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The Dominion exports for February fell off a quarter of a million, and the imports increased \$900,000.

The foreign mails continue to arrive with the same irregularity; the teams between Aulac and Tormentine jog along at the usual slow rate, and a number of bags at Cape Tormentine Progressive, very!

The Dominion Government's bill to Gerry-mander the constituencies is far more sweeping than was at first supposed. It will apply to nearly every Province. County lines will be followed only when it suits the convenience of the Government to do so.

The Standard Oil Company conducts its business in Canada under the name of the Imperial Oil Company; but it is to all intents and purposes the same Yankee monopoly as across the line.

The residents of Fort Wrangle, and of Dyea, in that part of the Yukon territory, now in dispute, and who up to the present time have been under the jurisdiction of the United States authorities, have signified their desire to be released from their allegiance to the Republic and to become citizens of Canada.

The St. John Sun, of the 16th inst, makes the following comment on the bill of fare presented at the opening of the Dominion Parliament on that date: The fourth session of the eighth parliament of Canada meets today, some two months behind time.

REPORTS from Ottawa state that, in the speech with which the session opened, the reference to the work of the Anglo-American Commission differs materially from the French version from that in the English version.

A BONDED warehouse has been established by the Dominion Government on the premises of John G. Scrimgeour, Cardigan Bridge. It is well known that this man has been one of the most notorious violators of the Scott Act in this Province.

Conservatives if possible. They are famous for such unfair methods of readjustment, as well as for every other manner of disfranchisement wherever they have a chance.

REFERRING to the extraordinary conduct of the United States representatives on joint high commission as to the Alaskan boundary matter, we find the Philadelphia Times quoted as follows: "Remembering how recently the United States threatened to go to war with Great Britain to compel her acceptance of arbitration to settle the boundary dispute with Venezuela, the attitude of the United States commissioners in refusing to refer the Alaskan boundary to arbitration seems a little embarrassing."

The newspapers supporting the Government inform us that the Provincial Legislature will meet for the despatch of business on the 17th day of April. Now, all must admit that, for the great majority of the representatives, this is about as inconvenient a season of the year for them to be absent from their homes, as could possibly be chosen.

The speech with which the present session of the Dominion Parliament opened and which will be found in another column, certainly cannot be regarded as a singularly able state paper. It is very much more remarkable for what it omits than for what it contains.

The meeting at Powell on Tuesday last week was organized by Hon. Geo. Forbes to the chair and appointing Mr. F. J. Nash Secretary. The attendance was not so large as was expected on account of the storm.

Whereas, the route of the southern branch railway and the site of the bridge across the Hillsborough River have already been surveyed, and the present Government committed to their construction.

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A FEW days before the opening of Parliament, Sir Charles Tupper was accorded a grand reception in Ottawa. An immense public meeting was held and the following resolution was enthusiastically adopted: "That this meeting in extending a hearty welcome to Sir Charles Tupper, Premier of the Dominion, congratulates him on the wonderful energy he has displayed on behalf of the Conservative party and expresses its entire confidence in his leadership, trusting that he may long be spared to lead the party, and especially to see the adoption of a preferential trade policy which will give 'empire markets for empire producers,' thus rendering us independent of America or any other nation; a policy for which Sir Charles labored so many years, and the adoption of which will be a tribute to his devotion to Canada and the Empire."

The A. O. H. was headed by Gaibriath's head, and the E. S. by the League of the Cross band. About a quarter to ten the A. O. H. started from their rooms on Queen Street and marched to the music of their band to the rooms of the B. I. S., on Kent Street. The two societies then formed in line and with the two bands and with banners flying marched to St. Dunstan's Cathedral, via Queen, Richmond and Great George Streets.

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