

## The Dominion Parliament.

The fourth session of the fourth Parliament of the Dominion opened on Thursday last with the customary formalities. The speech from the throne was read by his Excellency as usual, first in English and afterward in French. Gratitude for good harvest, increasing trade and manufacturing prosperity, regret for the assassination of President Garfield, references to the Western tour, made up the retrospective part. Progress was reported on Canadian Pacific; the completion of the Welland Canal was announced, as was the fact that a line of steamers was plying between Canada and Brazil. The Civil Service Commission would be submitted, as would the report of a commission appointed to enquire into the question of factory labor and the best way to promote the comfort of the laborer and at the same time not injure the manufacturing interests. The surplus of over four millions had been partially applied to the redemption of Canadian debentures bearing 5 per cent, and partly to paying for public works chargeable to capital account. Six new members were introduced in the first batch by Sir John Macdonald and his friends and one by Hon. E. Blake. The leading members of the Opposition have been introduced through this Parliament providentially freed from the onerous duty of introducing many new members on their side of the House. The first piece of business of the Session was done by Mr. Longley, who presented a petition from the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, praying that no amendments be made in the Scott Act. The address in reply to his Excellency was moved by Mr. Bergeron, the youngest member of the House, and seconded by Mr. Guillet, of West Northumberland, the newest member.

HON. EDWARD BLAKE

congratulated the mover and second of the reply to the address. He was glad of the prosperity of the country, but did not attribute it to the National Policy. Government had set apart one day of the year for thanksgiving to God, and the remaining 364 for thanks to the Government. He was afraid that the Indian policy of the Government made the Indians dependent. He thought that the immigration to the West was mostly from the eastern provinces, and these provinces would feel the loss. The change of place with regard to the C. P. R. was not satisfactory. The work was to be done now in five years instead of ten and the subsidy paid out of the taxation of the country. The land regulations were not for the interests of bona fide settlers. As to the Brazil trade we could not do much until we had power to make commercial arrangements with foreign nations. He referred to Sir Leonard's bank circulars, and to the promises alleged to have been made by Ministers as to the reduction of tax. He congratulated Sir John on his restoration to health, though he could not hope to see him long in his present position, he hoped to see him in the House for many years.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD

said that the leader of the opposition had charged on the Government that this was the only day that they gave thanks to God. Mr. Blake seemed to begrudge that one day, and did not seem thankful even on that occasion. He agreed that the emigration of farmers from the older provinces to the North West was to be regretted. Those who left the older provinces, however, had not left their farms but had sold them. They were worked on a large scale and thereby improved. He defended his Indian administration. Mr. Blake might give warnings but he could not prevent the disappearance of buffalo, and the Indians, when this supply was gone had to be fed and taught to farm or they would starve. If they were hungry they would probably shoot the white man's ox, and the white man would shoot the Indian, and there would be war. The North-West lands were going to pay for the 25,000,000 subsidy to the syndicate and more than that. They would repay all the expenditure which the Eastern provinces had made for them. In reply to Mr. Blake's strictures, about there being no power to make commercial treaties he said England had consented in the event of a failure of the commercial treaty between England and France, Canada would be allowed to make its own commercial treaties with the French Republic.

DEPARTMENTAL RETURNS.

Sir Hector Langevin presented the annual report of Public Works. Hon. Mr. Caron presented the report of the Militia Department. Sir Leonard Tilley presented the Public Accounts and the report of the Auditor General.

Hon. McKenzie Bowell presented the Trade and Navigation returns and Report of the Inland Revenue, &c.

Each of these were received with loud applause.—The House adjourned.

On Monday routine business commenced. Reports were handed in from the various departments, various members asked questions of Government, which were promptly answered.

Mr. Blake asked that the reasons be given for the ministerial changes during the last year.

Mr. Macdonald does not attend the Grit Caucus.

On Feb. 14th Sir John in reply to Mr. Blake announced the changes that had been made.

Mr. Blake wanted the reasons for the changes. He disapproved of the

Minister of Justice being chosen from the Upper House. He quoted largely from Mr. McLellan's language with reference to Tupper and the Pictou Railroad, and wanted to know whether Hon. J. C. Pope's present connection with the Cabinet would continue any length of time. Sir John held that as the Minister of Justice was analogous to the British Lord Chancellor, it was appropriate that he should set in the Upper House.

