

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S MAJORITY LARGER THAN EVER IN COMMONS.

Great Enthusiasm on Division—Nationalists Short of Funds—Mention in the House of Canada and Australia Evoke Great Applause.

London, Jan. 21.—(Special)—The House of Commons today, on the annual message by Frederick Campbell (Liberal), to the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of parliament, gained the distinct approval of the opposition benches by its criticism of the government's shortcomings in regard to the conduct of the war in South Africa, the insufficiency of the troops supplied to Lord Kitchener and other matters. He said he preferred a settlement by compromise rather than by force, as the latter would entail the tremendous expense of long military occupation.

ELECTED BISHOP OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Rev. Dr. Vinton, of Worcester, Head of New Episcopal Diocese.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 22.—Rev. Dr. Alexander Vinton, rector of St. Paul's church, Worcester, Mass., was this afternoon elected bishop of the new Protestant Episcopal diocese of western Massachusetts and accepted the office in the action of the diocesan convention is confirmed by the house of bishops and a majority of the standing committee of the Episcopal diocese.

DR. SPROULE ON CATARRH

The Gateway of Consumption.

Advertisement for Dr. Sproule's Catarrh treatment, including a diagram of the human respiratory system and detailed text about the condition and its treatment.

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AT THE CANADIAN CAPITAL.

MANUFACTURERS ARGUING TO CORRECT TARIFF INEQUALITIES.

The Minister of Railways Returns in Improved Health—Pedlar Shot by Supposed Thief—Fifteen Thousand Mennonites and Some Baptists in Manitoba.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—(Special)—Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways, returned to the city today. He is considerably improved in health and expects to be in office before the end of this week.

When the census of 1891 was taken the Baptists and Mennonites in Manitoba were classed as one sect. The last census gives the two separately and consequently the Baptists are shown to be 6,711 less than they were in 1891.

Representatives of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association have been interviewing the members of the government today with a view of having the tariff raised on a number of articles at the agricultural implement men are making a request for increased duties and so are the woolen manufacturers.

Every precaution should be taken to prevent its spread of the "White Plague." Persons coming into contact with consumptives should inhale Camphor.

AMERICAN NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE

One Cent Postage and Six-Year Presidential Term Advocate.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The National Board of Trade agreed today to urge upon congress the necessity for legislation calculated to restore the American merchant marine to its proper position among the commercial nations of the world.

EMPRESS FINDS HER GOLD.

Hidden in the Palace at Pekin and Not Discovered by Foreigners.

Pekin, Jan. 21.—The Empress Dowager will receive the Legion Ladies in her own palace quarters on February 1. Hereafter they have not been allowed to visit the private garden of the palace.

Fined for Smuggling in Newfoundland.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 21.—The captain of several American fishing vessels on the southern coast of Newfoundland, seeking cargoes of frozen herring, have been fined from \$50 to \$200 by the colonial authorities for having smuggled liquor from St. Pierre, Miq.

Didn't Kill a Cow and a Calf—Machias, Me., Jan. 22.—Howard J. Libby, of Columbia Falls, who was on trial in the county court today on the charge of killing a cow mouse and a calf mouse last November, was acquitted by the jury in ten minutes.

PASSENGERS QUARANTINED FOR THREE WEEKS.

Case of Smallpox on Steamer Dahome at Halifax Causes Inconvenience.

Halifax, Jan. 21.—(Special)—The Furness liner Dahome, Captain Leuten, arrived in port at noon today from London and anchored at quarantine. The steamer had one case of smallpox on board during its voyage.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS GRAND EXCURSION.

Arrangements for Very Cheap Trip to San Francisco Next Summer.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—General James R. Carburn, commanding the uniform rank, Knights of Pythias, announces that the transcontinental lines have agreed to make a rate of \$30 round trip from Chicago to San Francisco for the biennial of Knights of Pythias, which opens here on August 12 next.

Woman's Priceless Pearl

The greatest menace to happiness is her health. The greatest menace to her health is kidney disease. Mrs. Young says South American Kidney Cure is a "priceless pearl." So it is.

COVERED WITH EGZEMA

The good sisters of St. Joseph's Infant Home say of Dr. Agnew's Ointment: "We give it our highest recommendation. We use it freely and find it a great cure."

"TASTY TABLE DOSES"

An eminent physician, whose schooling has always been along the line of strong tonics and bitters for stomach troubles, now prescribes what he calls "tasty tablet doses—Dr. Van's Pineapple Tablets."

THE CLERGY LIKE IT.

Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder in 10 minutes. Here are a few names of clergymen of different creeds who are firm believers in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

TOOTHACHE CURED IN ONE MINUTE.

Not only toothache, but any nerve pain is cured instantly by Polon's Nervine. It is a powerful, penetrating, pain-subduing, proprietary medicine.

Marquis of Dufferin's Illness Critical.

London, Jan. 22.—The serious illness of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, ex-governor of India and ex-governor general of Canada, has reached a critical stage.

Last year the sale of agricultural machinery in Greece was fourfold that of the preceding year.

ARCHBISHOP'S PROTEST.

EMPHATIC RESOLUTIONS BY THE CATHOLICS OF HALIFAX.

Eloquent Address by His Grace, and Extensive Review of the Question of the Oath of Accession—Secretary of State to Be Advised.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 22.—(Special)—A monster meeting of Roman Catholics of this city was held in St. Mary's hall this evening to protest against the declaration to the oath of accession. Archbishop O'Brien presided and in his opening address said:

"We have met here tonight to protest emphatically against further continuance of deplorable blasphemous in itself, most insulting to nearly one-half of the people of this dominion, and painful as we must suppose to the sovereign who is forced to echo unholy litanies and base columns velle though they may be of an evil age.

Two years ago we were told England was warring on the Boere to vindicate the civil rights of Catholics. The minister who made this assertion is well acquainted with the fact that the least known of millions of Catholics against the blasphemous declaration was felt by the Catholics against the government of the Transvaal.

WORTH THE COUNTY COUNCILS.

York Cuts Down Bills, But Votes Its Members Good Pay, and Does Various Startling Things -- Northumberland Urges Atlantic Standard Time.

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The report of the secretary treasurer showed receipts for the year of \$28,000 and payments of \$24,877.66. Since January 30, when the fiscal year closed, \$5,294.72 had been collected and \$1,812 paid out, leaving a balance of \$1,682.70 in the treasury.

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FROM AFGHANISTAN.

SERIOUS RUMORS

Russia Said to Be Preparing for Invasion in the Spring.

London, Jan. 22.—The Daily Chronicle learns from an influential source that rumors are current in India of coming trouble in Afghanistan.

It is alleged that Russia will utilize the winter to mass troops upon the northern frontiers, in readiness to invade Afghanistan as soon as the snow melts in the passes. Preparations are being made on the British side. The Punjab manoeuvres have been timed for the unusual season of February and will be on a large scale.

Regiments are being quietly massed, ostensibly to fight the Mahud Waziris, but in reality to be in readiness for graver complications. It is likewise rumored that hospitals are being built along the military base and that the arsenals are being stored with munitions.

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