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All Eyes on Ottawa.

A good deal of interest has been taken in the discussion of Provincial affairs in the Legislature, but from henceforth the deliberations of the Assembly at Toronto will take second place to the proceedings of the Dominion Parliament, which convenes at Ottawa on Thursday next. The session at Toronto is far advanced, and it is believed that it will be possible to bring it to an end in about three weeks. It is just as well that the Provincial Legislators should use every exertion to complete their labors for the proceedings at Ottawa are likely to speedily engross public interest.

The first regular session of the new Parliament will be one of great importance. Momentous questions will come up for discussion and settlement. The question of how best to raise the revenue necessary for the conducting of public business and for defraying the interest on the national debt, will occupy Parliament for some time. It is not an easy task to promulgate a tariff that shall be fair to all persons and be effective for revenue-producing, but we think it can be done. The abominable Franchise Act now on the statute books must be repealed, and a fair, easily-worked and inexpensive measure passed in its place. The Crow's Nest Pass Railway will be another subject for discussion, and the duty of the Government to aid in the speedy construction of a direct line to the far-famed gold region will be simply canvassed. Reforms in the Post-office Department will also be proposed, and many improvements in the Interior and Indian Departments will be announced. It need surprise no one if the Opposition force further discussion on the Manitoba school question, despite the fact that Hon. Geo. E. Foster, ex-Finance Minister, asserts that the subject is dead and buried. Then the Premier may be relied on to announce his coming visit to Great Britain, as the guest of the Queen, and Parliament will be asked to pass a congratulatory address to her Majesty, on her having resigned over the Empire for 60 years.

It is understood that the preparations for the session are well advanced, and that the members will be asked to get down to business immediately on assembling. If the session is unduly prolonged, the blame will be on the Opposition; but in view of the fact that the Premier desires to leave for England early in June it is expected that all parties will aid in getting the principal business of Parliament out of hand before that time.

Recent developments in Europe prove that the greatest security against war is the facility with which modern nations can back down.

Twenty years ago there was an outcry that the world's supply of quinine was giving out. So it was—at least, the natural supply from the Peruvian bark trees. Then the British began to grow the trees in Ceylon, and now its price is only one-sixth of what it used to be.

Live Stock Market for London.
Once more the question of the establishment of a cattle market in this city is up for discussion. The City Council should at least appoint a special committee to look into the subject. If the project is practicable, it would be of great value to London and Western Ontario; if not, intelligent inquiry would show it, and satisfy all. A frank conference with the live stock dealers in the West might result to the mutual advantage of all parties concerned.

Mud.

The Toronto Mail and Empire has an article deploring the prevalence of mud. We suppose it refers to the local brand, though the permeating and adhesive qualities of Toronto mud need no advertisement. It sticks closer than a brother. It is one of the most enduring impressions made on visitors in Toronto at this time of the year. How different in London! While the people in the Queen City are plowing through "filthy rolls," as our contemporary describes it, nearly all the roads here are dry and clean. They are swarming with bicyclists already. The beauty of spring in the Forest City is not bespattered by mud. The upper stratum of the soil here is sandy and porous, rendering it a wheelman's paradise. An ordinary rainstorm in Toronto leaves the ground surface in a slimy state for days; in London an hour of sunshine removes the effects of the severest shower. London never looks more spick and span than after the rain. Toronto always appears to have gone through a mud bath.

It has been well said that newspapers are the principal text-books of Canadians, and when advertisements are as fresh and interesting as news position sinks into insignificance.

The Bye-Elections.

Today, the Dominion bye-election in Wright county, Que., necessitated by the selection of Mr. Devlin, M.P., as an immigration agent to Ireland, is taking place. The general impression is that Mr. Champagne, the Liberal candidate, will be elected by a substantial majority.

So far eight contested elections for the Dominion House of Commons have taken place since the general election on June 23 last. The Liberals have carried seven seats, and the only Conservative elected held his seat by a reduced majority.

In Colchester, N. S., where the Conservative M. P. was unseated for corrupt practices, the election will take place on April 23.

When the London, England, School Board was debating whether elementary science should be taught in the schools it was objected that the pupils would only get a smattering. "Who has more?" asked Sir John Lubbock. There is a world of meaning in that query. What the world does not know regarding science would fill a very large volume.

How generous our English monarchs used to be with the property of the people! comments the Canadian Gazette of London, Eng. When George Calvert, afterwards the first Lord Baltimore, received a grant of the southern portion of Newfoundland, the king exacted, for all the fishing and mining rights and privileges, "a white horse to be paid him whenever his Majesty should visit the new land." An easy stipulation, for what English king in those times would have undertaken such a voyage?

Asphalt in Evidence.

The new United States tariff places crude asphalt on the dutiable list at a duty of \$1.5