Mr. Pope was utterly broken down. Hopes were entertained of his recovery, meanwhile, his duties were effectively performed by the acting Minister of Marine.

Sir Richard Cartwright attacked the Minister with a good deal of bitterness. He repeated the quotation of Mr. Blake read from a twenty year old speech of Mr. McLellan wherein Dr. Tupper was scolded for his action with reference to the Pictou Railway.

Sir Charles Tupper was not surprised that the gentleman of the opposition had gone back 16 years to rake up old campaign speeches. They did not dare to attack him as Minister of Canada. He had signed contracts for millions of dollars and so many of them were years ago. He had represented the same constituency for 27 years continuously, a county in which he was born and in which he was the best known. There was not a man among the other party who could say that. Their leader had gone seeking a constituency like Japhet looking for his father. Why not did they now bring up these old issues? He had fought them with Mr. Jones in 1878 and he had got 16 supporters out of 21. In Pictou, which was the county of choice, he had led the Ministerialists last summer and won a battle. He was glad to have McLellan, his old opponent, now with him. He was glad to have had Howe also. He challenged the Grit leaders one and all to meet him and discuss that old question or any other of the kind. He pointed his fingers at Mr. Cartwright, Mr. J. H. Pope, Mr. Anglin, Mr. Bowell, Mr. Mackenzie and several others spoke in sharp succession. If the House keeps at the heat of this first business day of the session there will be duels before May.

## The Surplus.

HOW PAID.

For the year ending July 1st, 1881, the revenue of Canada exceeded the expenditure by over four millions. It is true that the revenue was never so great as last year. It is not true that the people of Canada were ever so heavily taxed as last year. A people are heavily taxed when they feel the weight of taxation. When there is no money and no work then ten per cent. duty is hard to pay. When work is plentiful and a market is at hand for all products, there is no such hardship, but a heavier tax. There can be no doubt that, judging from the ability of the people to pay, the tax last year was much lighter than in any one year of Cartwright's regime.

## HOW USED.

This year we have expended over \$8,000,000 on capital account. Hitherto we have always borrowed money for this kind of work. This year we use our surplus partly to pay for these. By using three million dollars for this purpose we are forever free from a demand of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year, which sum we should have been obliged to pay for interest. There is one and a quarter million dollars with which we are paying off our debt, thus lessening the yearly demands on us by seventy-five thousand dollars more. It is something to do in one year, to lower our interest charge by two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars a year, forever, by one year's savings, and without our people feeling it more than they did when the interest was growing on them year by year.

The \$7,000,000 of aggregate debt, with the late Government, has been the present administration have cost the country from three to four hundred thousand dollars per annum ever since. The people of Canada are glad of the change of system.

## OPPOSED.

The disadvantage of a community having a newspaper run by an outside politician in his own interests is well illustrated by the opposition developed in the Transcript. The proposed local taxation to secure the Cape Railway here, is denounced as unreasonable and unjust by that organ. Just so. The loss of the Railway to Saskatchewan is of no consequence whatever, but for the people to place a tax on themselves which might possibly reflect on Sir A. J. Smith's do-nothing policy, is unjust and unreasonable.

We trust that the other patrons of that paper will (if they have not already done so) take some efficient means of preventing that sheet being used to the injury of the interests of this place. We do not care how many money Sir A. J. Smith puts into the concern, it has no right to live here, to claim local patronage and at the same time to stab at an undertaking so important to the material welfare of our people as this Railway.

ANYONE wishing his house or goods insured would do well to call on S. D. Scott, Agent for Commercial Union.

## PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

—The Kennedy family are singing in Philadelphia.

—Rev. Dr. Bennett came up last Sunday to preach at Rockland. He failed to get to Rockland, however, on account of the storm.

—Mr. Moody has had \$5,000 offered him by an Edinburgh gentleman toward the cost of erecting a building in Grass market for Gospel meetings.

—Mrs. Lewin, wife of Senator Lewin, died on Saturday last. She had long been ill of an incurable disease. Mrs. Lewin was a most amiable lady and was greatly esteemed by her friends.

