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THE FAST ATLANTIC MAIL.

A NUMBER OF MEMBERS NAME CANADIAN WINTER PORTS.

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OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—When the House adjourned last night it was expected that today would be devoted to considering the supplementary estimates for the current year, but the greater part of the afternoon was taken up with a discussion of the winter port and fast Atlantic mail questions, and the ventilation of a personal grievance by Mr. Prior of Victoria, and it was nearly 5 o'clock before the House got into Committee of Supply.

On the motion to go into Committee of Supply, Mr. Kennedy of Halifax read a telegram from a friend in that city stating that the mail steamer had taken 12 days and 21 minutes to make the trip to Halifax. Mr. Kennedy called attention to the fact that this was at the rate of only seven miles an hour, and strongly advocated the establishment of a fast Atlantic service. He complained that the vessels now carrying the Canadian mails only stopped a few hours at Halifax and made all their disbursements in Portland.

Sir John Thompson thought that the steamer must have met with a mishap, but the matter would be required into. As to a fast Atlantic service the Government quite agreed with the member for Halifax (Kennedy) as to its desirability.

Hon. Mr. Laurier said it was five or six years since the Minister of Finance had promised a fast service in a short time, but so far nothing had been done. He had heard that there were strong objections to a fast service on account of the dangers of navigation. He would like to hear what the member for Halifax had to say about that.

Mr. Kennedy: I do not exactly know what route the leader of the Opposition refers to. Hon. Mr. Laurier: I refer to the St. Lawrence route.

Mr. Kennedy said he should imagine there were difficulties connected with the St. Lawrence route which did not exist at Halifax.

Mr. Laurier advanced the claim of St. John as the winter port of the Dominion.

Mr. Forbes spoke in favor of Louisbourg. Hon. John Hearn advanced the claims of Quebec.

Mr. Gilmour suggested St. Andrews as the best port.

Mr. Flint put in a good word for Shelburne.

After a few remarks the matter dropped.

The Victoria Colonist.

Mr. Prior read from The Victoria Colonist an account of an interview between its Ottawa correspondent and Hon. C. H. Tupper, in which the latter challenged the veracity of the two members from Victoria with reference to the condition of the hospital at that place. He strongly protested against the statement made by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

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ANOTHER PLUTOCRAT SHOT.

JOHN W. MACKAY, THE CABLE AND MINING MAN.

The wound is not fatal—His assailant then attempted suicide by shooting himself over the head—An old grievance dating back to mining days said to be the cause.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—John W. Mackay, the famous capitalist, was shot this afternoon at the Lick House in this city by an old man named Rippi, aged about 73 years.

Mr. Mackay was standing in the paved court in the rear of the Lick House, and was fired at without a moment's warning by Rippi.

He fired one shot at Mackay, the bullet entering his back and then shot himself over the head.

Mackay was at once placed in a carriage and driven away. His wound is not fatal. Rippi was removed to the receiving hospital, but as long as he is in the city he will be kept under guard.

Rippi, it is now stated, had a grievance against Mackay, dating back to mining days, and sought in this manner to kill him.

The Details.

A white-haired man was noticed walking around Sutter street, acting very nervously during the early portion of the morning, throwing his hand back towards his hip pocket.

After firing the shot, the would-be murderer supplemented his crime by turning the pistol on himself and firing a shot into his own body. The self-inflicted wound was serious, but as long as he is in the city he will be kept under guard.

He then threw up his hands, exclaiming: "My God, I am satisfied. Behind his back, and some one has killed him. As he drew his hand out it was covered with blood, and he exclaimed to one of his friends that the shot had taken effect in the middle of his back.

Mr. Mackay was placed in a buggy and taken to the Palace Hotel, where medical assistance was rendered him.

Mr. Mackay's statement.

Mr. Mackay made the following statement: "I was walking down Sutter street, looking for my room to pack my valise, as I intended to go to Virginia City this afternoon. When I reached the middle of the street I thought it would be a short cut to the hotel. I had hardly taken two steps when I heard a shot. I don't know who shot at me, but I heard a pistol shot. I paused for a moment, startled, for I had not seen anyone. I then hurried on, and looking up I saw the gentleman who brought me to my room. 'No, I am not shot,' I replied. 'Yes, you are,' he insisted. 'For I saw you shoot your own car when the bullet struck you.'"

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The Property Committee's Estimate as to What the Proposed Changes at the Schools Will Cost.

The Property Committee of the School Board met yesterday, with Mr. W. W. Hodgson in the chair, for the purpose of recommending through the School Management Committee to the board the probable cost of additions to schools.

All the members were present. After some discussion they recommended as follows:

An expenditure of \$3000 for the completion of Leslie-street school.

\$10,500 for adding four rooms to Bolton-street school.

\$11,000 for the addition of six rooms to Givens-street school.

\$2000 to change the heating apparatus of that school.

It was recommended, on motion of Dr. Gullen and Mr. Lee, that temporary rooms be procured to relieve the overcrowded state of Givens-street school.

The committee decided to send on to the board the report of the superintendent of schools, and to recommend that the cost of adding to the Fern-avenue school be \$10,000 to erect an eight-roomed school, \$14,500 if an eight-roomed building be erected, but only four rooms completed, and \$10,000 to erect a four-roomed school.

It was resolved to ask for \$800 for new blackboards. Dr. Thompson's motion to have the amount reduced to \$500 being lost. It was also decided to ask for \$18,000 for general repairs.

FRANCE AT THE ALBANY CLUB.

Two Conservative members sitting a dispute at lunch time, no ambulance nor surgeon required, but four pieces of cutlery were necessary to render the combatants fit to return to business.

Great excitement among those present and a benefit for China Hall. Mr. Gullen and Mr. Lee, who are both members of the club, have there and then settled their challenge. Amusing in the extreme.

Mr. G. to Mr. M.: You are a braggado. Mr. M.: What do you mean by that? Dr. G.: I mean to give you a well-deserved lesson.

Mr. M. (in a hasty manner): Explain yourself. I want to know the meaning of that.

Mr. G.: It is a Parliamentary expression. Sir, I am a Conservative member of the Albany Club, and I don't profess to do anything but to read the debates of Parliament in my own time.

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