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Leader Promises That the Opposition Will Be Good.

Pleasant Interchanges of Persiflage Between the Premier and Mr. Harcourt Opposition Will Not Attempt to

Drive the Government Out During This Session at Least-Notices of Inquiry-A Haileybury Deputation.

Toronto, March 25.—Fifteen minutes sufficed to dispose of all the business before the Legislature yesterday. As soon as the orders of the day were called, Mr. Harcourt, leader of the Opposition, asked the Premier to amounce his intentions regarding the appointment of a committee to atrike the standing committees. Mr. Harcourt predicted a short session. There had been sessions as short as seven weeks, but the average was about nine weeks, and this time he thought the bulk of the legislation would have reference to private bills.

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the legislation would have reference to private bills.

The leader of the Opposition promised that he and his colleagues would not embarrass the Government.

Mr. Fey is Grateful.

"Oh, thank you!" remarked Hon. J. J. Foy.

Mr. Harcourt—Strong as the Opposition were in numbers they would not attempt to give the Government trouble. Out of the twenty-eight members besides himself, twenty-seven were excellent debaters, and the twenty-eighth, Mr. Graham, of Brockville, had assured him that he would dip in occasionally. Growing serious, Mr. Harcourt said he did not expect that the Government would be called upon to present a heavy bill this session, but he urged that the commistees be struck, so that they could get to business with as little delay as posible.

Premier Cites Precedent.

Replying to Mr. Harcourt, the Premier said he had been the House fifteen years, and this was the first time he had known his honorable triend to be anxious te advance the work of the session at this particular stage. He had always found that it was impossible to get down to business earlier than ten days from the opening. At one time, in the exuberance of his youth, Mr. Whitney had got up in the House and suggested that a way ought to be found to avoid delay during the early part of the session, and that Mr. Harcourt had, quite properly, instructed him on the the session, and that Mr. Harcourt had, entite properly, instructed him on the point. Mr. Whitney, observed that there was not a private bill ready, and if the committee had been organized if would have been impossible to do anything for two weeks. However, if he had known that Mr. Harcourt was so anxious he might have asked the whips of both sides to come together and arrange the names.

Quips by the Leaders.

He thought there were reasons why the session should not be unduly prolonged, and he was glad the Opposition would expedite the business before the House. In conclusion, Mr. Whitney expressed the hope that the Opposition would "be to our faults a little blind," and that the session would be satisfactory to all parties.

Mr. Harcourt added to the quotation: "And to his virtues (if we can discover Quips by the Leaders.

"And to his virtues (if we can discove them) very kind." The Premier then moved the adjourn-

Will Dismiss Overseers.

Hon. Dr. Reaume said yesterday that the district fishery overseers had been dismissed and their places would not be filled. The fishery inspectors would

A man seldom loses his confidence

MR. HARCOURT IS KIND AN INGLORIOUS CLIMAX

Hon. Clifford Sifton Speaks One Way But Votes Another.

He Gave Two Excuses for His Extra ordinary Conduct: (1) Because the Separate Schools Guaranteed by the Bills Are Undenominational Schools and Under Public Control in Every Respect—(2)—Because He Did Not Want to Defeat the Government of

the Question.

Ottawa, March 25.—Hon, Clifford Sifton has decided to vote for the separate school clauses as amended. His reasons for adopting this course were submitted to the House yesterday in a speech which very easily ranks as an effort of Mr. Sifton's parliamentary life. It was in many vays a great speech, but it must be said in all frankness that few speeches of such merit have had such an inglorious climax.

Mr. Sifton's value argument was against the educational clauses of the bill. He did not attempt to justify the legislation on constitutional grounds, nor was he at all guarded in the expression of his conviction that separate schools are not in the interests of the country. The weight of his attack fell on the educational clauses as first presented to the House.

Hits at Fitzsatrick.

In this connection he questioned the good faith of the Minister of Justice by hinting that a deliberate effort was made to confer on the minority privileges which they do not at present emjoy. Mr. Fitzpatrick Rushed scarlet under the insinuation, which was not less effective by reason of the polite language in which it was expressed.

According to Mr. Sifton's interpretation of the first draft of the clauses the hands of the new Legislatures would have been to tied that if they decided to build a Provincial university at a cost of \$250,000, they would have to give the same amount for the establishment of the separate schools university. Also he said the separate schools would share in \$50,000,000 of lands, constituting the schools trust.

The sweeping character of Mr. Sifton's declamations of the original clause somewhat prepared the way for his reluctant acceptance of the clause as amended. But he was reluctant to concur in the imposition of separate schools on the new Provinces in any shape or form. He confessed his reluctance in words which could not be misconstrued.

His Two Excuses.

He had only we touses for agreeding to g complomise to which he had conscientious objections and, bluntly put, are:

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(1)—Because the separate schools guaranteed by the bill are undenominational schools and under public centrol in every respect.

(2)—Because he did not want to defeat the Government on the question.

