

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, March 9.—In reply to Sir R. Cartwright, Hon. Mr. Pope said it was not the intention of the government to request the Catholic clergy of Quebec to supply the government with information showing the number of resident Catholics in the province of Quebec in the years 1883 and 1884 to test the accuracy of statements made touching emigration from Quebec in recent years.

In reply to Mr. Robertson (Shelburne), Sir John Macdonald said the Government did not at present intend to amend the Temperance Act, as asked by the advocates of temperance.

Sir R. Cartwright moved a resolution condemning the action of the Government with reference to the Exchange Bank in making large advances at a time when it was known that the bank was in difficulties. He claimed that the administration had not acted with discretion, and had been guilty of a serious error in abandoning the right it had against Senator Ogilvie, who was personally responsible for the advance, and in seeking to enforce the claim, which was inequitable on the shareholders.

Sir Leonard Tilley said that the hon. member was rather personal to himself than commendatory of the Government. He had spoken in a very unparliamentary manner on more than one occasion in that direction. On this occasion he had implied that there were party or political interests in connection with the transaction. This he denied, and asked if the examples of the Ontario and Consolidated Banks should not be warnings to the Opposition. With regard to the Exchange Bank, the people were drawing deposits and asking for the payment of notes; the directors asked for assistance, and he had answered them that it was a serious matter, and he would consult with his deputy minister. He told the deputy minister the nature of the application, and said that if it appeared perfectly safe to him from the statements made he could say to his colleagues that if they were satisfied he was. It appeared to him that at that season of the year, before navigation opened, before the products of the country would be going forward, it was a case something like the Consolidated and Ontario banks, and that the public interests required that something should be done. The deputy minister communicated with a gentleman in Montreal upon whom he had the utmost confidence; it was a confidential communication, and were he to give the name every hon. gentleman opposite would say that it was perfectly safe, and the money ought to be advanced. And the result was that \$300,000 was advanced, \$100,000 at first and another \$100,000 if it was wanted. If the facts had been known the advance ought not to have been made, but they were not known. An error of judgment had been committed, but it was a justifiable one, as the Government acted to protect the public interests.

The House divided on the motion, "That this House regrets that the government should have advanced the said sum of \$300,000 to the Exchange bank." Ayes 58; Noes 115.

The house adjourned at 12 o'clock.

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Mr. Mulock introduced a bill to amend the Fisheries act, designed to enable the issue of fishery permits in waters that have been set apart for the propagation of fish. Doubt had been expressed as to the departmental power to allow fishing where the propagation of fish was being carried on. The bill was read a first time.

In answer to Mr. Blake, Hon. Mr. Bowell said the orders issued by the department relating to the tariff revolutions had inadvertently been given, but the order had been withdrawn, and the resolution respecting cigars was the only one now in operation.

Bill to reduce the capital stock of the Federal Bank of Canada was read a third time.

In answer to Mr. Blake, Mr. Pope said the earnings of the Intercolonial Railway for January were \$159,848 and the working expenses \$175,760, or a deficit of over \$15,000. During January of 1884 the earnings were \$168,034 and the working expenses \$189,159, or a deficit of over \$22,000.

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disorderly conduct, is deserving of the censure of the house. After some debate it was withdrawn, and an apology from Mr. Alexander accepted.

A PITIFUL SIGHT.

What sadder sight can be imagined than that of a noble man, whom the world can ill afford to spare, stricken down in the prime of his life, by consumption. Thousands are yearly filling consumptive graves who might be saved by the timely use of Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery," which is a positive cure for consumption in its early stages. It is the best alternative and peccatorial in the world. All druggists.

THE NIAGARA PARK.

Jamestown, March 9.—Farmers' clubs in Chataqua Co. are circulating petitions to be presented to the legislature protesting against the Niagara Park scheme.

Don't You Do It.

Don't suffer any longer with the pains and aches of rheumatism, which make life a burden to you. Relief, speedy and permanent, can be procured at the nearest drug store, in the form of Kidney Wort. Elbridge Malcolm of West Bath, Maine, says: "I was completely prostrated with Rheumatism and Kidney troubles and was not expected to recover. The first dose of Kidney Wort helped me, six doses put me on my feet, it has now entirely cured me and I have had no trouble since."

THE GRAPE VINES.