—Oscar Wilde has formed a favorable opinion of the "colouring" of the spray at the Niagara Falls, but the outline of the Falls is not up to his standard of the beautiful.

—Barnum, the showman, is said to be worth three millions of dollars, and, although seventy-five years of age, is as brisk and busy as the average man of twenty-three. His house and grounds at Bridgeport, Conn., are the finest in that city.

—The list of sworn brokers in the city of London, which occupied seven of the advertisement columns of the London Times the other day, contains the name of the duke's younger son, Lord Walter Campbell, son of the Duke of Argyll, and brother of Lord Lorne. It will be remembered that Lord Walter accompanied the Governor General on his visit to Windsor two years ago.

—Mrs. Julia Jamieson, of Ontario, was married to a well-to-do Indian the other day. She is an Indian girl and about the cleverest one in Canada. She began to go to school 16 years ago, when she was six years old. Having graduated from the district school she attended at Brantford, and afterward the Canadian Literary Institute at Woodstock. She has been a teacher among her own people since she completed her studies.

—An authentic letter of George Washington's taking strong grounds against slavery in this country and expressing a fervent hope that it would soon be blotted out, is said to have been found among the papers of the late E. W. Stoughton. It was one of the original and unpublished letters of Washington. George kept a good many slaves of his own too. He was a patriot after the kind of "C. E. K." willing to ruin his own business for the good of his country.

## New Advertisements.

**UNDERTAKING!**

THE subscriber has constantly on hand

Caskets and Coffins, in Walnut and imitation Rosewood. Orders filled at shortest notice. Having obtained

A HANDSOME HEARSE, in St. John, N. B., he is prepared to attend funerals and carry out the Undertaking in all its branches.

Prices very reasonable.

CHARLES TRUMAN, Crane's Corner, Sackville, N. B., Feb. 16, '82.

## NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with resolutions passed at a meeting held at Sackville, on the 7th day of February, instant, to promote the construction of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Railway, application will be made to the Local Legislature at its ensuing session for a Permissive Act to enable the Parties aforesaid, Westmorland and Sackville, or either of them, to raise money by assessment in aid of the construction of the proposed line of Railway from Cape Tormentine to Sackville.

W. MORICE, Chairman of said Meeting. H. A. POVELL, Secy.

Dated the 8th day of February, 1882. A. D. 1882.

**WELLAND CANAL.**

Notice to Persons Skilled in Fitting Up Electric Lights.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tenders for Electric Lights," will be received at this office until the arrival of the Eastern and Western Halls on TUESDAY, the 21st day of February next, for lighting the Locks, &c., on the new part of the Welland Canal by means of Electric Lights.

A plan, showing the relative position of proposed lights, can be seen at this Office, and at the Office of the Resident Engineer, Thorold, where a printed copy of general conditions and other information can be obtained, either on application personally or by letter.

Tenders must be made in accordance with the general conditions. This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, F. BRAUN, Secretary.

Dept. of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 31st January, 1882. feb 9

**TENDERS**

For Masonry and Excavation.

THE MONCTON COTTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY will receive sealed Tenders up to 10th February next, at 4 o'clock p.m., for all the Stone Masonry and Excavation required for foundations, at per plan and specification to be seen at the office of the Company. Tenders to state the price per cubic yard for masonry, including all materials; and also price per cubic yard for all excavations required for said foundations. All tenders to be deposited on or before the first day of May next.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. JOHN McKENZIE, Secy. Moncton Cotton Manufacturing Co. feb 9

## New Advertisements.

**FURNITURE!**

**BEDROOM SUITS**

—IN—

ASH, WALNUT AND PINE

HANDSOMELY PAINTED.

Ash Bureaus, Bedsteads, Dining Tables, Fall-Leaf Tables, Centre Tables, Hardwood Bedsteads \$2.40 each, Chairs

Wood and Cane Seat, Couches in Hair Cloth and Rep. For Sale by

J. L. Black.

**CASKS-50-CASKS**

—OF—

AMERICAN KEROSENE OIL

Bottom Rates at

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**SMOKED HAMS AND BACON.**

12 TONS Choice in quality, Whole, sale and Retail, by

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**Sleigh Bells and Whips.**

BODY STRAPS, 15 doz. Straps, as BACK Do. sorted, from \$1.20 to \$2.50.

