

## PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW.

**DOMINION.**—The suspense regarding the appointment of a successor to the late Sir John A. Macdonald was removed on Saturday, when it became known that the Governor General had called on the Hon. John J. C. Abbott to form a Cabinet. This appointment is believed by many to be only a temporary one to tide over this session of Parliament, and that Sir Charles Tupper will eventually be called upon to assume the leadership of the Liberal Conservative party, a position which he is eminently qualified to fill. In that event he will doubtless choose an Ontario constituency, and the most appropriate one would be Kingston, so long and so ably represented by the late Sir John A. Macdonald. In this choice he would be ably seconded by the talented and influential Principal Grant and his return assured.

Parliament met on Tuesday, and after routine Sir Hector Langevin, who continues to lead the Government in the Commons, read a statement prepared by Premier Abbott and assented to by the Governor General which explained that his excellency did not feel that the state of public affairs necessitated the formation of a new Cabinet until the grave had closed over the late Premier and the last honors had been paid him, and he had consequently postponed action until the Friday after the funeral. His excellency had then consulted with Sir John Thompson and had sent for Mr. Abbott and requested him to form a Cabinet. On Saturday Mr. Abbott consented to act, and requested his colleagues to remain in their respective offices, which they consented to do. This was approved of by his excellency, who also sanctioned the assumption by Mr. Abbott of the Departmental Office of President of the Council, the vacancy caused by the death of Sir John Macdonald remaining unfilled, and pending the appointment of a successor, the affairs of the Department of Railways to be administered by a member of the Cabinet.

Michael Connolly then appeared at the bar of the House, and after some discussion Sir John Thompson moved that the books be placed in the custody of the House to be handed over to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. He would postpone moving that Connolly be taken into custody until the order was complied with or until the House knew whether he would comply with its orders. The motion carried.

On motion to go into supply Sir Richard Cartwright asked Sir John Thompson when the additional reciprocity correspondence would be produced. Sir John replied that authority had been obtained, and that it would be laid before the House on Wednesday.

The House went into supply and passed the penitentiary estimates; had a long discussion over contingencies for the Senate, and then passed on to the items of salaries for revising barristers.

Mr. Flint stated that the revising barrister for Shelburne was a partner of the present member for that County, which was a violation of the spirit of the law, but Mr. White denied this and asserted that the revising barrister was not and never had been his partner.

In answer to Mr. Landerkin, Sir John Thompson said the electoral lists would certainly be revised this year.

Mr. Bowell, it is reported, will be the acting Minister of Railways.

We call special attention to the quality of Flower and Vegetable Seeds advertised in another column by Buckley Bros. As they import their seeds direct from the best Seed-men in the world they are sure to give satisfaction.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office, or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount inclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

Premier Fielding has arrived in England.

Business in Newfoundland is at a standstill on account of La Grippe.

The carettes for the Carotte Company are to arrive in Halifax by the 1st of August.

The ferry steamer *Halifax* has been newly painted, and was put on the service on Wednesday.

Sir A. T. Galt, formerly High Commissioner for Canada in London, is dangerously ill of la grippe.

A new Methodist Church is being erected in Moncton. The church and parsonage will cost \$13,000.

Hon. J. J. C. Abbott has sold his Canadian Pacific Railway stock since he was called to the Premiership.

Kinread's woollen mill at Moncton was burned down on Wednesday. Moncton had a narrow escape from a wholesale conflagration.

The Board of Trade met on Wednesday. They resolved to abandon the Cornwallis Street terminus and go in for the water-front extension.

A barque from Montevideo arrived at St. John on Monday with two cases of smallpox on board. She is lying in quarantine off Partridge Island.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in session at Kingston, received reports from the six Presbyterian colleges last Saturday. All are prospering.

French warships are reported on the French shore to be enforcing treaty rights with the utmost vigor, while Newfoundland cruisers are maintaining the bait act.

Two Newfoundland bankers, the *Angeline*, Capt. Michel, of St. Cast, Brittany, with a crew of 18 men, and the *Aux Chiens*, with the same number of men, are missing.

A fire company has been formed in the southern suburbs of Dartmouth.

The Rev. Robert Murray was offered, but has declined, the editorship of the *Presbyterian Record*. It was afterwards offered to Rev. E. Scott, of New Glasgow, who will probably accept.

