

OTTAWA LETTER.

The Amended Interest Act Passed by the Senate—Other Features of Legislation.

When Sir Oliver Mowat introduced his bill regarding the limitation of rates of interest to be charged, there was a great many objections offered from many quarters, and in consequence when the measure was under consideration by the committee of the Senate, Sir Oliver Mowat said instead of making the rate of interest eight per cent., he would move that in all cases where the rate of interest was calculated by any period less than a year, not more than six per cent. per annum should be legal, unless the annual equivalent rate be stated on the face of the document.

Sir Oliver Mowat's bill respecting interest, originally read: Whereas, a practice has obtained of charging exorbitant rates of interest to needy or ignorant borrowers, sometimes as much as 185 per cent. per annum, and whereas, it is desirable that the protection of the law should be extended to necessitous borrowers; Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

THE BILL AS AMENDED.

1. This act may be cited as the Interest Act, 1897.
 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes of Canada, the rate of interest reserved or payable on bonds, promissory notes, bills and contracts of every kind shall not exceed eight per cent. per annum, and no promise or agreement to pay a higher rate of interest shall be valid.
 3. If an action hereafter brought on a bond, promissory note, bill or contract of any kind it appears that payments have been made thereon on account of interest in excess of eight per cent. per annum, the judge may in his discretion treat such excessive payments or any part thereof as payments on account of principal and render judgment accordingly.
 4. This act applies to instruments and agreements heretofore as well as heretofore executed or made, but the second section shall not apply to any payment made before the passing of this Act.
- The following is the text of Sir Oliver Mowat's Act to regulate interest as amended:
- Clause 1. This Act may be cited as the Act respecting Interest, 1897.
- Clause 2. Whenever any interest is, by the terms of any contract, whether under seal or not, made payable at a rate of percentage per day, week, month or at any rate or percentage for any period less than a year, no interest exceeding the rate or percentage of six per cent. per annum shall be chargeable, payable or recoverable on any part of the principal money unless the contract contains a statement showing truly the per annum rate or percentage of interest to which such other rate or percentage is equivalent.
- Clause 3. If any sum is paid on account of any interest not chargeable, payable or recoverable under the last preceding section, such sum may be recovered back or deducted from any principal or interest payable under such interest.

FINANCIER'S CRITICISM.

Senator Drummond said he was glad to see the alteration. The proposed amendment would remove the larger portion of the objections to the act. It was difficult to fix a limit. If one were mentioned it would sound extortionate and monstrous, though usury was not, as far as he knew, resorted to by the banks at all. He endorsed the object of the bill.

Sir Oliver Mowat's proposal of the Minister of Justice. A similar amendment in regard to mortgages had worked satisfactorily.

The bill was amended as suggested, and the committee rose and reported progress.

CANADIAN FISHERIES.

The annual report of the Dominion Minister of Fisheries for the year 1896 has just been issued. While the salt water inshore area, not including minor indentations, covers more than 1,500 square miles, the fresh-water area of that part of the great lakes belonging to Canada is computed at 72,700 square miles, not including the numerous lakes of Manitoba and the territories, all stocked with excellent species of food fish. For the year the value of the Canadian fisheries is computed at \$20,199,338, a decrease of more than half a million dollars as compared with the preceding year. With the exception of British Columbia, showing a surplus of nearly half a million dollars, and New Brunswick, which shows a slight increase, all the other Provinces of the Dominion have yielded less than last year. This does not include the fish consumed by the Indian population of British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, estimated at more than \$2,000,000 worth. Between the years 1889 and 1895 the five principal commercial fisheries have yielded as follows:

	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
Salmon	\$3,732,717	\$505,278	\$515,712	\$515,712	\$515,712	\$515,712	\$515,712
Herring	5,338,519	220,786	220,786	220,786	220,786	220,786	220,786
Loosefish	2,210,988	140,536	140,536	140,536	140,536	140,536	140,536
Whitefish	767,307	112,243	112,243	112,243	112,243	112,243	112,243
Mackinac	702,865	172,215	172,215	172,215	172,215	172,215	172,215
Trout	451,108	65,538	65,538	65,538	65,538	65,538	65,538
Smelt	444,703	71,844	71,844	71,844	71,844	71,844	71,844
Salmon	225,492	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680
Sardines	303,266	15,799	15,799	15,799	15,799	15,799	15,799
Halibut	278,901	16,749	16,749	16,749	16,749	16,749	16,749

The following table shows the relative values of the principal kinds of commercial fishes for the year, including their increase or decrease in comparison with the preceding year:

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For the first time salmon has surpassed in the graduated table the cod. While the value of the latter has declined by over half a million dollars, the value of the former has increased by about the same amount. Other impor-

tant fluctuations are the large increase in herring and sardines and the falling off in mackerel and lobsters.

