

THE POSTAL BILL.

The Press of Canada almost without a single exception have condemned in the strongest terms the clause in the new Postal Bill, making it obligatory on the post of publishers to pre-pay the postage on newspapers.

And even if it be not desirable to abolish the tax, we wonder what is the object of making it imperative upon publishers of papers to pay the postage of all their subscribers in advance.

A little calculation will make the matter plain enough. Suppose a publisher of a weekly paper issues 1000 copies a week, or of a daily paper, 1000 copies a day.

[Since the above was in type it is stated that a considerable modification is likely to be made in the Postal Bill.]

Resignation of the Guelph Fire Company.

As will be seen by the report which we publish in another column, the Fire Company at their meeting on Friday night, have come to the resolution to resign.

This is a nice position for a town of 6000 inhabitants to be in. A company of firemen, efficient and willing to give their services on all occasions, but with a broken down engine, a lot of "demoralized" hose, and a Town Council which gravely takes the matter into consideration, and in their supreme wisdom orders an extra hundred and fifty feet of hose.

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Gossip from Ottawa.

There is still a strong feeling against continuing Ottawa as the seat of Government. This feeling is so universal that nothing but the existence of the Buildings and the fear of again commencing what might be a new source of jobbing, prevents an open expression of feeling against that miserable place.

The daily publication of 2,000 copies of a sessional journal, in octavo form, containing on an average about fourteen columns of our largest papers, will cost about \$9,000 if published in both languages.

Mr. McGee is now a total abstainer, but is suffering from ailments brought on by former excesses. It is now certain that he will not be able to appear in his place this year, and it is doubtful if he ever will.

The Ottawa correspondent of the St. John Globe looks with anxious eyes on the lavish expenditure at the seat of Government. He says: "Everything here is on a scale of magnificence that would frighten the simple people of New Brunswick."

It is said that Messrs. Sandfield MacDonald, Wood and Carling, constituting a quorum of the Ontario Cabinet, are preparing their measures for the coming session at Toronto.

Mr. Halliday's claim is not yet settled by Government. His agent has been there, but it is stated left to-night. Halliday wishes to re-open the Maitland distillery, with increased capital, but the Government refuse to give him assurances of protection to enable him to come into the country.

Log-rolling is still going on for the Judgeship of York, and the County Attorneyship of Waterloo.

It is reported there is to be another mission to England as soon as Parliament is adjourned.

Mr. Galt continues absent, and it is stated that he will give the Government no aid in carrying their measures. They certainly deserve no support from him, as they do not hesitate to discharge him on all occasions.

It is reported that Mr. Rose's tariff will make a considerable reduction in the free list; also, that the sugar and iron duties will be changed.

The pressure against prepayment of letter and newspaper postage has been so strong that the Postmaster General has been compelled to promise to modify the Postal Bill. The prepaid rate for a letter will be 3 cents, and the unpaid rate 5 cents; as regards newspapers, the rate to be charged will also be optional as to payment or otherwise--the amount to be 25 cents per annum on weekly and a proportional reduction on daily issues.

So far there is not the least justification for the four-headed concern into which the Finance Department has been divided. For all practical purposes, Messrs. Tilley and Howland are only Deputy-Ministers to Mr. Rose, and might as well sit in their offices in the Eastern Block as on the floor of Parliament, at an additional expense to the country.

PERSONAL.--We take following from Stratford Beacon of this week:--A communication was read from Mr. Hunter, Principal of the Common School, stating that as he was about retiring from the profession and removing to Guelph, to conduct the business which he had already established there, he intended resigning at the end of the current year; and although it was with a feeling of sorrow that he contemplated a severance of the tie which had bound them together for a period of twelve years, yet the unity of purpose, harmony, and good feeling that had always subsisted between them afforded him great pleasure, and would be ever gratefully remembered.

Moved by Dr. McCulloch, that by reason of his intention to remove from this town the Joint Board of Grammar and Common School Trustees accept with regret the tender of the resignation of Mr. Hunter, Principal of the Common School, and in so doing, desire to place on record their high sense of his faithful and efficient services, during the long period of twelve years, that he has occupied the important position from which he is now about to retire. Carried unanimously.

AN OLD FAVORITE.--We notice by the Stratford Beacon that at the St. Andrew's dinner in that town. Mr. James Wilson, late of Eden Mills, made an eloquent speech in response to the toast of "The Land we left." Mr. Wilson, as he was in Guelph, and wherever known in this section, has become quite a favourite in Stratford where he now resides, and carries on the business of wheat buyer and grain dealer.

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A man rider was killed in Arkansas last week. His faithful mule stood sentry over the body for eight days till it was discovered. It went a distance of a mile and a half to a river, when it needed water, and then returned faithfully to its post.

Parliament of Canada.

SENATE. Ottawa Dec. 6th.

In the Senate to-day the Bills relating to Members' Indemnity and the Speaker's Office were read and passed. The Postal Bill was considered in committee, and amended so as to make prepayment of postage optional.

In the Commons, the consideration in Committee of the Resolutions in reference to the North-west Territory was resumed. The first three resolutions were adopted without discussion, but the fourth gave rise to a lengthy discussion on the general merits of the question.

Mr. Mills said the Government of Canada formerly claimed the right to the territory in question, and he believed the claim was just. Believing that he took exceptions to resolutions 4, 5 and 6, which seemed to admit that we had no such right. He would suggest moreover that words be added to the 5th resolution, securing to the people the same rights of local self-government, free from Federal control, that are enjoyed by the Provinces already within the union.

Mr. Blake said that when, on the 20th of November, the Government announced what subjects were to be dealt with during this part of the session, no mention was made of the measure now under discussion. The Minister of Militia stated, the night previous, that there were reasons of State why these resolutions should be passed at once. Did these reasons exist on the 20th of November? If not, the House ought to be informed of the reasons that had arisen since that time.

He held that the resolutions were sprung upon the House, and then proceeded to argue on general grounds against them. He denied that the Government was prepared to admit the right of the Company to demand a large sum of money from the people of this country. On the contrary, the Government denied the legal claims of the Company to that portion of the Territory fit for settlement. He argued, moreover, that the true policy was not to leave any portion of that country under the sway of monopoly. He dreaded the effect of delay, and, as to expense, he held that the incorporation would prove to be a profitable thing for Canada.

Mr. McDougall replied to him in a vigorous and effective speech.

Mr. Blake replied, concluding by saying that if no other did it, he would move an amendment, in accordance with his views. Mr. Jones (Hallifax) pleaded for delay, and Mr. Cartwright for immediate action such as the Government proposed.

Messrs. Tremblay, Killam and Howe opposed the resolutions--the last mentioned in rather a remarkable speech, which was replied to by Mr. Tilley. Mr. Fisher said New Brunswick was in favor of the measure--as Mr. Tilley had also said. Mr. Smith denied that, and pleaded for delay.

The remaining resolutions were then passed, and the House adjourned.

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CHAMBERLAIN.--At Georgetown, on the 5th instant, the wife of Mr. Joseph Craig, of the Halifax Herald of a son.

FRASER.--On Wednesday the 20th ult., at Arthur Village, the wife of Mr. Alex. Fraser, of a son.

HAMILTON.--At No. 23, Royal Circus, Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 11th inst., the wife of George Colquhoun Hamilton, Esq., of a son.

DEATHS.

SKEOCH.--At the residence of his brother, on the 3rd inst., Alexander Skeoch, son of Mr. John Skeoch, Nichol, aged 36 years and 4 months.

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