La grippe has spread to a great extent in the Magdalen Islands, and fishing is practically suspended. Within the past few weeks over fifty have died from the disease and hundreds are down with it. Great want is experienced.

A Dalhousie Alumni Association is about to be formed in New Brunswick. It is good for a college to have its graduates organized, and as there are about 100 Dalhousie graduates in N. B. the movement ought to meet with success.

A young lady named Schelp has died near Russell, Ont., under peculiar circumstances. She ate some lemon peel that had been soaked in water over night. An hour later she was seized with a drowsy fit, lay down and a few hours later was dead.

The ratepayers of Dartmouth held a public meeting on Monday evening to inquire into the cause of the great increase in taxation during recent years. A committee was appointed to inquire into the facts and to ascertain what necessity exists for the increase.

Information has been received at Montreal that the American Government has fixed the cattle space on board steamers at two feet six inches on deck and two feet eight inches on other portions of a ship. The size of space allowed cattle exported from Montreal is two feet six inches and at that it will probably remain for the present season despite the protests of the cattle exporters, who all along have agitated for two feet eight inches. No Inspector has yet been appointed by the Government.

There is a movement on foot at Montreal to perpetuate the name of Sir John Macdonald by establishing an organization to be known as the Maple Leaf League of Canada, on the same principle as the Primrose League of Great Britain, namely the maintenance of the integrity of the Empire, the upholding of religion, etc. It is also proposed that June 6th be observed as a National holiday in commemoration of the late Premier; that every member of the League on that day wear a maple leaf, etc. It is proposed that ladies should take a prominent part in the new organization.

We regret to record that the entire bread baking establishment and confectionery stores of Moir, Son & Co., this city, were destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning early. The loss is \$100,000, only \$19,000 of which is covered by insurance. Mr. Moir has the army and navy contracts for bread, which he is under heavy bonds to carry out. Some of the other bakers of the city took on a number of Moir's men and assisted him with the work. Not a few people were inconvenienced for want of their daily bread. One hundred and seventy men, boys and girls have been thrown out of employment by the fire. All day Tuesday and Wednesday the Royal Engineers were at work blasting the dangerous walls, and despite the fact that water was continually thrown on the ruins, and heavy rain fell on Tuesday night, smoke was still rising on Thursday morning. The whole community sympathizes with Mr. Moir in his loss, which is heavy. The fire, it is thought, started from the spark of a candle which was carried by a man who went over the building to see if it was all right. The three alarms that were struck alarmed a good many people who own large places in the city. It was the worst fire Halifax has experienced for a long time.

The most important provisions of the bill introduced in the House by Mr. Tupper to provide for working of deck and load lines are as follows:—The act does not apply to ships registered elsewhere than in Canada, or ships under 150 tons, or to ships registered in Canada marked as load lines according to requirements of the Merchants' Shipping Act of 1876 and 1890. Section 5 defines the style of the deck mark; Section 6 fixes penalties of \$500 for neglecting to mark, or for effacing marks; Section 7 deals with load line, and after defining its form, provides that it shall be placed at such level below the deck line as is approved by two of the persons mentioned in following sub sections. The next sub section designates the owner of the ship as one person, and a surveyor of Lloyds or Bureau Veritas or any port warden duly appointed by the governor in council, as the other. It is specially provided that the owner or master of the ship shall in every case be one of the persons fixing the load lines. Other sub sections provide for remarking when necessary, and for penalties for neglect. Section 10 provides that if two persons authorized to fix the load line shall fail to agree, the matter may be referred to the Minister of Marine, who may decide the matter, or refer it to an expert, who may render a report to the Minister in writing.

The great silver mines in Mexico, owned by the Omaha Mining Company, have been sold to an English syndicate. The price is unknown, but it is up in the millions.

The Colorado conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church a few days ago voted to drop from membership in the church the former evangelist, Rev. Sam Small. Mr. Small's connection with the Methodist University at Ogden, U., as its president, and stories of a shortage in his accounts are of recent memories. But there is another side to the story. Sam Small charges the directors of the university with running a skin game and denounces them as swindlers.

The fleet of sailing vessels belonging to San Francisco have lost one of their best hunting grounds. For years it has been the custom of the sealers to spend several months in the Southern Pacific. Last season two vessels arrived with exceptionally large catches from the Marquesas Islands. The action of the United States in barring sealers from bringing seals to San Francisco caused the Tasmania officials to pass an act prohibiting seal