

The Latest Joke

In Town is on Jones.

The other day he went up town and paid 80c. for a pound of tea. But it was worth every cent he paid for it. However, Mrs. Jones, who is always fond of a paradox, wagered she could get a better article for half the money. She bought a pound of Union Blend for 40c. and won the bet.

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TOURISTS WILL COME.

The Work of the N. B. Association Bearing Good Fruit.

The work of the Tourist association is bearing more fruit daily. Quite a number of western papers are now dealing with the matter and the following leading editorial, taken from the Evening Reformer, Galt, Ontario, is a fair specimen of the feeling that is being aroused in Western Canada over this matter. The following letter also speaks for itself.

CANADIAN SUMMER RESORTS.

It is to be regretted that our Canadian summer resorts have not received that recognition at the hands of the Canadian public which their beauty and convenience merit. So many Canadians seem to think it necessary to patronize summer resorts on the other side of the line chiefly, we think, because of the attractions of our own have not been sufficiently made known. Our own provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, offer summer resorts and attractions in many cases far superior to any of the resorts in the United States.

BY CYCLONE.

Demolished and Twelve Men Killed.

March 22.—A special Post from Atlanta, Ga., of an awful disaster in afternoon from Ar- county, this state. A struck the village at this morning and the building, a frame structure 60 feet, was blown to death dealing cloud. About thirty pupils had assembled, and children were instantly bodies were fearfully torn from the torn remains. Some of those older were fatally injured. One has since died, in other eleven are not ex- teachers were also badly thought to be dying at.

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THE ELECTION CASES.

Lawyers on Both Sides Agree on a Postponement.

Judge Vanwart Objected—Finally Judge Landry, as Senior Judge, Granted the Postponement.

The St. John city election case came up before Justices Landry and Vanwart at the Court House on March 23rd. It was understood generally that a postponement had been arranged for, and therefore no public interest was taken in the case. There came pretty near being a very different situation, however, when Mr. H. H. McLean, who appeared on behalf of J. V. Ellis, M. P., read the affidavit of the respondent and asked for a postponement, as the session of parliament was about to commence.

E. P. Raymond, on behalf of Messrs. Hazen and Currey, stated that they consented to the postponement. Judge Vanwart—I cannot see any reason why this case should be postponed at all events; that probably would be the last of August. Mr. McLean—Well, I suppose I will have to put off the better you would like it. Mr. McLean, laughingly, Oh, yes. Judge Vanwart—I would be willing myself to make it three years; that would suit me.

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PARLIAMENT.

Opening Largely Attended and the Scene a Brilliant One.

The Matters Proposed in the Speech from the Throne.

Thanks from the People of India—Move to do Away With the Superannuation Act.

Ottawa, March 26.—It is generally conceded that the opening of parliament this afternoon was the most brilliant seen in Ottawa for many long years. One scene in the senate chamber when the governor general entered shortly after three o'clock was very beautiful. There were more ladies than ever known, and there was not sufficient accommodation for all. Lord Aberdeen was accompanied by a brilliant suite.

Previous to the entrance of the governor general three new senators were introduced by Sir Oliver Mowat and Mr. Scott. They were Hon. David Mills, Hon. George A. Cox and Hon. G. G. King. The governor general having taken his seat, the commons were sent for and the speech from the throne was read, as follows:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons: In welcoming you to your attendance at this session of the present parliament I desire to express the gratification I feel at the evidence which prevails throughout the Dominion of the loyalty and affection entertained by the Canadian people for Her Majesty the Queen and the desire to join with their fellow subjects in all parts of the empire in celebrating the diamond jubilee of the imperial government. Arrangements are being made for an effective representation of the Dominion in connection with the commemoration of this historic occasion at the capital of the empire.

Immediately after the last session the government of Manitoba was invited to hold a conference with my ministers on the subject of the grievances of that province. The result of the conference was a bill relating to education passed in the year 1896. In response to that invitation three members of the Manitoba government came to Ottawa and after many and protracted discussions a settlement was reached between the two governments which was the best arrangement obtainable under the existing conditions of this disturbing question. I confidently hope that this session will put an end to the agitation which has marred the harmony and impeded the development of our country, and will prove the beginning of a new era to be characterized by generous treatment and reciprocal concessions and reciprocal good will.

A measure will be submitted to you for the revision of the tariff which, it is believed, will provide the necessary revenue and while having due regard to industrial interests, will make our tariff system more satisfactory to the masses of the people. You will be asked to give your support to a bill abolishing the present franchise and unsatisfactory franchise act, and adopting for the election of members of the house of commons the franchise of the several provinces.

My government has determined that the advantages to accrue, both to our western producers and the business interests of the Dominion, could no longer be deferred, and has, as a consequence, introduced a bill to amend the law relating to the protection of those works and for the perfecting of the canal system by the close of the year 1898.

