of the conventional boundary established as far as Ontario was concerned by the said Act, and what were the responses thereto.

Mr. MOWAT said that the Parliament of Canada had not yet passed the legislation alluded to in the question. An Act was passed by Ontario, and a corresponding one by Quebec in 1875. The last communication with the Dominion Government he could find was in 1876, when the Government of Canada was requested to pass the Act ratifying the establishment of the boundary. The answer given was that Quebec had not preferred a similar request. He did not find any official communication since then. (Hear, hear.) He did not know whether it was absolutely necessary that the Dominion should pass this legislation, as both provinces having accepted the survey, he supposed both parties were bound. It would be, however, more convenient if the Dominion Parliament would pass the Act referred to.

THE AGRICULTURAL AND ARTS GRANT.

Mr. ERMATINGER asked whether it is the intention of the Government to discontinue the grant of the Agricultural and Arts Association for the purposes of the Provincial Exhibition. And, if so, whether the same will be apportioned among any and what district exhibitions.

Mr. A. M. ROSS said it was not the intention of the Government to make any change in the grant at present.

PROPOSED PARK AT NIAGARA FALLS.

Mr. HARCOURT moved for a return of copies of all correspondence with the Government, or any member thereof, relating to the project of establishing an international, Dominion, or provincial park at Niagara Falls. In making the motion he expressed the hope that the opinion of the House would be unanimous on this subject, which was of great importance from a Canadian point of view. Thousands of tourists from Europe came annually to Canada to see the Falls of Niagara, and when they returned home the reports they gave of this country did much to dispel the false notions entertained abroad of Canada and her people.

The motion was carried.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Mr. MORRIS moved:—"That the adoption of such a change in the financial year as will enable a complete statement of expenditure, carried down to as late a date as may be practicable, to be submitted early in each session, is in the highest degree desirable, and would moreover enable the public accounts to be properly examined and investigated by the Public Accounts Committee."

Mr. ROSS (Provincial Treasurer) said the Government desired to give the whole House the opportunity to criticise the public accounts. He thought that the remedy for the present state of affairs was not to be found in changing the date of the financial year, but in bringing down the public accounts for the past year at such an early date in the session as to afford members a full opportunity of making a thorough and complete examination in the committee. Next year he thought he might almost promise that the public accounts should be ready by the time the debate on the address would be concluded, that was provided the House met so late as it had done this session, which was very probable.

Mr. MORRIS said that in view of the fact that the Treasurer had promised to facilitate the bringing down of the accounts, and the Government were considering whether they should postpone the meeting of the House to a later period, he would withdraw the motion.

CENTRAL PRISON FOOD.

Mr. GRAY moved for a return of all correspondence between the surgeon of the Central prison and any member or officer of the Government, in reference to meat supplied to that institution. In making the motion he stated that last July a quantity of corn beef, about 5,767 pounds, which had been condemned by the surgeon of the Central Prison as unfit for the food of the prisoners, was sent to the city to be offered for sale. The City Inspector condemned and seized the meat and sold it for soap grease. Some ugly rumours had been current about this matter.

Mr. HARDY admitted that last summer a quantity of the salt beef became very strong, and the prisoners refused to eat it. The attention of the warden was called to the fact by the surgeon, and the use of the meat was at once discontinued. Some barrels of it were disposed of in the city by Mr. Parks. (Hear, hear.) He was bound to say that no meat should be given to the prisoners except what was sound and healthy.

The motion was carried.

THE RAT PORTAGE GAOL.

Mr. MONK moved for a return showing:—1. The specifications for the gaol at Rat Portage. 2. Estimates of the cost of its construction. 3. The tenders, if any, received for the work to be done or any part of it. 4. All reports upon the tenders received. 5. A statement showing what part, if any, of the work was done under contract. 6. A statement showing, under proper heads, the expenditure incurred in erecting said gaol, with the names of the persons paid. 7. A statement showing the amount, if any, yet unpaid on account of the cost of constructing said gaol.

The motion was carried.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton) moved for a return showing what, if any, plans of school buildings of various kinds have ever been prepared by the direction of the Education Department for adoption by School Boards; and also showing how far, if at all, any systems of lighting, heating, ventilating, and draining have been approved of by the department or recommended for general adoption.

The motion passed.

UNDERDRAINAGE.

Mr. WATERS moved the second reading of the bill respecting underdrainage. He explained that it provided machinery for the settlement of disputes regarding outlets of drains.

The bill was read a second time and referred to the Municipal Committee.

The House adjourned at six o'clock.

THURSDAY, Feb. 14.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Freeman—From J. W. Card *et al.*, against the passing of the Methodist Churches Union bill; also from W. D. Hughson *et al.*, to the same effect; also from A. McFadyen *et al.*, to the same effect.

By Mr. McKim—From the School Board of Palmerston, for the introduction of the ballot in the election of school trustees.

By Mr. Fell—From A. Phillips *et al.*, for amendments to the Game law respecting the shooting of deer.

By Mr. Drury—From the Agricultural and Arts Association, for an appropriation of money to place specimens of the leading breeds of cattle on the Model farm at Guelph.

MR. CROOKS' SEAT.

