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WE have just received from the government printing bureau at Ottawa copies of debates of Senate of August last, being apparently the finishing sheets for sessional fyle; also some of the sheets of the revised Hansard of the House of Commons. As the last parliament is dead the celerity of the Bureau is startling. We repeat what has been said before, that the daily edition of Hansard is the only useful publication connected with either House, and they only have a daily report for the popular Chamber. The bound copy of that Hansard should be out three weeks after prorogation, and let the index be printed subsequently. As a matter of record for the library of parliament these very late publications are serviceable, but for no other purpose.

THE defeat of the Conservatives on Nov. 3 in Canada was so complete and widespread that for several days it seemed to take their breath away, and there was an inclination in some quarters, where better advice should have obtained, to advocate unconditional surrender. There was no room for the argument that the country had been carried by corruption. In Halifax, however, after pondering the defeat of the Conservative leader for a week, it was announced in the party paper that Mr. Borden had been defeated by gross corruption. The Liberals, on the other hand, point to the fact that in the ward where the tougher and most corrupt element reside as, for instance, the colored vote, Mr. Borden obtained a majority. So, they argue, if money was employed at all it must have been in behalf of the Conservatives.

THE position in Manchuria is unchanged. It has remained unchanged for

over a fortnight, and there is little to be said upon its military character save that it is a deadlock from which neither force can emerge until it has received a great superiority in reinforcements over its opponent. At what rate either party is being reinforced we cannot tell, but presumably each with much the same rapidity as to men, and the Russians more rapidly as to guns; for the limit of Japanese gun power was already nearly reached at the end of August, before Liao-Yang. The situation has one peculiar feature which no student of the war has failed to observe. It is the way in which either army though each is of enormous size, has been able to maintain its entrenched position through the increasing cold of what is now the Manchurian winter. No houses remain intact along this great front of perhaps thirty miles, and the accomplishment of such a feat would certainly have been pronounced impossible by any writer upon modern warfare.

LEADER FLYNN'S manifesto advising the Conservatives of the Province of Quebec not to place any candidates in the field at this general election, is, we are glad to see, being ignored by the party. It is up to Mr. Flynn to retire into private life as, of course, he cannot allow himself to be nominated, and the leader who does not lead should resign.

THE Winnipeg Telegram says that the Laurier victory postpones public ownership of railways for a hundred years. Two days before the election it said that public ownership was going to win all round. If the Telegram could not peer into the future three days two weeks ago how can it be expected to see a hundred years ahead?

IT is said that some half dozen "switch" ballot boxes were found in a certain house in West Hastings during the campaign. These false boxes are said to have been brought in from the United States under the name of beehives. The Dominion government lost no time in appointing a lawyer to hold an investigation and detectives to hunt up information, and it is promised