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The speech, with which the present session of the Dominion Parliament was opened certainly cannot be said to be overburdened with important prospective legislation; on the contrary, it is very barren in this respect. Certain incidents of the year are recited with more or less accuracy; but only in regard to four matters is legislation proposed, and three of these were on the bill of fare presented at the opening of the session last year.

The St. John Sun humorously remarks that the speech from the throne at the opening of the Dominion Parliament, makes no remark about Mr. Mullock's Imperial postage experience, and suggests that a paragraph like the following might have been inserted: "During the past year the Postmaster General issued a proclamation reducing to three cents the postage on letters sent to other parts of the empire. Unfortunately my government forgot all about a postal convention previously made in which Canada agreed to retain another rate of postage until notice was given and the agreement annulled. Her Majesty's government having called the attention of my ministry to the remarkable oversight the Postmaster General issued another proclamation restoring the former postage. But as the time had then arrived for the reduction promised in the first proclamation to take effect, the head of the department issued private instructions to city postmasters to affix two cents worth of stamps to such letters as were prepaid according to the terms of the first proclamation. By this ingenious method my government has led the other members of the convention to suppose that the terms of the agreement were not violated in Canada while part of the people of Canada enjoyed the three cent postal rate. A measure dealing with postal matters will perhaps be submitted during the session, but at this moment the Postmaster General has not the faintest idea what will be its purpose."

The Laurier Government has scored a sharp move against the Senate. It was late in the last session when the senators got ready to investigate the nefarious Drummond County deal. The government thereupon, it will be remembered, withdrew the proposal to buy the road out and substituted an estimate to cover the expenses of nine months trial of the road and induced the senate to forego its enquiry at that session. But the government was not going to risk a repetition of the Baie des Chaleurs disclosures of 1891, and so decided to take the matter out of the hands of the senators altogether and have the investigation self made before a partisan committee of the Commons. No time has been lost in carrying out the plan for the first issue of the Commons order paper contains notice of the following resolutions given by the premier himself: "Resolved, That a special committee of the house be appointed to enquire into the expenditure of the subsidies granted by parliament of Canada in aid of the construction of the Drummond County Railway and in all negotiations and transactions between the government of Canada and any member or officer thereof, or any person, or any person in its behalf, and the Drummond County Railway Company, or any director, officer or person in the company's behalf relating to the acquiring of the said railway by the government with power to send for papers, persons and records, and to report the evidence to this house, together with the opinion of said committee thereupon." It is altogether likely Mr. Tarte will breathe a little easier now. We trust, however, this will not prevent the Senate from pushing its investigation.

A Most Gigantic Monopoly.

