# THE HUMORS OF PARLIAMENT.

Some of the Bills New Before the House of Commons.

The Civil Servants Come in for Some Hard Knocks-Charlton Still Ringing the Changes on his Old Pet--The Franchise Act Amendments-Mr. Penny Wants Election Day Observed as a Public Holiday.

The following bills are now before Parliament :-

A bill to authorise a board of three Civil Service Supervisors who shall be empowered to examine the books of all Government officials at all times, and at least once in every fiscal year. This Board shall have power to inspect or remove for misconduct or incompetency and when the further services of an official are not required,-reporting any such suspension or removal to the Govemor in Council within fifteen days after it has been made. This is a bill which it is to be hoped will get the three months' hoist, as it virtually puts it in the power of three men to terroriza the whole civil service and to apply the axe wherever their whims or prejudices might direct. It is introduced by Mr. McMullen.

### For Better Sunday Observance.

This is Mr. Charlton's annual contribution to the debating material of the House. It has been brought up regularly at every session for years, but has never yet found friends enough to give it 'a local habitation and a place' amongst the many measures that come before the House. However one may feel towards the bill itself, one cannot but admire the earnestness with which the honorable gentleman believes in it and advocates its merits, nothing daunted by the fate that has befallen all his previous efforts. Parliament is not Sabbatarian enough for such bills.

### The Yukon Road.

An Act to confirm the McKenzie-Mann agreement to incorporate the Canadian

Yaken Company. This bill has afforded food for all the thinkers and talkers of both houses and the politicians generally of high and low degree, and has proved one of the most proline subjects yet brought before Pariament, and the final upshot is looked for with interest.

### No Badgering Now.

To amend the Act respecting the Civil Bervice of Canada.

This bill provides that any deputy head, efficer or employé asking for or accepting any extra salary or additional remuneration other than a permanent increase of his salary, shall be held to have thereby vacated his office.

### The Franchise Act.

An Act to repeal the Franchise Act and further amend the Dominion Elec-

This bill now before the House simply adopts the Provincial franchise and voters' lists, and thus gives manhood franchise and a partial system of registration to all Canada west of the Ottawa, leaving various property or income qualifications in Quebec and the eastern

### Attachment of Salaries.

Bill-An Act respecting the attachment of salaries and moneys in the hands of Government.

This Act provides that moneys in the hands of Government, and pavable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, may be attached as if they were in the hands of private persons—also that the future salary of any employe of the public service may be attached by a (udgment creditor.)

### To Make Election Day a Holiday. Bill-An Act to amend the law re-

specting holidays—has been introduced by Mr. Penny, the member for St. Lawrence Division. 1. Polling day in an election of a mem-

ber to serve in the House of Commons shall be observed as a holiday in the electoral district where the election takes place.

2. No employe in any factory, workshop, or store, in such electoral district, as such employe on such polling day.
In the case of a general election of

members to serve in the House of Commons, polling day shall be a bank holi-

### OCEAN TRAVEL.

A Change In the Sailing Time from Montreal-A New Steamer for the Allan Line.

The Messrs. Allan make two important announcements for the coming

The first is a change of sailing hour to 9 o'clock in the morning. Since the commencement of steam navigation from this port it has been the custom to have the steamers sail at the dawn of day. This was done to secure all the day light possible in navigating the river. Faster steamers and improved waterways have now made this unnecessary, and



the time is considered ripe for a change. The later hour will permit passengers to make close connections with the steamere on teains arriving from Boston, New York and Toronto, leaving those cities on the previous evening instead of in the morning. It will also save twenty-four hours to passengers from Minneapolis and the West and six hours from

Chicago.

By Montrealers the change will be appreciated, as the night on board before salling, with the unavoidable noise of salling, with the unavoidable noise of working cargo and frequent insufferable heat, will be avoided.

The schedule of sailings just issued announces a new steamer, the Castilian, to leave Liverpool July 14th, and Montreal July 30th, and sailing from either side every five weeks thereafter.

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dition to the fleet as well as a strong attraction to draw passengers to the Lawrence route.

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### DEAR LITTLE SHAMROCK.

A Tonching Incident on Board of an Ocean Liner.

H. Phelps Whitmarsh writes in the Century for February of "The Steerage of To-day." Mr. Whitmarsh draws this picture of one of his companions in the company that he made: voyage that he made:

Kneeling in an upper bunk near me, a middle-aged Irishman was hanging a pot containing a shamrock plant. I entered into conversation with him, and learned that he was going to join his son in California, to whom he was taking the shamrock as a present. "I hope it will live," he said, looking wistfully at the pot as it swung from the beam.
"Twas the wan thing the boy wanted. 'L'ave iv'rything,' says he in his letter,
'an' come over. I have enough for the
both of us now,' says he; 'an' I can
make you comfortable for the rest av your days. But,' says he, 'fetch me a livin' root av shamrock if ye can.'

All Sunday we were in smooth water, running under the lee of the Irish coast. The day being fine and warm, the steerage awarmed on deck in full force. Men. women and children all crowded about the after hatch, some playing cards, some dancing, and some already making love; but for the most part they lay about the deck, sleeping and backing in the sun. In the afternoon my friend the Irishman appeared with his shamrock. He wanted to give it a 'taste' of fresh air, he said. At sight of it many of the Irish girls shed tears; then, seating themselves about the old man, they sang plaintive Irish melodies until the sun went down. The sad faces of the homesick girls, and the old father sitting among them holding in his lap the precious little bit of green, presented a sight not easily to be forgotten.

### DEVELOPMENT OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

An Extensive Arrangement Between the Government and Mr. Reid, the Contractor.

