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**T**HE Legislative Assembly of this Province offers a very interesting study, and well repays one to attend. It is something, as one of its members said one time, of a "political kindergarten," where would-be political lights receive their training for the higher chambers of the Federal government. Nearly all the Dominion members, or would be members, have served for some time in the Provincial Legislature. But it is not only as a training school that it is interesting, but as a scene of interesting and eloquent debate. Although last session there were no subjects brought up of very great importance, still many of the debaters were of a high class, and many extremely bitter.

MR. SPEAKER POWER presides over this chamber in a manner only acquired by great practice, and by keen perception. He makes an imposing figure sitting aloft in his richly carved chair, beneath the canopy and keeping one eye and ear on the House, and the other on the *Acadian Recorder*. Long may the honourable gentleman sit in state in this and in future parliaments.

A well-known figure in the Assembly is Mr. Sergeant-at-Arms HALIBURTON. For many years Mr. Haliburton has regarded the House with a friendly and fatherly eye: instructing the new members in parliamentary etiquette and welcoming the old ones back again. Rumors say that Mr. Haliburton is to start a class of private tuition for aspiring and would-be members. We can not vouch for the truth of this, however. As seen from the gallery the Sergeant-at-Arms presents an imposing figure and one calculated to strike awe into the heart of the unruly youth in the gallery. John Fitzgerald the veteran messenger, is a distinct and characteristic feature of the House. For fifty years Mr. Fitzgerald has filled that important office. We doubt if a parallel can be shown anywhere. Before most of the members were born this veteran attended to the wants of the then members. He has seen many rises and falls—many developments into great statesmen and many sad and lamented failures. He has heard the great battles that have been waged in this assembly at the time when Nova Scotia was a province and politics were politics. Very interesting reading would the reminiscences of this veteran be.



HON. W. S. FIELDING.

The leader of the House has a manner peculiar to himself, he is quick and spasmodic, when he rises to answer a question or to make a speech he does so quickly, his favorite pose being with his hands well down into his pockets. But as his speech goes on his manner and voice change, he becomes more slow subdued and distinct and then passes on to zeal and gifted eloquence that is pleasant to hear, as well as being most convincing. A mighty man in debate is he, and one difficult to tackle, how he would be in a larger chamber and one when his opponents would be more up to his mettle, it is impos-

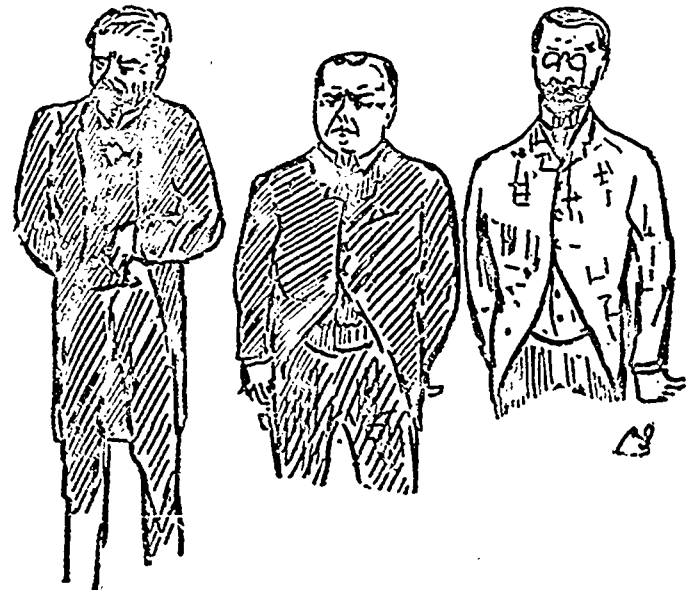
sible to say, but we do not think he would be in the back ground although he would have many things to learn. Mr. Fielding never says a thing without thought and has seldom made a statement which in cooler movements he has had to retract.

MR. CAHAN the leader of the opposition, has served his first session. It seemed a curious thing to find in the important position of leader a man whose experience of parliamentary ways and doings was absolutely nil. Mr. Cahan grasped the situation in a wonderful way and certainly deserves to succeed for what he does he does thoroughly, and in his speeches he goes over the entire ground and likewise the surrounding country bearing on the question, and leaves no stone in the way of reference unturned, to prove his point. Many a dressing down he got during the session, but he took his punishment like a man and "bobbed up serenely" again to meet another back hander. He may succeed, his friends hope so. But he has much to learn.

The HON. ATTORNEY-GENERAL's facetious remarks usually convulse the House both on the floor and in the galleries. He answers a question well and is able to take his own in de. His flow of language is wonderful, although perhaps the may be somewhat smothered in a thick layer of words, still there if you can find it. When the Speaker leaves the chair when the House goes into committee, Mr. John McKinnon appears for a moment and returns again with a beautiful shining tall hat and takes his place of honor—with the regularity of clockwork, he repeats: "The motion is, shall that clause pass," and does his onerous work with commendable zeal.



HON. J. W. LONGLEY.



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