Mr. HARCOURT presented the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections respecting the case of Mr. Crooks.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced and read the first time.

Respecting the Lake Simcoe Junction Railway Company; to amend the Act regarding the planting and growing of trees; respecting Victoria College and Albert College; to authorize the incorporation of the town of Orangeville to purchase land for a post-office site; respecting the city of Toronto; to amend the Division Courts' Act; to amend the Assessment Act; respecting the Toronto and Nipissing Eastern Extension Railway Company; to legalize the assessment of the municipality of Neebing and for other purposes; to incorporate the Caskadilla Railway Company; to incorporate the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company; to further amend the Joint Stock Companies' Act providing for the better inspection of the said companies; respecting the debt of the county of Middlesex; respecting the Gananoque and Rideau Railway Company; to incorporate the Roman Catholic Episcopal vicariate of Pontiac; respecting the town of Woodstock; to declare valid a certain survey of part of the town of Cornwall.

SOUTH OXFORD REPRESENTATION.

Mr. MOWAT said that the House having heard read the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections with regard to the case of Mr. Crooks, the matter appeared to be entirely free from any sort of doubt, and he therefore brought it up as a question of privilege. From the evidence the mental condition of Mr. Crooks was made perfectly clear, it being placed beyond doubt that he was incurable. The case was therefore within the competency of the central authority to deal with, and as it was important that the constituency of South Oxford should not be unrepresented for a day longer than necessary, he moved:—

"That by reason of the incurable mental condition of the Hon. Adam Crooks, member-elect for the south riding of the county of Oxford, as stated in the report this day presented and adopted by the House, the representation of the said riding in this House is hereby declared vacant, and that a new writ forthwith be issued for the election of a member to serve in the present Parliament in the room and stead of the said Adam Crooks."

The motion was carried on a division.

MAINTENANCE OF BRIDGES.

Mr. O'CONNOR moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Consolidated Municipal Act regarding the building and maintenance of bridges. He explained that the bill was intended to place towns in the same position as villages in regard to bridges.

The bill was read a second time and referred to the Municipal Committee.

MECHANICS' LIEN ACT.

Mr. ERMATINGER in moving the second reading of the bill to amend the Mechanics' Lien Act, said that the measure was intended to remove defects in that measure.

The bill was read a second time.

Mr. ERMATINGER moved that the bill be referred to a special committee. Carried.

THE MUNICIPAL ACT.

Mr. BALFOUR moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Municipal Act.

The bill was read a second time, and referred to the Municipal Committee.

EXPENDITURE OF COUNTY FUNDS.

Mr. WATERS moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Act respecting the expenditure of county funds in certain cases. It provided for the auditing of accounts by a board of audit composed of the judge, or junior judge, of the County Court and two other persons appointed by the County Council to hold office during the pleasure of the Council.

The bill was read a second time and referred to the Municipal Committee.

BRIDGES.

Mr. LEES moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Municipal Act regarding the erection of bridges. The bill was meant to allow each municipality to construct its own bridges.

The bill was read a second time and referred to the Municipal Committee.

RAT PORTAGE CONSTABLES.

Mr. ROE asked if any, and if so, how many, special constables or policemen are still employed, or under pay, by this province, at Rat Portage, or in its vicinity. (2.) What sum per day they are receiving or are to receive? (3.) Under whose direction they are, and what duties they are performing?

Mr. MOWAT replied that there were four at Rat Portage and one at Fort Frances. One who acts also as detective, with special qualifications, gets $100 a month; one, a sergeant, gets $83.23 a month, and three get $75 a month. They were under the direction just now of the sergeant, Wm. Coker, subject to the general supervision of the stipendiary magistrates. The Manitoba police who were sent to Rat Partage received $2.50 per day and their board, whereas the Ontario men paid their own board.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

TORONTO, Feb. 15.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Gould—From Reach Township Council, praying for the abolition of exemptions with a few exceptions.

By Mr. Drury—From the Township Council of Morrison, praying that the municipal and parliamentary franchise be extended to women holding the necessary property qualification.

RETURNS.

Mr. HARDY laid on the table of the House a return showing the number of teachers in each High school and Collegiate institute in the province, the salary paid to each teacher and the Government grant. Also an Order-in-Council *re* Drainage Assessment of the Township of Dunwich.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced and read the first time:—

To amend and consolidate the Acts respecting the Nanpanee River Improvement Co.—Mr. Wilmot.

Respecting the City of Toronto.—Mr. Morris.

To incorporate the Village of Woodville.—Mr. McIntyre.

Respecting the Yorkville Loop Line Railway Co.—Mr. Ferris.

To amend the Act to transfer the securities of the Anglo-Canadian Mortgage Co. to the Omnium Securities Co.—Mr. Gibson, (Hamilton).

To amend the Consolidated Municipal Act.—Mr. Caldwell.

Respecting a certain by-law of the town of Trenton.—Mr. Sills.

To incorporate the annual conference of the Free Methodist Churches of Canada and for a model deed.—Mr. Badgerow.

To authorize the Toronto Street Railway Company to issue mortgage debentures and for other purposes.—Mr. Bad