The Yukon railway contract, which has been awarded by the Laurier Government, by private arrangement, without the formality of calling for tenders, appears to be one of the most gigantic monopolies ever sanctioned by a government. To show how utterly regardless the Government are of the voice of the people, as represented in Parliament, they concluded this bargain on the eve of the session. All the leading papers in the Dominion, except the utterly hide-bound partisan sheets, have unqualifiedly condemned the deal. "Onlooker," in the Ottawa Citizen, contributes an admirable article on the matter. From it we take the following: For the building of 150 miles of railway forming as it were a connecting link between two natural highways—one an ocean highway of say 800 miles in length and the other a river highway of about the same length—a railway which must carry at highly remunerative rates all the mighty stream of human and material freight which is but beginning to pour into the richest gold country in the world, and which must be commercially profitable from the moment it is built, this country delivers up to Messrs. McKenzie and Mann one of the most gigantic monopolies ever bestowed, to wit, 3,750,000 acres of selected gold lands in the Klondike and Cassiar district free of taxes and of all working conditions. These lands will not be taken haphazard, but will be selected on placer creeks and quartz leads as a powerful and active company knows so well how to do. It is difficult to estimate the value of this tremendous concession. One gulch such as the Bonanza or El Dorado creeks would bring in with a minimum outlay scores of millions of dollars. In this given area of 3,750,000 acres, how many such gulches may become the property of those two gentlemen! And besides there are the inevitably rich lodes from which the wearings and washings have come. Nothing, say the ministers! Go to the real estate owner, and say to him: "Now sir, I am not going to ask you for a single penny, but I will take from you 1-10 of all your landed estates," and then expect him to praise you for not having burdened him by a single penny! But more than this. All other prospectors and workers of mineral lands have to pay from their increment ten per cent in royalty to the government. If their claim yields \$100,000, \$10,000 goes to the public treasury; if a million, \$100,000 must go to the government. But these favored gentlemen have given them 3,750,000 acres of picked mineral lands, and when they work it they pay back one cent in royalty to the government. If they take out a million in a year or less they pay not \$100,000, but a paltry \$10,000 into the treasury. Why? And no answer comes. I venture to say that \$5,000,000 will easily build and equip this road. The interest charge on this will be, say, \$200,000 year. It is estimated that 200,000 people will go into the Yukon this year and twice that many next year. The contractors will have three months' full navigation and operation this year. Suppose this fall they take in and out 50,000 people and offering freights. This would bring them in this season at least \$500,000 for passengers and probably \$250,000 for freight on the basis of \$10 per passenger, or six cents per mile. Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars is a big return for profit on an outlay of \$2,000,000 and working expenses of 150 miles of railway. Next year they will probably carry 200,000 passengers in and out. This would, at \$10 per head, give an income of \$2,000,000 from passengers alone. Vary this calculation as you may, cut it down or increase the estimate, and it shows you that no more paying franchise could be obtained than the bare privilege of building and operating this road. But more still. They get a monopoly of this transportation for five years. For five full years no other railway shall be permitted to be constructed from the Canadian boundary line, or Lynn canal, into the Yukon. For a coast and boundary line of over 1,000 miles not a rail shall for five years be laid to compete with Mann & McKenzie. No matter what eligible passes may be discovered, no matter what citizen may wish to build and engage in lawful transport, there stands the flaming sword of the government flashing in the monetary defence of Mann & McKenzie. The mere statement of this monstrous proposition instantly consigns it, in our opinion, to the limbo of the damned. No such monopoly has ever been

given or dared to be proposed in Canada. My humble belief is that none such should be allowed. Parliament is yet to be heard from. But a Liberal (?) Government have proposed it—bound themselves by contract to maintain it. Worse still, if worse there could be. The government have undertaken to bind parliament for ten years to a preference for Mann & McKenzie for any railway between Stikine river and any ocean port in B. C.—promising aid to them and prohibition to all others. This is, if Mann & McKenzie construct a railway from this railway on the Stikine through the Cassiar district south to an ocean port, they and they alone, shall have government aid, and they have an exclusive option and monopoly of this all-route for ten years from September 1, 1898. Again, the mere statement of the deal is its utter condemnation. Indefensible as these monopoly conditions would have been had they been determined on, and then thrown open to public competition; now when secretly and suddenly bargained for by two contractors and thirteen members of the government, the compact is in this respect utterly and absolutely indefensible.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The Great Eastern Tea, on Dominion Day, is something you should not miss. Look out for advertisement later.

The Stanley left Georgetown yesterday morning at 7 o'clock and reached Point about noon. She is expected to return today, all being well.

MAJOR CARTWRIGHT, son of Sir Richard Cartwright, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant-General for Canada. Grise don't appoint their near relatives to fit offices, do they!

CONSERVATIVE newspapers' criticism has had its effect. The Government has sold the Washington authorities that the American relief expedition cannot be armed troops.

THERE will be a Bazaar Social in the Buxton Hall at 7 p. m., on Tuesday, the 15th inst.

The Montreal Herald establishment was gutted by fire last Saturday morning. The loss is about ten thousand dollars.

THOMAS NELYET has been found guilty at Joliette, P. Q., of murdering his three sisters. He has been sentenced to be hanged on May 20th.

MR. RATTENBURY is paying the following prices for hogs at his pork factory: 5c for bacon, 4c for packers, 4c for heavy fat.

MR. M. C. CAMERON, sometimes known as Ananias, is now spoken of as the prospective Governor of the North West Territories.

It is rumored from Quebec that a cable message has been received there that Peterson, Tate & Co. have succeeded in their negotiations for providing a Fast Atlantic steamship service.

The Quebec express, on the Intercolonial Railway, jumped the track near Petit Rocher, yesterday morning, and the whole train was wrecked by going down an embankment. Driver Bastien was killed and fireman Haines severely injured. No passengers were hurt.

