

AVOIDING DISCUSSION.

The debate on the second reading of the bill to turn the public lands of the province over to speculators, but with the ostensible object of providing a fund for the maintenance of our generous educational system, was brought to a summary close yesterday.

But the British Columbia government would rather take a snap verdict on the second reading of any bill where controversy is expected than debate it on its merits.

The speeches of Mr. Martin in introducing the bill, of Mr. Baker in replying to the criticisms of Mr. Forster and others, were not sufficient.

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Toronto Star, Conservative: The individual member of the party really does not care whether Sir Charles Tupper Bart., was elected or not.

not be the only locality that is to feel the tyrannous self-assumption of those who have apparently appointed themselves to destroy popular government.

TWO MOTIONS.

Mr. Kitchen has given notice of two motions, one of which ought to receive the support of a majority of the house. It is as follows:

"That in the opinion of this house the position of Agent-General of the province of British Columbia is an unnecessary expense and should be abolished."

Of course a majority of the house will vote against this proposition, simply because they profess to believe that party loyalty requires that they should back up the government in standing by its London agent-general.

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the house that the charge was wholly false, the total amount expended being for legitimate purposes and not exceeding \$1500 or \$2000.

"SPLENDIDLY ISOLATED."

A London correspondent suggested that Hon. George E. Foster had earned knighthood because he had coined the phrase "splendid isolation" as describing the relations of Britain to the other nations of the world.

The European states, which are crowding each other, the smallest continent of the globe, are always grouping and ungrouping themselves.

THE SHORTIS CASE.

Last week the papers in relation to the case of Valentine Shortis, the Valleyfield murderer, were laid before parliament, and the disclosures they make are not such as to reassure the public in regard to the administration of justice under the present regime.

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described had crept. His life was spared, to be spent behind the walls of a penitentiary. The case will be remembered as unfortunate, in more senses than one.

TUPPER'S FALSEHOODS.

It has been clearly established by the discussions in the house of commons that Sir Charles Tupper was indulging in one of his "great stretches" when he stated that the Liberals spent \$25,000 in the Cape Breton election.

Our Sydney correspondent sends us two items of interest in connection with the recent election. The first is that Tupper's majority is only 52 greater than Mr. McKeen's majority in 1891.

CORBETT TALKS.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—James J. Corbett, when shown the dispatch from El Paso, saying that Connelly had posted a forfeit for Maher's appearance in the ring next Friday said:

HAS THE CABINET MINISTERSHIP MADE YOU RICH?

Toronto Globe: We have had various explanations with respect to that letter of Bishop Cameron's. We have been told that it was not this and it was not that, but the main point is that his lordship wrote a document in which he denounced as hellish hypocrites any members of his flock who dared to exercise his freedom and his franchise by voting against his man, Sir Charles Tupper.

MAY GO TO SEA.

Galveston, Feb. 20.—A rumor is current here this morning that Maher and Fitzsimmons will leave El Paso to-night and arrive at Galveston on Friday afternoon, where they will take a steamer tug with a large attached, go three or four miles into the Gulf of Mexico, and fight for the championship before the kinetoscope and a few witnesses.

TO FIGHT ON FRIDAY

It Has Now Been Definitely Settled That the Pugilists Will Meet in the Ring.

Winnipeg's Big Bonspiel—Too Much Wind in the Sextuplet—Other Sports.

TERRING.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 18.—The fight is now positively set for Friday, Connelly posting \$1000 to guarantee Maher's appearance in the ring.

At a conference held to-day, after Julian and Connelly had wrangled some minutes, Fitzsimmons broke in with great heat, declaring that as long as he could not get the \$1000 forfeit money he would not fight.

LAWN TENNIS ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club was held yesterday afternoon at the Strand.

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Four Boys Who Have Been Giving the Police Some Trouble.

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Table of retail quotations for farmers' produce including Flour, Grain, and various vegetables.

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so generally conceded that Fitzsimmons will win. El Paso, Feb. 20.—Peter Maher came in from Las Cruces this morning looking ready to start from the battle ground at any time within the next 24 hours.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 18.—At the Coronado track yesterday, the tire of the sextuplet exploded, causing some accident occurred during the trial of the racing team for the world's record.

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Rev. James Murdoch, of St. John's N. B.—I have used South American Kidney Cure with marked success.

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