Recent American exchanges give the following details of an extensive arrangement for the development of the Island. The Government of Newfoundland has concluded an arrangement with Mr Reid, the contractor who built the Transinsular Railroad, securing an extensive development of internal resources at an early date. Mr. Reid has been prospecting the colony for years. He knows its immense mineral and timber wealth. and will undertake immediate industrial operations, involving the outlay of several

millions of dollars. Mr. Reid contracts to operate the en tire railway system of the colony, a system of 600 miles, for fifty years, in return for a land subsidy of 2 500 acres per mile. The government is to transfer to Mr. Reid the extensive coal areas now reserved to the Crown, and known from geologists' reports to be exceedingly valu-

John's dry-dock, for \$350,000, thus securing a valuable waterside terminus, enabling cheap and expeditions repair of disabled ocean steamers. He will purchase the government telegraph service any relief. At times, it was a dull, says:—"I had held back from writing for \$125,000; and he contracts to construct seven steamers, to ply between the Oftentimes it rendered him unfit for his great bays and Imbrador, and connecting with the railroad, thus giving efficient difficult to move. His trouble was alshall be obliged to attend to his duties | freight and passenger service to all parts | of the colony and a daily service to the when conducting service he would give

- Mr. Reid undertakes to establish pulp attend him. This occurred to him in for years I have gained in flesh, hence American Continent. and lumber mills, to operate the coal, copper, pyrites and other mines, also the immediate construction of an electricrailway line in St. John's, and the paving of the main streets of the city. He was an audience of 2 500 people in the Frank. Pink Pills, and you have my consent to pay over to the government \$1 000,000 | lin Street Congregational church, at Man- use the fact. cash as a guarantee of the faithful performance of the contract on his part. This money, with the interest accumulations for fifty years, will belong to the colony at the expiration of that period. the railroad then reverting to the representatives of Mr. Reid. A failure on his part to perform the contract will mean the forfeiture of the railway and the

guarantee to the colony. The government will guarantee Mr. Reid a duty of \$1 a ton to exclude for eign coal and \$100 000 a year for thirty years as a rail and steamer mail subsidy, with \$12,000 per year for seven years as a telegraph subsidy. It will also grant | children. him a charter to land a cable and pay him \$200 000 toward the construction of unfinished branch railways, and \$130,000 toward the expense of paving the city followed by an example, showing the

· This deal represents \$15 000,000. It is regarded as foreshadowing great benefits to the colony and to Mr Reid. It is believed that a big industrial boom will come with the summer. The Legislature is now in session, ready to ratify the arrangement, which will come before it for consideration on Tuesday next.

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REV. W. A. DUNNETT.

From the Smith's Palls Record.

known in temperance and evangelistic work than that of the Rev. W. A. Dunnett Mr. Dunnett has been the Grard Vice Councillor of Ontario and Quebec in the Royal Templars, and so had never been any great length-of time popular is he among the members of the | under treatment by any one doctor beorder that in Montreal there is a Royal cause of his itinerant mode of life. Templars council named "Dunnett the early part of the summer of 1836, Council" in his henor. For more than ten years Mr. Dunnett has been going of the Wall street. Methodist church in from place to place pursuing his good work, sometimes assisting resident ministers, sometimes conducting a series of gospel temperance meetings independently, but always laboring for the good of his fellows. While in Smith's Falls a few months ago in connection with his work he dropped into the Record office for a little visit with the editor. During the conversation the Record ventured to remark that his duties entailed an enormous amount of hard work. To this Mr. Dunnett assented, but added that in his present physical condition he was equal to any amount of hard work. But cured, and there is no man enjoying betit was not always so, he said, and then | ter health to day than I do." he gave the writer the following little Mr. Reid will purchase the large St. personal history, with permission to his statement was only published locally, ohn's drydock for \$350,000, thus secur. make it public He said that for the but now writing under the date of Jan. past thirteen years he had been greatly 21st, from Fitchburg, Mass., where he troubled with a pain in the region of his has been conducting a very successful heavy pain, at others sharp and severe. in regard to my health, not because I encagements, and at all times it made it ways visible to the public and frequently ever return, but I can certainly say it cut and doctors had to be called in to am in better health than I have been the Yonge street church, Toronto; the in weight. I would prefer not to say Biptist church, Woodstock, N.B; the anything about my appetite; like the Methodist church, Carleton Place, Ont. poor, it is ever with me. Yes : I attri

Turoughout Canada, fro n the western | chester, N.H., five doctors had arrived houndary of Ontario to the Atlantic and were in attendance before he regain-Ocean, there is no name more widely ed consciousness. In all these cities and evangelistic services, he was speaking of his trouble to a friend who urged him to Telephone 1182. try Dr Williams' Pink Pills, and next day presented him with a dozen boxes. 'I took the pills" said Mr. Dunnett, " and I declare to you I am a well man to day. I used to worry a great deal over the pain about my heart, but that is all done now, and I feel like a new man." All this the reverend gentleman told in a simple convergational way, and when it was suggested that he let it be known, he rather demurred, because, as he put it, "I am almost afraid to say I am

At that time, at Mr. Dunnett's request, had torgotten, but because it seemed too good to be true that the old time pain had gone. I cannot say whether it will has not troubled me for months, and I

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598,905-Hugh L. Calendar, Montreal, apparatus for electrically measuring temperatures.
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hose pipe connection.
599,168—George M. Elliott, Winnipeg.

Can., attachment for squares. 599,285—Elisha Moore, Meductic, Can. bottle.

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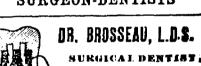
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Montreal, 25th January, 1896.

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