At St. Germain de Grantham, Quebec, Edmund Dupuis, returning from church Sunday, discovered his house on fire. Single handed he endeavored to rescue his wife and children from the flames, but only succeeded in saving one child. His wife and two children were burned to death before his eyes. The rescued child was so badly scorched that no hopes of the recovery are entertained. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

The following forecast of the Speech from the Throne on the meeting of the Imperial Parliament has been announced from London. Referring to China, the Queen will speak favorably of the pacific relations between the Powers, and will then point out the satisfaction experienced at the conclusion of the treaty of peace between Greece and Turkey. Dealing with India, complimentary allusions will be made to the valor and loyalty of the British Indian troops. The first place in the estimates is the development of army needs, and the chief bills promised will be one providing local government for Ireland and the London Municipalities bill. The Daily News says that the settlement of claims by the Behring Sea Arbitration Commission will give an opportunity for a cordial reference to the United States, whose sympathetic attitude on the Chinese question has testified to a better feeling between Great Britain and America than was expected at the opening of the last two sessions of Parliament.

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The Catholic Church and the Education of the People.

(Continued from first page.) is the Church of humanity. Humanity she loves and God loves it. All that noble and elevated humanity she blesses and fosters. Education, which is so potent a factor in the elevation of humanity, has been in all ages certain of the choicest blessings of the Church. Throughout her whole history the Catholic Church has ever made education the object of her most tender solicitude. Even while cruelly persecuted by Roman Emperors she opened a school of high philosophy in Alexandria, where an Origen, a Clement, a Catherinus allowed no intellectual precedence to the most learned masters of reigning paganism. When days of peace and prosperity dawned she built schools by the side of her monasteries and basilicas. Monte Cassino spread its light over Italy; Lavinia gathered scholars from Gaul and Germany. Under Patrick's magic touch Ireland became the isle of schools and scholars. Shall I mention the illustrious names of medieval Europe? O, Church Catholic thou art surely the mother, the queen of liberal learning. Salerno, Padua and Bologna, Paris, Montpellier and Salamanca, Louvain, Leipzig, Frieburg and Tubingen, Oxford, Cambridge and Glasgow, I am naming great schools, rich fountains of European learning and civilization, the glories of the middle ages; I am counting pearls which history gratefully places in the chain of honor. They were the schools, often founded, always blessed by the Popes and Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church. No, my friends, the Catholic Church has never ignored, and never will fear, knowledge and truth. But what she does fear is ignorance and error, knowing well that these are the fruitful sources, not of devotion and piety, but of prejudice, bigotry and calumny, of all which, with increasing knowledge of our Church and her teaching, we hope to hear less in the future.

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DOMINION PARLIAM

The session of the Dominion Parliament at Ottawa was opened in usual formalities on Thursday. His Excellency the Governor delivered to both houses the speech:

Honorable gentlemen of the Gentlemen of the House of Commons. I have observed, with great interest, the remarkable advance in the importance and material of Canada during the year just closed. The loan recently voted has shown that the credit of the Dominion has risen to a high level in the open markets, and affords grounds for expecting that the of the people will, in the near future, be materially reduced by the of a much lower rate of interest in the indebtedness than that which exists. I congratulate you upon the creditable reception accorded by the representatives of Canada at the Jubilee celebration, and also upon the warm appreciation manifested by the Dominion of the Imperial Government in reference to the conduct of the Dominion in materially reducing the rate upon goods imported from the Kingdom in to the Dominion of the action of the Imperial Government in denouncing the treaty with Belgium and also upon the satisfactory evidence of their desire to facilitate your efforts to promote the closest possible commercial relations between Canada and the colonies, and will, I trust, use materially to the Imperial Government. The extract gold discovery recently made in Yukon and its tributaries apply to the result in an enormous influx into that region and has called the attention of the Dominion government to take prompt steps for the preservation of law and order in that distant and almost inaccessible locality. Measures will be laid on for that purpose. A contract has been entered into, subject to your approval, for the completion, at the earliest possible moment, of a railway and river communication through Canadian territory from Klondike and the Yukon, which it is expected will secure the larger portion of the traffic of that country. The harvest with which we have been favored by a benevolent Providence

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