Mr. Sifton was frank almost to the point of impudence in the cool confession of his intention to vote for a measure at which his conscience revolted. He made no bone about it. He did not attempt to coat the pill prepared for Protestant sentiment with absurd distortions of the constitution, nor did he shed tears like Laurier, Fitspatrick, Fielding and Paterson for the poor down-trodden ministers. shed tears like Laurier, I Fielding and Paterson for shed tears like Laurien, Fitzpatrick, Fielding and Paterson for the peor, down-trodden ministers. He, at least, was manly in the presentation of his argument. He was inconsistent, but he frankly admitted that he was inconsistent.

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Hon Dr. Reaume said yestesday that the district fishery overseers had been dismissed and their places would not be filled. The fishery inspectors would also be dismissed and a new lot sponding the property inspectors would also be dismissed and a new lot sponding the property of the grant of the government. He will ask the foyers ment. He will ask the foyers ment. He will ask if it is the intention of the Government to amend the ask respecting fermented and spirituous illusors, and he will also ask for a return of correspondence between the late Government and the federal authorities in reference to the expansion of Contario boundaries.

C. N. Smith (Sault Sts Marle) will ask if the Government has appointed a financial expert or auditor not a resident of Canada, and, if so, who is her Haileybury Deputation.

A deputation from Halleybury and the Government yesterday morning and were heard by Hon. Messrs withiney, Foy and Hanna. Their request was for protection for the private prospector against the speculator, and the machinations of the "blanket claim" men. They asked that the Temislaming district be declared a "mining district be decl

It is easier to dodge a taxidermist than a tax assessor.

The question of /at keeps many There may be a difference between a man on the mov'

JULES VERNE IS DEAD. Author of "Around the World in Eighty

of Paralysis.

Amiens, March 25.—Jules Verne died at 3.10 p. m. yesterday: M. Verne has been subject to chronic diabetes, but it did not assume a critical aspect until March 10; since then he gradually falled and the end was hastened by a falled and the end was hastened by a stroke of paralysis. Following the announcement of M. Verne's death telegrams were received from many distinguished authors. It is expected that the burial will occur here. The municipality of Amiens, of which body the deceased was a councillor, will participate in the formal services.

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M. Verne was stricken with apoplexy on Tuesday evening. Born at Nantes on February 8, 1828, he was one of the most prolific writers of the 19th century. Many of his conceptions were deemed fantastic when published, but were justified in later years by the developments of transportation and the progress of science. Supecially was this the case with "Round the World in Eighty Days." which deligited the

this the case with "Round the World in Eighty Days," which deligited the fancy of thousands of people who are now well advanced in life.

Among his works were the following: "Abendoned" "Adrift in the Pacific"; "The Archipelago on Fire"; "The Begum's Fortune"; "The Blockade Runners"; "The Castle of the Carpathians"; "Casar Casabell", "The Chill of the Carpathians"; gum's Fortune": "The Blockade Runners"; "The Castle of the Carpathians"; "Casar Casebel"; "The Child of the Cayarn"; "The Casebel"; "The Child of the Cayarn"; "The Clipper of the Clouds"; "The Demon of Cawnpore"; "Dick Sans, the Hoy Captain"; "Dropped From the Clouds"; "The Family Without a Name"; "The Family Without a Railoon"; "The Flight to France"; "The Floating City"; "From Earth to Moon"; "Round the Moon"; "The Fur Country"; "The Glant Raft, or 390 Leagues on the Amazon"; "The "Cryptogram"; "Godfrey Morgan, a Californian Mysters"; "Hector Sewadae"; "Keraban, the Inflexible"; "The Lottery Ticket"; "Martin Paz"; "Mathias Sandorf"; "Michael Stregoff"; "Mistress Branican"; "The Mysterious Island"; "North Against South"; "Oe's Experiment"; "Purchase of the North Pole"; "Round the World in Eighty Dayn"; "The Secret of the Island", "Sissam House"; "Across North India"; "Survivors of the Chancellor"; "Tigers and Traitors"; "Tribulations of Chimanan"; "Wenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea"; "The Vanished Diamond"; "Winter Amid the Ice"; "An Antarcife Mystery." He also wrote a comedy in verse entitled "Les Pallies Rompues," which was performed at the Paris Gymnase in 1850. This was followed by "Onze Jours de Siege," a three-act comedy, brought out at the Vaudeville.

Loss 'to the Nations.

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Loss to the Nations. Toronto, March 25.—"The death of Jules Verne is a real loss to the gaiety of nations. His fancy was as brillant as it was prolific. He will be missed by readers of all ages, and particularly by the young."

"Goldwin Smith,"

MAY BE PUT BACK.

Mexico Does Not Want Steamers Call at Cuba

Call at Cuba.