I have much satisfaction in informing you that arrangements have been concluded which, if you approve, will enable the Intercolonial railway system to be completed and thus share in the large traffic centering in that city. The many advantages which will flow from this extension of that railway are apparent and I have no doubt you will gladly approve of the proposal.

Appreciation of the benefits conferred by our farmers in placing the perishable food products on the English markets in a good condition by government has arranged a complete system of cold storage accommodation at creameries, on railways, at ports and on steamers. The result will be that the produce of the Dominion can be preserved at the desired temperature during the long journey from the ports of the Dominion to Great Britain. The contracts made for this purpose will be laid before you.

It is desirable that the mind of the people of Canada should be clearly ascertained on the subject of the duties of the Dominion in relation to the question of the question will be submitted for your approval. The Bahring tea claims commission constituted during the past year to adjust the damages payable to the owners of the British sailing vessels seized and detained in the United States on the high seas, has completed its task and has reported to me. The respective governments of Her Majesty and the United States, and has adjourned for the present. I trust that the claims of both governments. I indulge the hope that a final and satisfactory adjustment of these long pending claims will speedily be reached.

The calamity which has befallen our fellow subjects in India has evoked a widespread sympathy in this country. The generous manner in which the appeal for pecuniary aid has been responded to has elicited warm assurances of grateful acknowledgment from the governments of India, which has been specially and heartily endorsed by the imperial authorities.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. The estimates for the coming year will be presented at an early day. They have been framed with every regard for economy consistent with the efficiency of the public service. I regret that the receipts from ordinary sources continue to be inadequate to meet the charges against the consolidated revenue. The proposed revision of the tariff and the application of strict economy in the administration of the government will, I trust, restore the equilibrium between income and expenditure.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons: Among the bills which have been prepared and submitted to your attention are bills amending the superannuation and civil service act. These and other measures I commend to your earnest consideration and express the hope that your deliberations under the divine guidance will tend to increase the happiness and prosperity of every class in the Dominion.

After the chamber had been cleared the senate resumed its session, and it was decided to take the speech from the throne into consideration on Monday next. Senator Scott promised Sir Mackenzie Bowell that papers on the school settlement would be brought down before the session. Over on the commons side the liberals had their little jubilation, as five new members supporting Mr. Laurier were introduced, to one on the conservative side.

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There is talk of an adjournment of parliament for some weeks at the end of May in order to permit Hon. Mr. Laurier to go to England. It is said that Sir Charles Tupper is also anxious to cross the Atlantic at that time. Nothing definite has been settled, however.

There was quite a flood of notices of motion today for public bills. Chief among these is Hon. Mr. Mulock's, which provides for the abolition of the civil service superannuation act and for the retirement of members of the civil service. If the government is desirous to do away with the superannuation system, makes it apply to men already in the service, it will be a serious blow to those who have been counting upon a neat little income from this fund when they cease active work.

Messrs. Casey and Maclean are to the fore again with their bills for the protection of railway employees, both of which run much on the same lines. Maclean has, however, an important amendment to his railway act, the object of which is to impose a maximum two cent per mile rate for the carriage of passengers, and to compel railway companies or other companies owning cars to put the upper berth up when not actually engaged.

Mr. Charlton presented two old stand-bys, his Sabbath observance act, which he wants to make more effective, and a bill to amend the criminal code by increasing the age of consent to 18 years.

Mr. Reid will test the opinion of the house on the question of aid to farmers, and will move for the granting of a bounty of one cent per pound on creamery butter for export.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Cowan have each given notice of alien labor bills. Mr. Cowan also has one to abolish reciprocal wrecking arrangements between Canada and the United States and to improve the restrictions on immigration.

There were not many New Brunswick ladies in the senate chamber, but among those observed were Mrs. Blair, the Misses Blair, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Lewin and Mrs. Robinson, wife of the member for Northumberland. It was remarked that the latter was one of the most beautifully dressed ladies in the chamber, her costume being of Japanese silk.

Forty senators and members waited on Sir Charles Tupper this afternoon and presented him with a magnificent gold vase, the gift of the senate to Lady Tupper and himself on the occasion of their golden wedding. Sir Mackenzie Bowell made the presentation, and Sir Charles Tupper fittingly replied.

MEMORANDUM DEATH. St. Joseph's, March 25.—The death occurred there at an early hour this morning of Herve Blodeau, son of C. Blodeau of St. Charles, Bellechase, P. Q. Death resulted from brain fever. Deceased was eleven years old, exceptionally talented, and a great favorite among his playmates. Mr. and Mrs. Blodeau have the sympathy of both students and faculty in their sad bereavement. The remains will be taken to St. Charles this evening by Mr. Blodeau, who has been here for the past few days.

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