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DOMINION HOUSE.

Business Is Being Hurried Forward With a View to Early Prorogation. A Large Variety of Interesting Questions Dealt With at This Sitting of the House.

Quebec, May 8.—Yesterday was probably the last private members' day in the house as, from the present outlook, business will be disposed of and prorogation reached not later than May 24, and it is likely that a motion will be made this evening to give government business precedence on Monday. At present every day on Monday is devoted to government business.

The opposition were in quite an irritable mood. Mr. Foster asked about the writ for Bagot. The prime minister replied by asking another question: "Does my honorable friend think it advisable that a bye-election should be held on lists four years old?"

Mr. Foster had little hesitation in saying that the lists were no older in Bagot than in West Prince and he should be made, why the matter rested here and it was evident from the intimation of the premier that the government desired to hold the election the day after the death of Mr. Dupont's death on lists made up under the new franchise act.

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Opinion of the Minister of Justice Expressed on an Interprising Interview.

He Declares Canada Has Many Reasons for Sympathizing With the States.

Ottawa, May 8.—The Hon. David Mills, minister of justice and leader of the Canadian senate, was asked by your correspondent for an opinion in regard to the war between Spain and the United States.

"The people of Canada," said Mr. Mills, "sympathize with their neighbors across the boundary. They are in a large measure of the same race, speaking the same language, and having their roots in the same literature. It is not surprising, then, that the people of Canada should be disposed to sympathize with the United States in any contest they might have with Spain."

"But for what purpose is the war undertaken on the part of the United States?" asked your correspondent.

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Five Lighthouses To Be Erected—Dangerous Rocks Discovered—First Treasure Ship.

Athenian Sails for Alaskan Points—Warrimoo Departs—Other Shipping News.

After a short cruise in northern waters the Dominion steamer Quadra returned to port yesterday afternoon. When she left Wrangell the Skitine river was reported to be open, but owing to the low stage of the water it was not navigable.

Four stern wheel steamers were lying at Wrangell awaiting the opening of navigation, the courses, Warrimoo, and the Crista and Louise. Four other stern wheelers were met bound northward—the Caledonia, in Millbank Sound; the Hamlet, leaving Safety Cove, and the Ogilvie off Cape Mudge. Col. W. Anderson, chief engineer of the department of marine and fisheries, and the agent, Capt. Gaudin, went north on the Quadra and selected the sites for five new lighthouses to be erected at once.

One will be placed on "The Sisters," one on Cape Mudge, one on Egbert Island, one on Queen Charlotte Sound, one on Fiddle reef in Oak Bay, and one in the Burrard inlet narrows. The men and materials for the east and west ends of Laura passage and will report to the department concerning the need of lights there.

During the following days the navigation was placed: A large can buoy with black and red horizontal stripes on Ripple rock near Helmchen island in Brighton straits; a large diamond buoy, surmounted by a cone, on Dull Patch, Millbank Sound, replacing the spar buoy; and a black can buoy on Hewitt rock in Herby's narrows. The Quadra also visited Kitimat and Alice arms, discovering two very dangerous shoals in the latter place. The rocks were fixed by sextant and examined. The one is in the centre of the passage and has seven feet of water at low tide, the other with 40 fathoms and no bottom in the immediate vicinity. The other is in the passage between Lidde island and the nearest mainland point, a distance of 100 feet of water on this rock, the existence of which reduces the channels to a little over a cable in breadth. The weather was fine throughout the cruise.

The river steamer Victorian, one of the Canadian Dominion Co. Skitine steamers, had her trial trip this morning. She is a typical river boat and a first class vessel for the business. She is 147 feet long, 33 feet 4 inches on the beam, and has a registered tonnage of 450 tons and a draught of about 17 inches.

The first of the fleet of vessels, which will bring back the miners and their rigs from St. Michaels this season will be the steamer Brixham, which sailed from the Sound on Tuesday for St. Michaels laden with passengers, who will await the opening of navigation at the Yukon's mouth and go up the river on a small river steamer which the Brixham took up in tow. Owing to the state of our now existing the Brixham is provided with several rapid-firing guns.

Canadian-Australian liner Warrimoo sailed this morning for Honolulu, Suva, Wellington and Sydney with a small complement of passengers, the waving apparently caused a falling off in ocean travel. She had scarcely any freight, and but three passengers from this port.

According to the Sound newspapers, it is quite likely that the steamer North Pacific will continue on the Victoria-Seattle route, being put on in opposition to the Kingston, and running on the old time card of the Roseau.

The new steam freighter being built at Lee's saw mill for Captain Prince will be launched to-morrow afternoon. She is 110 feet long, 22 feet on the beam and capable of carrying about 275 tons of freight.

C.P.R. steamer Athenian left for Wrangell, Juneau, and Skitine this afternoon with about 150 passengers on board, and a large amount of general freight.

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One hundred and fifty were killed and 90 wounded on the Reina Christina. Admiral Montojo's flagship. Five were killed and 20 wounded on the Don Juan de Austria. Four were killed and 50 wounded on the Don Carlos.

Don Carlos Interviewed. Brussels, May 10.—Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, in the course of a long interview, said:

"When I left Venice, about the middle of April, I had in contemplation a desperate and unquestionably hazardous enterprise, unlikely, perhaps, to further my own dynasty's interests, but sure to cure the hand of the cowardly officials, who are shrinking from upholding the integrity of the Spanish dominions. The declaration of war gave me pause, for myself imperatively constrained to wait events. Up to the present they have proved disastrous. Incidents in Cuba and Manila have revealed a general defenceless, vigilant administration. The prevalent substitution of personal for national interests, the corruption forced by party government, the generosity voted millions were diverted from the fulfilment of their patriotic purposes to the pockets of fraudulent contractors and dishonest state employees, the disorder, peculation and mendacity in every part of the public service.

"The Queen Regent has been a mere puppet in the hands of incompetent, self-seeking ministers, blindly countenancing the ruling solicitations of the European powers, even did hope for mediation between aggressor and aggressed. She has proved herself a fond mother, but a feeble queen.

"The Spaniards, too, the extremity of their peril, resented and justly blame her for appealing to the people to sustain the Alfontist dynasty instead of national honor. Being a foreigner, she failed to understand the Spanish character and conducted a wrong note. She should have exhorted Spaniards rally round Spain, and round Alfonso, not her only son, but the country of her adoption, which should have been her first consideration.

"As to the interfering troops, I am in behalf of the powers involved by her at the instance of her weak-kneed advisors, had it been provided in previous treaties under conditions that there was no true Spanish patriot who would have welcomed it with fervent joy, but to solicit it with a humiliating entreaty at the hands of our nation, is not compatible with our national honor."

Senator Sagasta Interviewed. London, May 10.—The Madrid correspondent of the Morning Post, in a long interview with Senator Sagasta, the premier, in the course of which the Spanish statesman said:

"The sad events at Manila have saddened the Spaniards, but have not maimed their hearts. We can say in confidence that the saddest nothing has occurred to wound our pride. Much has been said regarding the causes of the catastrophe, but any blame should be laid on the Spaniards. The truth is we were too few and overwhelmed by a great superiority of the enemy. Our political situation at the time was such that we were unable to do so. There is one Japanese warship at Manila.

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