

The Weekly Observer.
HILLSBORO, N. B., Feb. 21, 1889.
LOCAL ELECTION.
Polling, Feb. 23.
Declaration, Feb. 26.
Peter Duffy Esq., The County Candidate.
Observations.

There is to be a revision of the Dominion voters' lists this year.
Imperial Federation.
Solitary Confinement.
An Expensive Act.
A Prosperous Year.
The reports of the department of agriculture...
Immigrants.

Very Ungrateful.
In his nomination speech last Saturday Mr. Emerson referred to the benefit he was deriving from certain editorial in the Moncton Times.

Not Very Probable.
Mr. Emerson, when speaking of the government, referred to the difficulties Mr. Blair had encountered in trying to effect some of the reforms proposed by himself when leader of the Opposition.

Nomination Day.
Disgraceful Proceedings.
There was a good attendance at the Shiretown last Saturday, despite the heavy snow.

and was received in perfect silence. He repeated his former assertion that he had not come into the County unbidden but at the request of electors of all shades of politics.

PETER DUFFY ESQ.
was the next speaker. He wished before he made any remarks to deny a canvass against him that he had used money for the purchase of votes.

Hon. James Ryan, of Coverdale, asked if Robert M. Steeves, of Coverdale, had not sworn that Mr. Duffy had given him \$60 to go to Elgin to buy votes.

Mr. Duffy denied most emphatically that he had ever given Mr. Steeves one dollar with which to buy votes, or that Mr. Steeves had ever sworn to any such thing.

After further discussion the debate stood adjourned.
Mr. Wood of Westmorland County, and General Laurier advocated the removal of the duty.

Parliamentary Proceedings.
OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—The house went into committee of supply on the estimates.

On the vote for the department of justice Mr. Laurier took exception to the amount which the department had allowed to be spent for litigation, over \$80,000 last year.

Hon. Peter Mitchell complained of the tendency to appeal everything. He thought that when the supreme court of Canada gave a decision the people's money should not be used to appeal against their own highest court.

decreasing.
Hon. Edgar Dewdney declared that the whole staff was fully occupied and no reduction was possible.

Mr. Paterson of Brant objected to the canteen system in connection with the Northwest mounted police, and will ask an explanation next sitting from Sir John Macdonald, who was absent tonight through indisposition.

Mr. Charlton, Ferguson of Welland and Hon. Peter Mitchell condemned the system of salaries practiced by customs officers, to their personal benefit.

In connection with the post office department vote, Hon. John Haggart said a bill was to be introduced this session proposing several changes amongst which would probably be an increase in the single rat weight limit for letters from half an ounce to an ounce, and also simplifying the mode of dealing with double matter coming by mail.

Feb. 13.—In the house to-day Hon. Mr. Tupper submitted a bill to amend the act respecting certificates to masters and mates of ships. This extends the regulations respecting the coasting trade to embrace West India ports and St. Pierre, Miquelon.

Hon. Mr. Ostell introduced a bill to amend the weights and measures act. This provides for branding barrels on the head instead of the side.

In answer to questions, Sir John Thompson said he had recommended that the Joint Estimates Bill be left to the operation, that a bill would be introduced for the appointment of three county judges in British Columbia and that it was not intended to enact legislation whereby Scott Act lines now in the hands of the county treasurers should be divided among the municipal items.

Mr. Haggart said it was not intended to lessen the charge for carrying parcels by mail.

A motion to appoint select committee to inquire into the desirability of the government acquiring all the electric telegraph lines in Canada was discussed.

On Mr. Fisher's amendment, which was lost on a division of 70 to 111. Laurier, conservative, voted with the opposition and the same two liberals voted with the government.

A division was then taken on Dr. Landerkin's motion, which was lost, years 71, says 111. Gen. Laurier this time voted with the government and Campbell with the liberals.

Feb. 15.—After routine house went into committee of supply, nothing of importance being developed.

Feb. 16. Sir Richard Cartwright moved the following resolution: "That it has become a matter of extreme importance to the well being of the people of this Dominion that the government and parliament of Canada should acquire the power of negotiating commercial treaties with foreign states."

"That a humble address be presented to Her Majesty praying that she will empower her representative the governor general of Canada, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Queen's privy council for Canada, to enter by an agent or representative of Canada into direct communication with any foreign state for the purpose of negotiating commercial arrangements tending to the advantage of Canada, subject to the prior consent or subsequent approval of the parliament of Canada, signified by act."

Sir Richard spoke strongly in support of the resolution and was followed by Hon. G. E. Foster who completely annihilated the mover's arguments.

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