

Ontario Assembly used it in a similar sense, when referring to the use of the ballot in school elections. Nothing is more common than to hear people deprecating the introduction of "politics" into educational or municipal affairs, and yet these are of the very essence of politics properly understood. The term means, etymologically, the science of citizenship, and as the word "citizen" implies a relation between a power that governs and a subject who is governed, it follows that the term "politics" includes the whole field of public administration, not excepting either school or municipal affairs. It would be much better if it were used in that sense, for the degradation of the word leads inevitably to the degradation of the idea it connotes, and nothing can be more injurious and demoralizing than a prevalent impression that the Government of the country is a mere question of partisan organization and methods. That it is too much so, all good citizens will admit, but there is all the more reason why intelligent men should try to keep the popular language and popular ideas on this subject from becoming obscure.

ONLOOKER.

General News.

CANADIAN.

Mr. Aquila Walsh, Dominion Land Commissioner for Manitoba, died suddenly in Winnipeg on Friday night.

The wheat prospects of Essex county were never better than this season. Farmers say the ground in spite of the cold weather is frozen only two inches.

The vote on the question of incorporating Stratford as a city was taken on Monday last, the result being in favor of incorporation by a majority of 840 votes.

The erection of a college for the higher education of women, funds for which have been bequeathed and donated by philanthropic citizens of Montreal, is about to be commenced in that city at once.

Miss Catherine Walbank, only 24 years of age, daughter of Hon. M. W. Walbank, of St. John, N.F., dropped dead yesterday while speaking to some friends on the railway platform at Lachine.

Alex. McDonald, a builder, with his son and partner and two men, was engaged putting up a heavy beam in a new icehouse, when the beam fell, striking him on the head, crushing it to a jelly. McDonald was a strong healthy man, and had been a resident of Hamilton for 40 years.

No trace of the whereabouts of Dr. Moore, of Dorchester, who mysteriously disappeared a few days ago, has yet been discovered, in spite of the most thorough and vigilant search, and the belief that a foul murder has been committed is becoming universal in the district. Blodgett, the man who was arrested on suspicion of complicity in the murder, has been honorably acquitted.

UNITED STATES.

There have been 2,152 cases of measles in New York city the last four months, 402 being fatal.

The Act prohibiting the sale of oleomargarine has been declared to be constitutional by the Supreme Court of New York.

Fifteen persons were poisoned by eating oysters at a church social at Silver Mills, Ohio. Three are dead, and six others will probably die.

At Wilmington, N.C., the steamer *Wave*, plying between Wilmington and Fayetteville, burst her boiler and sank. Three of the crew were blown into the river and drowned.

C. F. Reggin, of Lovington, Ill., aged 56, was found dead in bed Monday night last beside his wife, who was also lifeless. The cause is undoubtedly one of murder and suicide. It is supposed the loss of \$900 by a failure of a bank was the cause.

The factory of the Rock Glycerine Company at Custer, Pa., exploded on March 10th, with terrific force. W. H. Harrington, one of the firm, and H. V. Pratt, an employee, were blown to atoms. Searching parties found portions of the bodies near the ruins. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

A despatch from Grenada, Miss., states that a horrible accident occurred last Thursday night eight miles south of that place. A mail train, south bound, running twenty miles an hour, and an express running thirty miles, collided. Both engines are a total wreck. Two baggage and one mail car were knocked into toothpicks, and one smoker was badly wrecked. Both firemen were instantly killed, their bodies being found in the debris of the engines. The engineer on the north-bound train was injured. News Agent Blake was seriously injured, probably fatally. A party stealing a ride on the tender or the south bound train were instantly killed. Eight or ten passengers in the smoker of the north-bound train were injured.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Rev. Dr. Walsh, president of Maynooth College, and as strongly pronounced in his Nationalistic leanings as Archbishop Croke, has been appointed Archbishop of Dublin in succession to the late Cardinal McCabe.

On Sunday night last, marauders visited the house of John Finlay in Newry, Ireland, and gave him a terrible beating and killed his wife, who interfered.

The Usworth colliery, in Durham, England, in which an explosion took place on the 3rd inst., caught fire on Saturday, checking the attempts of the rescuing party. Of the 150 imprisoned miners 36 were taken out dead.

One hundred and twenty-three out of 147 men who were killed in colliery at Karwin in Austria, Silesia, at the time of the explosion, March 7th, have been found dead from burns and suffocation. But five men this far have been rescued alive.

News has been received that the French transport *Tanquin*, formerly *City of Paris*, (of the Inman Line) collided with another transport, off Malaga and sunk, carrying down 24 of the crew. The remainder were saved.

War has been declared between the Central American republics of Guatemala and Nicaragua. The latter is supported by Costa Rica, while Honduras has taken part with the former.

Gen. DeLisle telegraphs that he has relieved the beleaguered French garrison at Thurnquan. "The Black Flags and Yunnan arm occupied a pass, the sides of which were inaccessible, and had built forts with three lines of trenches before Duoc. The fighting was severe. The enemy raised the siege of Thurnquan yesterday evening, the French garrison having fought eighteen days.

Relations are still strained between England and Russia, with regard to the Afghan frontier. It is reported that the Russians are determined upon a forward policy, and a collision is feared.

Transports have arrived at Suakin bearing General Freemantle and the Grenadier Guards, from England, and four hundred troops of a Sikh cavalry regiment from India. All troops for Egypt will now be sent to this place, as the future base of operations in the autumn.—The siroccos from the desert are beginning to be felt severely by the forces at Korti. General Wolseley, in addressing the troops at this place, said: "The Queen desires me to express her admiration of your courage and self-devotion. To have commanded such men is to me a source of the highest pride. No greater honor can be in store for you than that I look forward to, the act of leading you, please God, into Khartoum before the year is out."—The expenses of the campaign so far amount to £3,360,000.

Parliamentary.

PETITIONS.

OTTAWA, March 6.

In the Commons to-day among the petitions presented were several submitted by Mr. Robertson (Hamilton), signed by the Managers of the Bank and Loan Societies, Insurance Agents and Brokers, in Hamilton and London, praying for the appointment of a Commission of inquiry into the working of the Scott Act; the Act to be in the meantime suspended and compensation to be granted to those injured by the workings of the Scott Act. One of these petitions was, at the request of Mr. Robertson, read to the House.

The Speaker said that the petitions were not quite regular, as they were, as printed, addressed to the "Secretary of State," but this was interlined and "House of Commons" inserted. More than that, the petitions called for the expenditure of public money, and were therefore not regular.—*Globe*.

LICENSE ACT OF 1893.

MARCH 9.

In the Commons, in answer to Mr. Blako, Sir John said that the Government had instructed the Minister of Justice to prepare a case for presentation to the Privy Council in appeal from the judgment of the Supreme Court as to the validity of the License Act of 1893, but that as yet no notice had been given to the inspectors regarding the Government's intentions.

AMENDING ACTS.

MARCH 10.

In the Commons, Mr. Jamieson introduced a bill containing amendments to the Canada Temperance Act and to the Liquor License Act, 1883, suggested by the Dominion Temperance Alliance. The amendments are the same as those urged upon the Premier by the deputation of temperance men which waited on him about a fortnight ago. It is understood that it was thought better that a bill containing the amendments should be introduced by a private member.