

OTTAWA LETTER.

The Debate on Prohibition and Its Result.

The Order Paper of the House as a Campaign Sheet.

Mr. Taylor Checkmates the Liberals With Somewhat Formidable Effect.

(Staff Correspondence of the Sun.)

Ottawa, June 18.—The prohibition debate last night was entirely free from excitement and for once free from recrimination and partisan speeches. The long arguments for and against prohibition which were the fashion some years ago do not take place now. It has become wearisome both to speaker and hearer to go over the same ground year after year. All that now seems necessary to be done is to call attention to new develop-

ments and incidents connected with the question. The recent events discussed in the short debate of last evening were the appointment and report of the Royal Commission, the popular vote in the various provinces and the reference to the courts of the question of jurisdiction to pass prohibitory legislation. Somewhat unexpectedly to the public and probably to the house itself it was the last mentioned feature of the case which disposed of the question for this session.

It is disputed whether the provincial legislatures have power to enact prohibitory laws. Sir John Thompson was apparently of the opinion that the provinces had this power. Sir Oliver Mowat has always claimed all the jurisdiction that the constitution allows, and though he is not anxious to have a new responsibility thrust upon him, he has declared himself willing to accept it. The judicial committee of the privy council has been asked to adjudicate on the question, and the parliament of Canada has decided to take no action until the decision is given. Mr. Mills, who is regarded as the constitutional authority on the opposition side, expressed the opinion that it would be an unseemly thing for parliament at the present time to legislate or even to affirm that parliament ought to legislate. The proper thing to do was to wait until the court located the responsibility.

It is a notable circumstance that the second amendment was carried down while the first was carried. The second amendment was like the first except that it reaffirmed the principle of prohibition. It was a small amendment and most of its friends opposed this amendment while supporting the motion, which did not say a word in favor of prohibition. The position taken by Mr. Foster and Mr. Dickey was plain and clear. They opposed both amendments and would have voted for the original prohibition motion. But the amendment, which was carried, practically shut out the main motion.

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Put this is a game that two can play. Mr. Taylor, the government whip, concluded that it was time for him to take a hand in it. There was an exhibition in Philadelphia in 1876, when Mr. Mackenzie was premier of Canada. One Joseph Perrault was appointed secretary-treasurer to the Canadian commission. Mr. Letellier, the minister of agriculture was one of the commissioners to the exhibition. Remembering this, Mr. Taylor put on the order paper a question which included ten pages of the Philadelphia account. Mr. Perrault's bills for his expenses and expenses amounted to \$9,888, or more than double the amount paid to Mr. Cookburn. Here are a few sample pages taken from Mr. Taylor's contribution to the order paper:

Table listing names and amounts: John Gilmore & Co., 1 case Urbana sparkling wine, 15 00; John Gilmore & Co., 2 dozen Bass' ale, 4 00; John Gilmore & Co., 1 bottle amber sherry, 1 00; John Gilmore & Co., 1 dozen Clavelle champagne, 6 00; John Gilmore & Co., 1 doz. Bass' ale, 3 25; W. H. Hasling, 50 entrance cards, 2 00; W. H. Hasling, 50 dinner cards, 1 50; J. Perrault, salary of male, 20 00; J. Perrault, cab-hire, petty expenses, 21 00; J. Perrault, salary of male, 20 00; Charles McBride, provisions, amount of bill, 154 25; J. Perrault, cook, 44 20; J. Perrault, washing, 5 00; J. Perrault, rent of house to O'Sullivan Bros., 338 34; O'Sullivan Bros., clothes lines, 0 30; J. Perrault, petty expenses, 1 15; J. Perrault, petty expenses, 1 00; John Gilmore & Co., 3 cases Clavelle champagne, 15 50; John Gilmore & Co., 2 dozen Hennessey's brandy, 22 00; John Gilmore & Co., 1 case do., 15 00; John Gilmore & Co., 1 case do., 15 00; James Walker, 1 doz. wine, 1 25; James Walker, 1 doz. tumblers, 0 50; James Walker, 1 doz. plates, 0 25; James Walker, 1 doz. towels, 0 25; J. Perrault, cook, 44 20; J. Perrault, Amie, 20 00; J. Perrault, petty expenses, 17 06; J. Perrault, petty expenses, 5 00; J. Perrault, washing, 2 00; J. Perrault, petty expenses, 5 54; John Gilmore, 1 gal. superior pale sherry, 4 00; John Gilmore, 1 case Clavelle champagne, 6 00; John Gilmore, 4 doz. English ale, 9 00; J. Perrault, expenses, 3 00; J. Perrault, expenses, 0 75; Knickerbocker Ice Co., 1 30; J. Perrault, mail, 1 00; J. Perrault, washing, 4 00; J. Perrault, petty expenses, 0 14; Charles McBride, provisions, amount of bill, 128 28; Discours D'Adieu, L. E. A. Beaudouin, 6 41; Valdeleyrie, Wm. P. McNamara, 5 41; Quikstep-Montrose, Coywell, 13 31; Sarah Merrick, milk and eggs, 4 42; Heur Council, groceries, 35 51; John Gilmore, 1 gal. pale sherry, 4 00; John Gilmore, 1 case Pleasant Valley sparkling wine, 15 00; John Gilmore, 4 doz. Bass' ale, 9 00; John Gilmore, case Rodier champagne, 28 50; John Gilmore, 1 case Chateau claret, 28 00; John Gilmore, 1 gal. pale sherry, 4 00; John Gilmore, 1/2 doz. superior pale wine, 15 00; J. Perrault, expenses, 2 50; J. Perrault, expenses, 2 00; J. Perrault, expenses, 2 00; Samuel Richardson, carriage, 19 50; Lewis & Bros., cab-hire, 216 50; Joseph Lavigne, carriage from house, 1 10; John Gilmore, 1 gal. pale sherry, 4 00; John Gilmore, 2 bottles Hennessy's brandy, 4 00; John Gilmore, 1 case Pleasant Valley sparkling wine, 15 00; John Gilmore, 3 doz. Bass' ale, 4 50; John Gilmore, 2 doz. pale sherry, 8 00; John Gilmore, 1 case Pleasant Valley sparkling wine, 15 00; John Gilmore, 4 doz. Bass' ale, 9 00; John Gilmore, 1 case Pleasant Valley sparkling wine, 15 00; John Gilmore, 2 bottles Hennessy's brandy, 4 00; Summary of payments made to J. Perrault; Amount paid for salary, 45 00 00; Amount paid for expenses in Canada, 2 865 85; Amount for expenses in Philadelphia, 54 50; Amount from retained account, 9 388 28.

With such exhibits as these, the common order paper is growing to be an interesting periodical. The clerk might make money by having it sold at the street. Sometimes the government side takes the initiative in "loading up" the order paper, as occurred the other day, when without apparent provocation some member gave notice that he would move for an order which would include full information as to the Pacand-Mercier-Tarte notes retired out of the proceeds of the Bate des Chateaux steal. The text of the notes, and some of the testimony showing that the money was used in the last Dominion election for the benefit of Mr. Laurier's friends, are set forth in detail on the paper. This notice occupies two pages.

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