THE PAPAL DELEGATE.

Mgr. Merry del Val left for St. Bonifacio, Man., on Thursday. He was accompanied by his private secretary, the Rev. Father Tampieri, and valet. A private car was sent from Montreal by the C.P.R. to convey him on his journey across the continent. It is said that he will remain in Manitoba until June 20, and then return here, after which he will proceed to Rome. During his visit to the North-West his time will be entirely spent in completing his mission, as he has already had to refuse several invitations to be present at various places, among the number one from Prince Albert asking him to witness, on June 17, the consecration of the new coadjutor bishop of that place.

THE PILOT'S BILL.

The Private Bills Committee had the Pilot's bill before it last week. The bill was passed after being amended. The clauses making collectors of customs collectors of pilotage fees, and prohibiting the granting of clearance papers unless the fees have been paid, were strenuously opposed and were struck out. The customs officers, however, can act if they see fit. The clause exempting the corporation from responsibility for damages arising from the action of a pilot or his neglect was opposed by Mr. Penny and Mr. Henry Allan on behalf of the ship owners, but it was finally passed. All the clauses of the bill which can be covered by by-laws of the corporation were struck out. The power to appoint pilots exclusively by the corporation was struck out. The corporation will have merely the power to admit pilots and apprentice pilots within the pilotage district of Montreal. This would mean that the Harbor Commissioners will still have power to make appointments.

The special committee appointed to arrange the programme of festivities for the Jubilee celebration held a meeting last week and drafted the following programme. Sheriff Sweetland occupied the chair.

- 8 a.m. ringing of bells.
 - 8.15 a.m. procession of the St. Jean Baptiste society in which all citizens are to be requested to participate.
 - 10 a.m. school children's parade and demonstration on Parliament hill.
 - 11 a.m. review of the militia.
 - 12.30 p.m. firing of a royal salute.
 - 2.30 p.m. lacrosse match.
 - 7.30 p.m. fancy dress bicycle parade concluding at Lansdowne park.
 - 8 p.m. fireworks, dancing, musicale, etc., at Lansdowne park.
- Everything will be free to the public with the exception of the lacrosse match in the afternoon.
- The money to carry out the celebration is voted from public funds and it is intended to make it a citizens demonstration in every respect. The cost will amount to \$5000, of which \$2000 has already been voted by the City Council.
- It is proposed in connection with the musicale at the park to have a chorus of one hundred voices to render special patriotic music. An appropriation of \$100 will be recommended so that it can be arranged for without trouble. All the bands in the city will be engaged and will be stationed in different parts of the park.
- It is proposed to give \$250 each to the G. G. F. G. and 43rd battalion and \$75 each to the Dragoons and Battery. For fireworks \$500 will be appropriated and \$850 for music.

OTTAWA, June 2.—Bishop Hamilton, in his address to the Anglican Synod, has emphasized the necessity of great care in celebrating marriages. He says: "The clergy are most solemnly reminded that marriage can only be broken by death, and warned to enquire into all the circumstances of those who come to be married, as the license which the parties may bring from the State is no longer a safe defence for the clergy, seeing that the State allows marriages which the church has never sanctioned. Marriages should not be celebrated in private houses, but always in the church. The contracting parties should be urged to have their banns pronounced in the church for three Sundays before the marriage, that all secrecy may be avoided. The thing above all others to be avoided in marriages is secrecy."

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS.

ANNUAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY NEXT IN THIS CITY.

The annual convention of the Catholic Foresters has been arranged to take place in Montreal on Sunday next, June 13th. The Riendeau and Richelieu Hotels have been secured as headquarters and it is expected at least a thousand members of the organization will assist at the gathering. A review will take place on the Champ de Mars on the Monday morning following, after which the delegates and local members will march to St. James Cathedral, where Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated. In the evening a grand banquet will be held.

THE QUEEN'S HOTEL.

NOW UNDER A NEW MANAGEMENT.

The Queen's Hotel, which occupies a splendid site, and in close proximity to the G.T.R. station, on St. James street, has passed into the hands of a new management.

Mr. C. N. Vallée, a man of great experience in conducting hotels, is the new lessee, and he has been fortunate in securing the services of such an able and experienced manager as Mr. George Fuchs, for many years connected with the Windsor Hotel. The Queen's should do a large business during the present season.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Hart and family will leave for Europe on Saturday the 26th inst.

A number of friends and acquaintances assembled at the Windsor Hotel on Monday evening last, and entertained Mr. Michael Fitzgibbon, the well known Irish Catholic merchant of Victoria Square, to dinner, previous to his departure on his regular annual tour to Europe on business. Mr. Fitzgibbon was also made the recipient of a handsome scarf pin. He sails from New York to-day.

MRS. SADLER TESTIMONIAL.