SHAFTS STRAPS, 1 FINE ASSORTMENT. 12 doz WHIPS, from 15c. to \$2 each.

J. L. Black.

**Shoe Steel and Chain.**

4 TONS Steel and Sleigh Shoe Steel, full assortment of all sizes in use. 1000 lbs. Short Link Chain, 14, 16, 18, and 3-8 inch sizes. Bottom prices, at

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**OVERSHOES.**

12 CASES containing OVERSHOES, for Men, Women, Boys and Girls, of the PRESENT STYLES and CHEAP.

J. L. Black.

**GENTS' Furnishing Goods.**

OVERCOATS, in great variety, and U L STERS. do.

You be' and Boys' do. Body Coats, Pants Underclothing, and Vests.

KID and other MITTS, SCARFS and CRAVATS.

FUR CAPS, CLOTH CAPS, and FELT HATS.

And all else required at this season.

J. L. Black.

**Glass & Earthenware.**

We hold a full stock of:

LAMPS and CHIMNEYS, BRACKET LAMPS, for Halls, CHANDLERS' and Hanging Lamps.

CHINA TEA SETS, STONE TEA SETS, GILT BANDS TEA SETS, and

General Crockeryware.

J. L. Black.

**CLOCKS & MIRRORS**

A LARGE assortment of

Clocks and Timepieces.

—ALSO—

MIRRORS, VARIOUS SIZES

Just received from Boston.

J. L. Black.

**25c. TEA**

A New Lot Just Received.

15 CHESTS of that VERY FINE TEA we have been selling so largely, at 25 cents per lb.

J. L. Black.

## New Advertisements.

**A. D. RICHARD, LL. B.,** Attorney-at-Law, Notary Public, Etc., DORCHESTER, N. B.

Special attention given to the collection of Accounts in all parts of the United States and Canada.

**NOTICE.**

THE subscriber is about closing up his business in Sackville, therefore all persons who are indebted to him, either by Book Accounts or Note of Hand, are hereby notified that if they are not arranged for before 20th March, they will be placed in proper hands for collection. HARVEY PHINNEY, Sackville, Feb'y 15th, 1882.

**HAY!**

50 tons of Prime English and Mixed Hay.

For sale by C. MILNER.

**REMEMBER**

C. A. BOWSER'S

GREAT DISCOUNT SALE.

STILL CONTINUES.

**BARGAINS BARGAINS.**

Goods at Discount.

Goods at Cost.

1 Case Tweed Suits New.

C. A. BOWSER, feb16-82

**NOW LANDING**

ex "Prussian" S. S.,

**20 CASKS LINSEED OIL.**

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**100 Kegs Bi Carb SODA.**

ex I. C. R.,

**125 bbls. Buda FLOUR.**

GEO. S. DAFORST, 13 South Wharf, St. John, N. B.

**Flour Flour**

Receiving to-day:

120 bbls. Elmira, choice family patent; 125 " White Crown choice superior, To arrive nearly due

240 bbls. Elmira, 300 " Pride of Westmorland, For sale low to the trade, A. J. BABANG & CO.

**ORANGES.**

Just received, per se "Sardinian" via Halifax:

25 Cases VALENCIA ORANGES; For sale low to the trade, A. J. BABANG & CO.

**VALENCIA RAISINS.**

Receiving to-day, ex as "Hibernian" via

100 BOXES, NEW FRUIT. For sale low to the trade by A. J. BABANG & CO., Moncton, N. B.

**EXTRA QUALITY**

NO. 1 SALMON,

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**TWINE,**

Recently Imported.

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Embroidered Pillow and Sheet Stains

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NEW OMBRE PRINTS, WHITE DAMASK TABLECLOTHS, Red Borders, BLACK PLUSH and a Variety of Small Wares.

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29 Tons for Sale.

Sums as low as 5 cents per Pound.

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Fur and Wool Goods,

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WINTER GLOVES and CAPS.

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Those looking for Bargains should not fail to call.

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Ten Per Cent Discount ON ALL

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Large Stock on hand to select from, and a good fit warranted in every case, or no sale

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