The County Horticultural Society of Jamestown reports that only the Concord and Delaware grape vines have escaped the severe cold of the winter. Buds on nearly all other kinds were killed.

Home Items and Topics.

"All your own fault. If you remain sick when you can get hop bitters that never fail."

"The weakest woman, smallest child, and sickest invalid can use hop bitters with safety and great good."

"Old men tottering around from Rheumatism, kidney trouble or any weakness will be made anew by using hop bitters."

"My wife and daughter were made healthy by the use of hop bitters and I commend them to my people."—Methodist Clergyman.

Ask any good doctor if hop bitters are not the best family medicine.

On earth!!!

Malarial fever, Ague and Biliousness, will leave every neighborhood as soon as hop bitters arrive.

"My mother drove the paralysis and neuralgia all out of her system with hop bitters."—Ed. O'Connell Sun.

"Keep the kidneys healthy with hop bitters and you need not fear sickness."

"Ice water is rendered harmless and more refreshing and reviving with hop bitters in each draught."

"The vigor of youth for the aged and infirm is hop bitters!!!"

"At the change of life nothing equals Hop Bitters to allay all troubles incident thereto."

"The best periodical for ladies to take monthly, and from which they will receive the greatest benefit is hop bitters."

"Mothers with sickly, fretful, nursing children, will cure the children and benefit themselves by taking hop bitters daily."

"Thousands die annually from some form of kidney disease that might have been prevented by a timely use of hop bitters."

"Indigestion, weak stomach, irregularities of the bowels, cannot exist when hop bitters are used."

A timely use of hop bitters will keep a whole family in robust health a year at a little cost.

"To produce real genuine sleep and child-like repose all night, take a little hop bitters on retiring."

"No genuine without a bunch of green Hops on the white label. Shun all the vile, poisonous stuff with 'Hop' or 'Hops' in their name."

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Toronto, Ont., March 4.—In the house today, Hon. Mr. Hardy introduced a bill to give the district of Algoma a second member, one to be for East Algoma and one for West, and to give the district of Algoma a second member, one to be for East Algoma and one for West, and to give the district of Algoma a second member, one to be for East Algoma and one for West.

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DRIFT OF DOMESTIC TRADE.

Weekly Review of Montreal Markets.

A more favorable view is taken of the commercial situation by most business men, as payments are fair and the few failures that have occurred have been insignificant. There has been more freedom shown in the purchase of stocks and bonds on the Montreal Exchange, and prices have moved up day by day at a rate which has astonished many. Manufacturers and merchants are forced to admit that times are turning out better than they expected, and in the event of an outbreak of hostilities, the policy of Canadian farmers in holding back their grain last fall for higher prices will after all be a lucky move.

Sugar.—A moderate jobbing trade has been done and the market is steady. There has been business ex-cars at 50c to 52c for eleven and twelve. In store we quote: Eleventh, 57c to 60c; twelfth, 55c, and factory filled \$1.20 to \$1.35 per bag. Higgins' Eureka remains at \$2.40 for sacks, \$1.20 for halves, and 60c for quarters.

Fish.—The Lenten demand for fish has subsided, and the market has assumed a quiet appearance. The movement accordingly has been light, and values are fairly maintained. We quote: Labrador herrings, No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Cape Breton and Nova Scotia, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

GROCERIES.—The distribution of groceries has proceeded in a fairly active current, with the trade showing a healthy tone. The demand from the country has been satisfactory, and jobbers report business good. The sugar market, while not showing any quotable change, has developed an easier tone. The demand is light and the turnover small. Granulated is quoted at 65c to 67c, and yellows at 45c to 50c to quality. There has been a more active demand for syrups at 23c to 25c per gallon as to quality. Molasses has been moderately active and about steady. A lot of 300 puncheons Trinidad sold at 25c. Barbadoes is quoted at 32c.

The course of the tea market is upward; the tone is strong and the demand good. The stocks light and the general situation buoyant. There is every prospect of the improvement in values being equal to seven cents, which will make a big advance on the cheap grades. A good business has been done here during the week at higher prices, and the market to-day was strong. Tea below 20c are not to be had.