Subscriptions may be addressed to the chairman, Sir William Hingston, M.D., Montreal, P.Q.; the secretary, Mr. Justice Curran, Montreal, P.Q. or to the treasurer, Mr. Michael Burke, 275 Mountain street, Montreal, P.Q.

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Rev. David Henessey, C.R., St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Ky.	5 00
Richard O'Gaibtheachain, Montreal	10 00
Mrs. M. Fitzgibbon, Montreal	10 00
Judge Purcell, Montreal	10 00
John P. Howard, Ottawa	4 00
Right Rev. M. Tierney, D.D., Hartford, Conn.	25 00
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Rev. William O'Meara, F.F., St. Gabriel's, Montreal	5 00
Rev. F. J. Maguire, L.L.D., Albany, N.Y.	5 00
Miss Harkins, Montreal	5 00
Very Rev. Dean Harris, St. Catharines, Ont.	5 00
M. Mullin, 37 Papineau Square	25 00
A Friend, Montreal	1 00
Rev. P. F. O'Donnell, P.P., St. Mary's, Montreal	10 00
J. L. Stillwater, Minn.	1 00
P. King, Montreal	1 00
Rev. John Reynolds, St. Ann's Rectory, Brooklyn, N.Y.	5 00
B. McNally, Montreal	5 00
J. J. Lanning, Montreal	5 00
Michael Guerin, Montreal	10 00
Thomas Coffey, London, Ont.	5 00
Rev. Edward Twohey, St. Joseph's Retreat, Station D, Baltimore, Md.	2 00
Rev. John Oatulle, Rector of the Redemptorist Fathers, St. Ann's Church, Montreal	10 00

Mr. Thomas Coffey, of the Catholic Record of London, Ont., is not only a generous subscriber to the fund, but is also placing his valuable newspaper columns at the disposal of the committee.

Writing to Judge Curran, he says: "The Irish people owe much to that noble lady, Mrs. Sadler, and they should now, most assuredly, show that ingratitude is not a trait of the Irish character. Will with pleasure, insert the list of subscribers in the Record."

ST. ANN'S R. C. RECTORY,
Front and Gold Streets,
BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 28, '97

The Hon. Sir W. HINGSTON:

Hon. Sir,—You and the gentlemen associated with you, in the work of presenting a testimonial to Mrs. Sadler, have displayed a noble spirit. I entirely agree with the resolutions adopted at your meeting held at St. Patrick's Presbytery, Jan. 28th. Accordingly I enclose my mite of five dollars, regretting that circumstances, just now, do not permit me to make it more. Wishing the movement success,

Truly yours,
JNO. REYNOLDS,
Curate.

The Hon. Sir W. HINGSTON.

DOINGS IN NEW YORK.

MAYOR FOR GREATER NEW YORK.

The election of a Mayor for Greater New York is awakening a great deal of enthusiasm and criticism in the different political organizations. The Young Democracy of the Greater New York held another meeting at Grenada Hall, in Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, on Thursday, Frank A. Milroe presided. Hy. Nichols said that, unfortunately, a majority of the people voted last fall for no prosperity. The Chicago platform really meant prosperity. Those who voted against it were not apologizing for doing so.

"You don't find any Bryan men apologizing," he said, "and no real Democrat is ashamed of voting for Bryan."

Mr. Nichols said now that a victory was certain in the election of a Mayor for the Greater New York the men who had repudiated the Chicago platform wanted to lead the Democracy.

"But," said Mr. Nichols, "our great leader has said 'there shall be no compromise.'"

William C. Whitney and Roswell P. Flower are now opposing us and trying to prevent the Democratic party from sustaining its own platform adopted at Chicago. It seems to me to be a piece of sublime impudence," said Mr. Nichols.

Alfred J. Wolf said the labor organizations had studied the Chicago platform, and were now with the true Democracy. The platform adopted at Chicago was the first Democratic platform ever adopted by a Democratic Convention. The silver issue of 16 to 1 was the first club that he had ever received to beat out the brains of monopoly and special privileges.

CATHOLIC BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

About a year ago a Catholic Boys' Association was founded, in New York, by several young gentlemen, under the guidance and with the assistance of the Rev. Father Van Rensselaer, S.J. The object was to provide a place of recreation and amusement where working boys could spend their evenings under proper guidance, thus keeping them off the street. Rooms were first opened in West Thirtieth street, but after some months the association moved to its present quarters. Here two large apartments have been fitted up with a gymnasium, a reading-room, a game-room and a drill hall.

To raise funds for the extension of its work, which are very much needed, the association has arranged for a lecture at the Grand Central Palace, Lexington Avenue and Forty-third street. General James R. O'Beirne will speak on "Ireland in America's Struggle." Mayor Strong will preside, and an address will be given by Bishop Farley. Music will be furnished by the band of the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin.