Montreal, March 25.—The representatives of the Eider-Dempster Steamship Co. have telegraphed the Government of Mexico, requesting that the conditions of the tenders for the Canada-Mexican service be adhered to, and if they are not the company will show. if they are not the company will aban-don the project of establishing the ser-The Elder-Dempster Co. had all but

And Mother of Trelley Victim Fatally Injured by Fall.

New York, March 25.—A squad of extra police was summoned from a station in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn yesterday to rescute a policeman and the motorman of a surface car from an angry mob of 2,000 persons who were trying to punish the motorman for the death of a little boy. The child, Frederick Von Gilder, aged 4 years, ran in front of a car as it was passing through Park avenue, and was struck and instantly killed.

The body of the boy was then removed from under the car. When his mother, Mrs. Robert Von Gilder, saw the body lying under the wheels, she fainted and fell down stairs, suffering injuries from which it is feared she may not recover.

When the heart is won the un-der-standing is easily convinced.

He who has no character is not a man; he is a thing.

RUSSIANS OUTFLANKED

Occupy Positions 34 Miles From Gunshu Pass,

Resumption of Hostilities On a Grand Scale and An Important Battle Improbable Inside of Three Months-Women and Children Reported as Leaving Harbin-Peace Prospects Assuming a More Definite and Tangible Aspect.

gible Aspect.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—The Russian rearguard is now occupying a line of falrly strong natural positions, thirty-four miles south of Gunshu Pass, the centre being the railroad village of Siphinghai, and the flanks covering the roads on either side, which apparently it is the intention to defend long enough to force the Japanese to show their hands. The Russians may, however, have been outflanked and have no intention of making a serious stand, especially as all the correspondents continue to report rumors of wide turning operations on both flanks, indicating a probable basis in fact. The correspondents believe a resumption of hostilities on a grand scale and an important battle are improbable inside of three months.

Fleeing From Harbin.
Gunshu Pass, Mancheria, (108 miles
north of Tie Pass), March 25.—The wo-

men and children are reported to be leaving Harbin and the business houses are closing. The stationary hospitals are being moved back and the entire railroad east and south of Tsitishar is being prepared for the next stage of the war.

The conviction exists that Gen. Ruroki is now directed toward the northeast for the investment of Viadiyostock, changing his base for that purpose to Gensen. While the Manchurian Railway is employed to supply the main army in its advance on Harbin, the Japanese seem still partial to the plan of keeping close to their see base, and instead of following the Russians some of the military superts are of the opinion that the Japanese may relieve the pressure upon Gen. Linevitch, and thus induce him to concentrate in the region between Santoupu and Tie Pass for another battle.

On to Visdivestock,
Port Said, March 25.—Admiral Nebogatoff's division of the Russian second Pacific squadron consisting of a battleship, four crujsers and four transports, arrived here yesterday. The vessels are not coaling and are only taking moderate supplies on board. The transports are heavily laden with stores. The division, which is said to be hound for Jibutil and Vladivostock will probably proceed to day.

PEACE STEPS BY RUSSIA.

Will Deal Directly Through French Minister at Tokio.

Minister at Tokio.

Paris, March 25.—The prospects of peace between Russia and Japan assumed a more definite and almost a tanglile aspect yesterday as the result of the announcement of the resumption of negotiations for a Russian loan.

Coupled with the announcement of the resumption of the hear negotiations. Coupled with the announcement of the resumption of the loan negotiations came a strong infimation from official and diplomatic quarters that steps looking "toward peace had been definitely taken by Russia. The foreign office declined to confirm a report that France was likely to be the intermediary, but the diplomats who are actively interested for the first time gave credit to the statement that Russia decided to seek peace. It was said in these quarters that Russia would deal directly with Tokio, through the French minister who has charge of the Russian interests there.

don the project of establishing the service.

The Elder-Dempster Co. had all but closed negotiations, and had been given to understand that the Mexican Government had accepted the forms of tenders sent to the different companies. The company said yesterday that the tenders stated that a call might be made at Havana, Cube, both on the way to and from the Mexican ports. The steamship companies considered that this call would prestly add to the business the line would do with Mexico. Stere would be guite an amount of traffic between Cuba and Mexico.

On the other hand, the business that would be secured in Cuba for Canada would not cash with the business offer my for Mexico. Last fall, when the Mexican Government sent two representatives to Ottaws, the latter accepted the forms of the tenders, but recently, on deciding to grant a subsidy of \$80,000 gold, made it a condition that the steamers should not call at Cuba. The Elder-Dempster Line had completed arrangements to start the service from Montreal on the opening of navigation, and had two steamers in readiation, and had two steamers in readiations. The Completed arrangements to start the service from Montreal on the opening of navigation, and had two steamers in readiations of the Mexican Government, allowing the Cuban call, the Elder-Dempster Interests say the steamers will tended on another line, and the finance of the control of the Mexican Bovernment of the Mexican Bovernment of the Solven Solv

The man who always says what he thinks might take a few lessons from the man who always thinks

A blockhead cannot come in nor go away, nor sit, nor rise, nor stand, like a man of sense.

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