There has been more enquiry for coffee at buyers' views are low. A better business has been done in Java and Mocha. We quote: Mocha, 22c to 23c; Java, 18c to 22c, and Jamaica, 12c to 15c. A moderate volume of business has been accomplished in fruit. There has been more enquiry for Valencia raisins, and the market has an easy tone. Raisin to choice are quoted at 75c to 85c, and some lots of low grades have been closed out at 5c. Sultanias continue quiet at 6c to 7c. Currants are slow at 45c to 7c, as to quality. Prunes are plentiful and slow at 35c to 40c for Bordeaux and 50c to 55c for Turkish. More enquiry for almonds has been experienced; Almonds at 13c to 14c, and Ivones at 12c to 13c. Dates are quiet at 6c to 6 1/2c for new, 4 to 4 1/2c for old, and 3 1/2c for mixed. Elms are at 11c to 12c, and Malaga at 4 to 6c. Nuts have been quiet, with no change in prices. We quote: Grenoble walnuts 12c to 13c; Silberts 7 to 9c; Brazil 7c; pecans at 7c; fancy Virginia pecans 8 to 9c; and hand picked 7 to 8c. Dried apples are steady at 5c to 6c. Valencia oranges are quoted at \$5.75 to 6, and lemons at \$3.75 to 4 for cases, and \$2.50 to 3 for boxes.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The hide market during the week has ruled quiet and steady at last quotations. Private advices from Chicago report hides still under an unusual demand. We quote: No. 1 Hamilton, 99c; No. 2, 80c; Western buff and upper hides—No. 1, 95c; B. 85c, and No. 2, 85c. Chicago calfskins have sold at 14c. There has been a decline of half a cent in green butchers' hides, with business at 5c, 7c and 8c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Sheepskins are quoted at 75c to 80c, and calfskins at 12c.

Wool.—Business has been somewhat more active. Lined wool has sharply advanced. We quote raw 55c to 58c and boiled 62c to 63c. Cord wool has been inactive. A round lot of 50 barrels changed hands at about 57c. Sown refined wool is quoted at 85c, and belated at 80c. There has been a steady market for petroleum under a fairly active demand at firmer prices. We quote: Car lots, 17 1/2c; lots of ten barrels and over, 18 1/2c; to four and nine barrels, 19c, and one to four barrels, 20c.

Wool.—The firm tone in the wool market is maintained, but business has been quiet. The supply of foreign is light and held firmly. Sales of Cape have been made within 17 1/2c to 18c, and 18c is asked for some. Australian is quoted at 22c to 30c as to quality. In domestic the movement has been less active, but prices are firmly maintained on moderate goods. We quote—A supra, 27c to 28c; B, 2c to 23c; and unsorted, 21c to 23c.

LEATHER, BOOTS AND SHOES.—The leather trade is not characterized by any special features. About an ordinary volume of business has been transacted, but the market is without decided life. Cost is fairly well sustained, although here and there concessions are secured from necessities holders. Receipts fully offset the outlet, and the assortment of stocks offered fully covers all requirements. Boots and shoes.—The spring trade is developing healthy proportions, and manufacturers are fairly busy, although not pressed.

CANNED GOODS.—The demand for canned goods has continued quiet, with no feature in the trade except the light stocks of lobsters. We quote lobsters \$5.00 per case of four dozen; mackerel \$4.00 to \$4.25 per case; sardines \$1.15 to \$1.50 per case; salmon \$1.40 to \$1.50 per dozen, and flannel haddies at \$1.55 per dozen. Tomatoes remain at \$1.10, and peaches at \$2.80 to \$3 per dozen. Canned meats are slow. Corned beef in 2-lb. tins at \$3.50 per dozen; roast beef in 2-lb. tins at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per dozen; dried beef in 1-lb. tins at \$2.80 per dozen; and lunch tins in 2-lb. tins at \$6.00 per dozen.

LUMBER.—A more active demand has been experienced for lumber for building purposes. A fair business has been done in soft lumber, principally pine, on city and country account, at steady prices. Manufacturers' prices, although some have not quoted yet, are about ten per cent. lower than last spring on all kinds of coarse lumber, but the better grades are steadily held and show no concessions. The stock on hand here is ample.

The following are the prices at the yards, large quantities being quoted lower. Pine, 1st quality, \$1.35 to \$1.40; 2nd quality, \$1.20 to \$1.25; 4th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 5th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 6th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 7th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 8th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 9th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 10th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 11th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 12th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 13th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 14th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 15th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 16th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 17th quality, \$1.00 to \$1.10; 18th quality, \$1.