The Hon. Wilfrid Laurier and Madame Laurier, accompanied by Captain, Mrs. and Miss Bate, Mr. Boudreau, secretary, with Peter Connolly in attendance, embarked on the Lucania on Saturday.

The Premier, who arrived in New York on Friday, spent the day at the Waldorf.

Sir Samuel Henry Strong, Chief Justice of Canada, also sailed for Liverpool on the Lucania.

Among the other passengers were Bishop Thomas Underwood Dudley, of Kentucky; Bishop George Worthington, of Nebraska; Bishop W. A. Leonard, of Ohio; Bishop Williams Stevens Perry.

FIRE IN A PENITENTIARY.

PUT OUT BY CONVICTS RELEASED FOR THE PURPOSE.

A despatch from Leavenworth, Kans., says:—Fire broke out in the state penitentiary at Lansing, on Friday night, and soon the 1,000 men held within the

Good Blood.

Is essential to health. Every nook and corner of the system is reached by the blood, and on its quality the condition of every organ depends. Good blood means strong nerves, good digestion, robust health. Impure blood means scrofula, dyspepsia, rheumatism, catarrh or other diseases. The surest way to have good blood is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine purifies, vitalizes, and enriches the blood, and sends the elements of health and strength to every nerve, organ and tissue. It creates a good appetite, gives refreshing sleep, and cures that tired feeling. Remember,

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Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

of Iowa, and Bishop Boyd Vincent, of southern Ohio, all bound for the congress of bishops at Lambeth, and incidentally to attend the Queen's jubilee.

IRISH CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE.

To St. Anne de Beaupre and Cap Madeleine.

Under the Direction of the Redemptorist Fathers of St. Ann's, Saturday, July 10th.

The annual pilgrimage of the ladies and children of St. Ann's parish to St. Anne de Beaupre will take place on Saturday, July 10th, under the direction of the Rev. Father Strube, CSS R., and several other priests of the parish. For a period of fifteen years it has been customary for the parishioners of St. Ann's to visit the great shrine. This year the pilgrims will have the opportunity of also stopping for a short time at the well known shrine of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary at Cap Madeleine.

This is an opportunity which the ladies should take advantage of, as the Rev. Father Strube is well known throughout Montreal as one of the most successful in conducting such undertakings. Every precaution is taken to provide for the safety and comfort of the pilgrims. A pilgrimage for men only will be held three weeks later. The price of the tickets, \$2.10 for adults and \$1.00 for children, places the trip within the reach of all. Tickets and accommodations can be secured at the St. Ann's presbytery. Those intending to avail themselves of the trip should lose no time in making their arrangements, as the accommodations are usually disposed of very quickly. Further particulars in regard to the matter will be found in the advertising columns of this issue.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE.

OF THE IRISH SISTERHOOD OF THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS.

The Irish Sisterhood of the Third Order of St. Francis, of this city, will hold their annual pilgrimage to the famous shrine of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary at Cap de la Madeleine, on Saturday next. It is expected that a large number will assist at the pilgrimage, which is one of the most successful of the year. Elsewhere in this issue will be found full particulars of the hours of departure of the steamer, Three Rivers, and other information.

FIRST COMMUNION AT LOYOLA COLLEGE.

Thursday last, Loyola College, corner of St. Catherine and Bleury streets, was the scene of one of the most impressive ceremonies yet witnessed within its walls, when twenty young students received Holy Communion for the first time.

Shortly before eight o'clock the pretty chapel of the College began to fill with worshippers anxious to assist at the Mass, which was celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Macdonnell of Alexandria who afterwards administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to the young communicants. His Lordship was assisted by Rev. Father Filiatrault, Superior of the Jesuits, and Rev. Father Turgeon, Rector of St. Mary's College, as deacon and sub-deacon. Hundreds of tapers illuminated the altars and a profusion of cut flowers and rare plants mingled their perfumes as a fitting accompaniment to the simple prayers of the children's hearts. Throughout the service splendid singing was rendered under the direction of the College choir-master, Rev. Father Turgeon, during the course of the service, delivered a touching discourse.

After Mass breakfast was served in the College parlors, the guests being made to feel quite at home by the genial courtesy of the Rector, Rev. Father O'Bryan, and his assistant, Rev. Father Kavanagh.

THE GAZETTE'S JUBILEE NUMBER.

We have pleasure in congratulating the Gazette Printing Company on their handsome and instructive Jubilee Number. The general outlines of Queen Victoria's reign are full of interesting information and are written in a style worthy of the names of the contributors. The record of Canada's progress and of the strides of improvement in every branch of Montreal's business is complete in all its details and an admirable showing. The Gazette Saturday Supplement is always desirable, but this Jubilee Number is a treasure, and its cover marks a new stage in journalistic illustration.

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