

Close of the Session.

The Session of the Ontario Legislature which met on the 8th of January last, closed its labors at two o'clock to-day, after eleven weeks of faithful legislation for the advancement of the Province of Ontario. There were many when the House opened, who predicted the early downfall of the Ministry, from sheer inability to grapple with the great public questions which their predecessors were unable to settle. But the Ministry has shown itself equal to the task undertaken, and has not only silenced many fault-finders, by the fairness and impartiality characterizing the public acts passed, but made many faithful and firm friends of those who were before inclined to be captious.

When we consider that, despite the long and windy debates of the obstructionists, no less than two hundred and thirty-three Bills have been introduced, and some one hundred and sixty-four passed into law, we think we have good reason to be proud of the men of our choice.

Our readers are aware that for the last decade, the great question of the Municipal Loan Fund indebtedness hung like a pall over our fair Dominion, crippling our energies, and preventing foreign capitalists from investing in Canadian securities, to any great extent. In vain did we look to our public men for a solution of the difficulty. Time and again were efforts made to solve the great problem: new pieces of cloth were patched upon the old, but the rent was only made the worse thereby, and the question became so complicated that the matter was practically given up in despair.

The new Reform government faced the difficulty manfully, and looked the question fair in the face, and to-day we have the satisfaction of knowing that the load has been lifted from our shoulders, and that hereafter we can breathe more freely. Had the Ministry spent the whole time of the Session in the settlement of this all-important and vital question, it would have received the deserved thanks of the people generally. As a matter of course, the manner in which the Ministry dealt with it does not receive universal approbation, and if it did we should have been inclined to think there was something radically wrong. We are satisfied with the provision made, and those who are not will be obliged to gain and learn what any lover of his country will characterize as neither more nor less than an imaginary wrong.

Then, again, we have the question of the Agricultural College settled. A farm of some five or six hundred acres, in Mimico, within half a dozen miles of Toronto, had been purchased. The land, on examination was not of a suitable quality for the purpose. Feeling a deep interest in the advancement of agriculture, and determined that a suitable farm should be obtained, the Government set itself to work with commendable zeal, and the result is that, to-day, we point with pride and satisfaction to the eligible land obtained for the purpose of an Agricultural Farm and College within view of the town of Guelph. It is unnecessary to say that a more suitable spot could not have been selected; nor one which will, eventually, give more general satisfaction. The government ran a great risk in grappling with this question, but duty was the watchword, though the heavens should fall.

The establishment of an asylum for the poor imbeciles of the Province is a step in the right direction, and it will be well productive of much good.

The consolidation of the municipal law of the Province taxed the energies of our legislators, and was a work of great labour and importance. The Acts for the drainage of wet and swamp lands were necessary, and will be highly beneficial. The further amendment of the Election Law whereby electoral purity and independence will be maintained was a necessity. The measures for facilitating arrangements between masters and workmen, and the Bill to give mechanics a lien on buildings in course of construction, in order that unpunctual builders may not have an opportunity of defrauding them out of their wages, were among the most important questions of a minor character which occupied the attention of the Government. Independent of the many public measures, the Session has been productive of a vast number of private Bills calculated to have a good influence on the country. The protection of insectivorous and other birds beneficial to agriculture, introduced by Mr. Clarke, of Centre Wellington, being not the least among the number passed.

A DEATH GRASP.—From Ottawa we learn that the facility with which the Administration abandons every principle of policy to which they cling so persistently last session, is alienating many of their friends, who now perceive that they are prepared to abandon everything to the demands of the opposition, so long as they can hold on to office. The vote Thursday night, on Mr. Mills' Dual Representation Bill, is regarded as a complete condemnation of the Government's policy of last year.

HOSTILITY OF THE INDIANS IN MANITOBA.—Despatches received at Ottawa yesterday (Friday), and confirmed by Mr. Christie, who has just arrived from the North-West, and who has a thorough knowledge of the Indian population of that region, state that the gravest fears are entertained of hostile demonstrations against the settlements in Manitoba and the Territories. It appears that certain promises were made to the Indians by Governor Archibald at the instance of the Government at Ottawa, to be fulfilled at a certain time now many months past. Those promises have not yet been fulfilled, and if it turns out that life and property have been sacrificed through the bad faith kept by the Government of the Dominion, a grave responsibility will have been incurred.

SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION.—We learn from Toronto that the full, straight forward and comprehensive explanations of Hon. Mr. McKellar,

in the House Thursday night, and refutation of the gross slanders in the Elgin Association matter, are conceded as most satisfactory by all unprejudiced persons.

University Boat Race.

Cambridge Wins by Three Lengths.

(Special to The Mercury.)

London, March 29.—The race between the Oxford and Cambridge crews, was won by the latter by three lengths.

Ontario Legislature.

March 28. The Attorney-General moved the resolution empowering the Lieut. Governor in Council to compromise the land claims of the Canada Central Railway Company. Carried.

