

The spring demand for wives at Castle Garden, New York, from Western farmers has set in. Some of the writers to Superintendent Jackson are mighty particular, but at the last count women just turned thirty—they may be of any complexion—have the first call.

A new extradition treaty between the United States and Russia has been signed at Washington. No provision is made for the extraditing of Nihilists and other political offenders, such not being regarded as criminals, even although they should attempt to take the life of the Czar or other Russian officials.

When the present call for three per cent. bonds is in, there will have been paid in the first half of Mr. Cleveland's Administration \$154,000,000 of the three per cent. bonded debt, and that saves to the gentlemen taxpayers \$4,620,000 per year in interest; enough to build the best man-of-war that ever sailed.

California has 3,292 miles of railroad, which is more than the mileage of Georgia, Colorado, Virginia, Alabama, Arkansas, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Florida, South Carolina, Louisiana, Maryland, Maine, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Nevada, Vermont, Delaware or Rhode Island.

The Yellowstone Park Bill has been passed by the American Senate. By its provisions, the boundaries of the park are defined, it is placed under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States Government, and the territory is set apart as a public park and pleasure ground for the people forever. The American Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make rules for the management and care of the park, whilst United States troops are to protect its beauties.

The Queen has commanded all members of the royal family to come to London to celebrate her jubilee.

The Norwegian catch of codfish during the present season has only reached one million quintals, about one-third of the average annual catch.

A recent investigation in Egypt has revealed the fact that a deficiency of \$450,000 exists in the receipts of the land survey department. An American mason is at the head of the department, but his complicity in the theft yet remains to be proved.

The flower color of the coming jubilee in England in honor of the Queen is to be a positive gold, and the flower growers are trying to produce gold-colored blossoms. Many of the florists are very mysterious about new designs which are to come out at the right moment. One of them is a crown of beautiful golden flowers on a velvet cushion. Crowns of all sizes will, of course, be a prominent feature, not only in flowers, but in everything worn or seen.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* states that Mr. Gordon Bennett's yacht, the *Namouna*, passed through the Suez Canal on the night of January 29 in 13 hours 52 minutes. It had the electric light, and, being a yacht, was exempt from the rule limiting the speed to 16 kilometres an hour. This rule makes 16 hours the minimum time for ordinary vessels, and passages of seventeen hours with the electric light are now frequently made.

The ocean race of the yachts *Coronet* and *Dauntless*, which left New York less than three weeks since, has been won by the *Coronet*, her actual time from New York to Queenstown having been 14 days, 23 hours, 34 minutes and 46 seconds, while that of the *Dauntless* was 16 days, 1 hour, 43 minutes and 13 seconds. The captains in charge report exceedingly stormy weather throughout, high winds and heavy seas having prevailed for eleven days. The best day's run made by the *Coronet* was 291.5, while that of the *Dauntless*, which is the best on record, was 328 miles.

PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW.

The proceedings of the Local Legislature during the past week have been greatly lacking in features of general interest.

A large number of petitions covering a wide range of subjects and of private and local bills, were introduced.

On Wednesday Mr. Hearn moved the second reading of the bill introduced previously by him, to amend the License Act of 1886. The bill proposed amendment in two particulars. 1st, To permit the issuing of saloon licenses; and 2nd, to allow the several municipalities granting licenses to fix the amount of the fees to be exacted within certain limits. The motion being seconded by the Hon. Prov. Sec'y., a lengthy discussion ensued—not of the bill particularly, but of temperance and temperance legislation in general.

Mr. Gayton moved the three months hoist in amendment, which was carried by a vote of 30 against 2.

On the same day the Hon. Prov. Sec'y. introduced a bill to amend the laws relating to public instruction, so as to limit the annual government expenditure for common schools and academies in the future to the amount—\$210,000—expended last year. Though everyone would regret to see our school system hampered for want of money, it is evident that, in view of the state of the provincial finances, a limit must be drawn somewhere, and as our requirements increase, any more money that may be needed, should be procured from some other source than the provincial chest.

On Thursday and Friday the "Sheriffs' Bill" and that relating to the conduct of criminal prosecutions, were passed through their final stages.

On motion of Mr. Rand, it was unanimously agreed to appoint a special committee to inquire into the present condition of the laws relating to dyked marshes and their sewerage. The following committee was appointed: Messrs. Kaud, Andrews, Haley, Laurence, T. R. Black, Weeks, and R. L. Black.

On Saturday—the House having taken the usual recess till Monday—the Committee on Humane Institutions, with a number of other members and some outside gentlemen, made the usual annual inspection visit to Mount Hope Insane Asylum.

The Hon. Com'r. of Works and Mines, by command, laid on the table reports for the past year of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, and of the Insane Asylum. Both institutions appear to have made satisfactory progress during the year.

On Monday the Hon. Prov. Sec'y. moved the second reading of the bill for limiting the future expenditure by the government on public schools of the province to the amount expended last year. This bill has apparently been fixed upon by the opposition as affording a good basis for the debate of the session, and the sittings of the House have been mainly taken up with it since then. A good many speeches have been made by members—most of them commonplace and dull, though a very few have been quite brilliant.

The Hon. Mr. Church introduced on Tuesday a bill to facilitate the collection of debts due the Province of Nova Scotia. Its main purpose is to bring some pressure to bear upon the various municipalities of the province to cause them to pay claims due for the maintenance of patients in the hospital for the insane, which amount in the aggregate to \$104,556.

The Hon. Atty. Gen., as a private member, introduced a bill in respect to the organization of the County Courts. He stated that he brought it in at the request of two judges of County Courts. It passed its first and second readings, and was referred to the Committee on Law Amendments. It is an amendment to chapter 105, R. S.

Mr. McColl asked the government to lay on the table a return of the revenues of the various municipal councils for 1885 and 1886.

Mr. Cameron asked the government to lay on the table a return showing the number of patients treated at the hospital during the past year, and other information regarding that institution.

On motion of Mr. Langlois, (Atty. Gen.) the memorial of the W. C. T. U., on the subject of juvenile offenders, was referred to the Committee on Humane Institutions.

To the Electors of Ward 1.

GENTLEMEN—The term for which you did me the honor to elect me as your representative in the City Council has a most expired. My term has been fruitful of many reforms in civil government, and many improvements in city works and property. The limited revenue controlled by the Council has been honestly and carefully expended. Ward One has, in every instance, received its due proportion of civic expenditures, so that to-day it is in a condition of its streets, lights and parks.

The project of constructing a City Hall, becoming the city, upon the Grand Parade, the scheme for the promotion of high education within the city by the purchase of the Dalhousie lot, thereby securing the location of the college in the western portion of our own ward, have both received my hearty support. The extension of the Horse Railway throughout the ward beyond its present terminus, for the better accommodation of the residents, and the proposal to construct a more improved means of transit from Queen and Green streets to Victoria Park, are matters of personal interest to every elector. These projects I deserve the wise consideration and judicious support of the City Council, to the end that the reasonable expectations of our citizens with regard to the same may be fully realized.

Many influential electors of the Ward have kindly expressed their approval of my past record as their representative, and have done me the honor of requesting that I should place myself in nomination as a candidate for re-election. I have acceded to their request. I feel that in justice to certain measures of civil reform and improvement, which are as yet incomplete; and in deference to the wishes of those who, unsolicited, have expressed their confidence in me, I could not decline. I pledge myself that if elected as your representative my future conduct will be on a line with my conduct in the past, except only that a renewal of your confidence will constitute an obligation for greater diligence in carrying out the projects above indicated, and for greater zeal in the performance of the duties devolving upon me as your representative. I am, gentlemen,

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