

able to read and write." By the time the introducers of this bill had explained its nature, the hour of adjournment had arrived.

No "want of confidence" motion, was introduced by the Opposition and during the evening the house was asked to divide but once, when the government was sustained by a handsome majority. After adjournment, the opposition withdrew their forces from the field of hostilities in fairly good order (bearing both their sick and wounded with them) in the direction of their tents, there to rest from their labors and to prepare new plans of attack; the government forces also withdrew to their tents, to smooth their ruffled feelings, and to patiently await the next assault.

That attack was made on the 24th when an amendment to the Franchise Bill, providing that the franchise be extended to the ladies on the same conditions as to men, was introduced by Mr. Sandford (Opp.) Hostilities were immediately renewed, and a spirited debate ensued lasting during the entire evening. Many, and various were the arguments advanced both for and against the "cause of the ladies," and it was extremely doubtful to tell just how 'honors' stood, until the question was called; then both parties vigorously applied the "whips," the members who "did not wish to vote" went out, and on a strict party division the amendment was declared lost. Whether the ladies of to-day desire to take any active part in political life, we know not; it suffices to say, that on each evening when parliament was in session a large number of ladies was in attendance, all of whom appeared to take a deep interest in every stage of the proceedings; and who, on this occasion, watched with closest interest the progress of the debate on Mr. Sandford's amendment.

Rumor says, that of late grave fears are entertained by prominent members of the government over the apparent drift of public opinion in favor of the opposition, and on the adjourning of the second session, the members of the opposition appeared to take a more hopeful view of the situation, than they did earlier in the session.

The only reason which is assigned for this change of opinion, is the seeming failure on the part of the Washington delegation to have accomplished any material result; and it is an admitted fact, that gentlemen who had previously been considered among the most ardent supporters of the Conservative party, are now exhibiting a marked indifference toward their former leaders.

The fact that the government has, quite recently lost much of its former prestige, was first brought forcibly to the notice of that body on April 14th ult., when, in the by-election held in Dipper Harbor, formerly a strong Conservative constituency, a Liberal member was elected with a large majority. This is the only by-election which has been held since the return of the Washington delegation, and if this sudden change of opinion in Dipper Harbor can be considered as indicative of the sentiment now prevailing throughout the Dominion, the government has good cause to be alarmed.

At the second session, we regret to say Mr. Speaker Belyea was unable to be present, on account of illness. Parliament, though, was exceedingly fortunate in securing as a substitute for that evening Senator Boyd, who presided in a manner which gave the most complete satisfaction to both parties, and which added materially to the degree of success attending the meeting.

ST. MARK'S GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

The following is the Treasurer's report up to date, it was unfortunately crowded out in our last issue:

MISS A. PUDDINGTON,

In act, with THE GIRL'S ASS'N. of St. John's Church.

1890.	DR.		
Mar. 18.	To cash dues collected from members	\$ 5 25	
May.	" " proceeds of sale	41 00	
Nov. 21.	" " donation	50	
Dec. 5.	" " proceeds of sale	184 24	
1891.			
Feb. 8.	" " from Mite Society	64 62	
Feb. 23.	" " " " " "	13 50	
Mar. 24.	" " from F. O. Allison, deposited in his hands for organ fund	49 70	
Mar. 24.	" " interest on deposit receipt	1 07	
Mar. 25.	" " from Miss Hunter's Sunday School class	3 75	
April 1.	" " proceeds of concert	16 20	
April 6.	" " from Mite Society	14 35	
April 16.	" " from F. O. Allison, proceeds sale the Misses Knodell and others	50 13	
April 15.	" " interest on same	3 50	
1890.	CR.		
Dec. 20.	By paid J. R. Cameron, account..		1 04
Dec. 20.	" " M. R. & A's. account....		3 58
Dec. 20.	" " G. A. Knodell's "		3 00
1891.			
Mar. 24.	" " J. R. Ruel, on account of purchase money of organ guaranteed to F. A. Peters, Jr.		331 00
April 16.	" " do. do.		100 00
"	Balance cash on hand		9 79

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St. John, N. B., April 27, 1891.

ST. MARKS' BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

During the past month the annual meetings of the two branches have been held, and officers elected for the coming winter:

SENIORS.—F. Addy, *Captain*; H. Sancton, *Vice Captain*; F. Keator, *Secretary*; Mr. W. C. Fairweather, *Treasurer*.