Orders in Council were then ratified, granting aid to the Coloung, Peterboro' & Marmora, and Credit Valley Railways.

After a conversation, which ended in the Attorney-General's consent to lay over the School Law Consolidation Acts and the Public and High Schools Amendment Act till next session.

On motion of Attorney-General Mowat the bill to continue the provisions of the Act passed last year, respecting the Council of Public Instruction, was put through all its stages and passed.

On motion of Attorney-General Mowat Bills incorporating the Municipalities of Thunder Bay and Muskoka were passed through Committee and read a third time.

Attorney-General Mowat moved that the House go into Committee on the Bill respecting the Municipal Loan Fund Debts, and respecting certain payments to municipalities. Carried.

Mr. Deacon moved that clause 30 be struck out of the Bill, as he considered it was uncalculated. The clause read as follows:—"The reduction of the debts due by Lanark and Renfrew, Elizabeth-town and Brockville, is subject to the condition that the liability of the Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company to the said municipalities is reduced to the said amount."

Attorney-General Mowat consented to the clause being expunged.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed, its passage being greeted by a hearty round of applause.

The House went into Committee of Ways and Means, and having reported, Mr. Crooks introduced the Supply Bill, which was read first, second and third times and passed.

Attorney-General Mowat stated that it was the intention of His Excellency to prorogue the House to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock.

SERIOUS RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—A serious railway accident occurred about four miles from Port Hope, on the Midland railway, on Thursday evening. The passenger coach of one of the trains was thrown from the track and tumbled over the embankment ten or twelve feet, turning right side up, partly in the ditch and partly in the field. Several of the passengers sustained severe, but it is thought not fatal, injuries. The names of the injured are as follows:—Mr. Valmev, Ashford, of Port Hope, a severe scalp wound and injured internally; Dr. Dewar, of Port Hope, severe injuries to head and face, with injuries to spine; Mr. W. C. Panton, of Toronto, knee-joint hurt; Mr. Davis, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., head and face severely bruised and cut; Mr. Preston, reeve of Manvers, scalp wound, one leg cut, and bruised about the back and shoulders; Captain Isaac Preston, of Manvers, and a gentleman from Buffalo, escaped with slight injuries. The accident created a great deal of excitement. The Railway Company procured the services of all the medical men in Port Hope to attend the wounded passengers.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN MONTREAL.—Thursday afternoon, a dreadful explosion took place in a house in Berri lane, which shook the neighborhood. Flames issued forth, and upon the fire brigade coming down, a stick woman was just being extricated. She is not burned. The flames were extinguished, when a man named DeCola, an Italian, who manufactured fireworks in the buildings, was found inside lying dead on the floor. He presented a horrible sight, and must have been killed instantly, as quantities of sky-rockets were stored in the room. He was filling these rockets, and by some means caused the explosion. An inquest was held to-day, and a verdict of accidental death returned.

DIED.—At New Dundee, Township of Wilket, on the 27th inst., Sarah Jane Kirkland, wife of Mr. Charles Acock, aged 39 years.

The funeral will leave her husband's residence, on Sunday morning, at 9 o'clock, and proceed to the burying ground at Kirkland's Chapel, Pictou, at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

DEATH.—In Ramosa, on the 27th inst., after a week's illness, William Paul, Esq., aged 65 years, 8 months, and 9 days.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, on Monday, the 31st inst., at one o'clock, and proceed to the Eden Mills burying ground. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully requested to attend without further notice.

NEW CONFECTIONERY STORE.—The subscribers beg to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that they have opened a new Confectionery Store in J. E. Pate's old Wagon and Jewellery Store, Wyndham Street, where they will always have on hand Cakes, Candies, and everything in the Confectionery Line.

BRIDAL AND OTHER CAKES.—We are to order on short notice, and in first-class style. They will shortly lay up and open Coffee and Ice Cream rooms up stairs, of which due notice will be given.

They hope, by promptly attending to all orders, and giving satisfaction to their customers to merit a share of public patronage. WARDER & SUTTON, Guelph, March 28, 1878. dwt

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The Largest and Best Stock in Town of Sewed Muslins, Edgings, Trimmings, Frillings, Braids, Point Lace Patterns, and materials; Ladies' Corsets and Under-linings; Infant's Waists, Robes, Wrappers, etc.

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In great variety, and cheaper than ever.

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A full assortment of Madame Demorest's reliable and fashionable patterns for Spring and Summer. Stamping done to order with neatness and despatch. AT J. HUNTER'S Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods, and Toy Store. dw Wyndham Street Guelph.

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The greatest Bargains ever offered in Guelph!

Special inducements to retail merchants and jobbers, who desire to secure job lots.

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Guelph, Feb. 22, 1878. WM. McLaren, Assignee. dw

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See T. & D. on each plug.

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EXTRAORDINARY CHEAP LINES

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Lot No. 1.—28 pieces New Striped, Checked and Plain Dress Materials, to be sold off at once at 15 cents per yard.

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