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### PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW.

**DOMINION.**—The hot weather of the past week has been almost unbearable, and the members of Parliament have taken but a lazy interest in the routine business of the Commons. Charlton has been amusing the House with his old timber limit story, claiming that appropriations of timber land had been made without rhyme or reason to parties who had no right to their issue.

Upon the item of supply in respect to experimental farms, a slight discussion took place as to the beneficial effects or otherwise of such institutions. The general consensus of opinion seemed to be in favor of their establishment and to approve of the manner in which they are being conducted, but some few thought that money expended upon such farms is simply thrown away.

We are inclined to agree with some of the members of Parliament, who declare that it is high time the census returns were given to Parliament and the public. It is now over four months since these returns were taken, and the Commissioners should by this time have the same correctly tabulated. Aside from any other reason, politicians are interested in knowing what redistribution of seats in the House of Commons is likely to arise after the census returns have been laid upon the table of the House. The question that we feel inclined to ask is, what about an additional member distinctively from the City of Halifax.

The refusal of Thomas McGreevy to answer certain questions before the Privileges Committee has created much surprise, and the Committee has reported the same to the House of Commons.

The Hudson Bay Railway is referred to by the Opposition as the Government's pet scheme. For our own part we have never been convinced that this railway will prove of any practical advantage to the Northwest Territories or to Manitoba.

The labor M. P. from Montreal is urging the Government to offer a bonus to the inventor of an automatic car coupler. Such an invention as a car coupler is not new, there having been upwards of three thousand patented, but only two or three of them are really serviceable. The figures as to the loss of life among railway employees in coupling cars are appalling.

The latest development of the case before the privileges committee was the appearance on Tuesday of Sir Hector Langevin to give evidence on oath. He denied explicitly each and every charge made against him, and stated that he had placed his resignation of his portfolio as Minister of Public Works in the hands of his colleagues. This will leave the Government in a better position to push the fullest inquiry into all charges of corruption. Sir Hector's resignation has not yet been accepted, but the Hon. Frank Smith has been temporarily placed in charge of the Department of Public Works, and Sir John Thompson will lead in the House of Commons.

### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office, or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount inclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

*The Reporter*, published at New Glasgow, is a new exchange.

The wharf south of the ferry dock, Dartmouth, is undergoing extensive repairs.

The Grand lodge of Oddfellows at Yarmouth this week drew a large assembly of the order.

Several members of the visiting press party paid tribute to Neptune on the trip from Halifax to Lunenburg on Monday.

The Y. M. C. A. Convention closed at Truro on Saturday last. The next annual convention will be held in Yarmouth.

Picnic parties have been somewhat disorganized and inconvenienced by the fog which has hung about the coast during the week.

M. Eiffel, of tower fame, is expected to visit Montreal shortly to confer with Premier Mercier with regard to the proposed Quebec bridge.

*The Island Reporter*, published at Sydney, C. B., is about getting a new press, and promises to be in a better condition to please its subscribers.

The wheat crop this year in Manitoba and the territories, if housed all right, will reach 25 million bushels, of this 20 million will be exported.

The brick walls of the new Catholic church in Dartmouth are rapidly rising. When completed the church will be the most imposing structure in the town.

Four ladies accompanied the New England press party to Nova Scotia. Two of them represented their papers, and the other two were the wives of representatives.

Manager Sommerby said at St. John a few days ago that Prince Tiny-mite will retire from public life and return to his home in Bridgetown, N. S., on the completion of his present engagement.

The painters' strike, which originated in Reardon's establishment about three weeks ago, shows signs of being persistent. The cause of the strike was the employment of more boys than were allowed by the men of the union.

A fracas between two inmates of the poor's asylum occurred on Tuesday. Alex Gooley, 79 years of age, accuses Henry Brown, a middle aged man, of striking him. Alderman Sweet of the charities committee is investigating the matter.

Work on the Wilmot and Torbrook railway is progressing finely. Three crews are busily employed about a quarter of a mile from the iron mines. The bridge spanning the river is finished and track laying will be pushed forward with all speed.

On Friday last Sir Henry Tyler, Manager Sergeant and other officers of the Grand Trunk Railway, inspected the tunnel under the St. Clair River, between Sarnia and Port Huron, and found the work satisfactory in every respect. The formal opening of the tunnel will take place in October.

A maid servant has been missing from the Rev. Allan Simpson's for nearly two weeks, and until Tuesday of this week mystery wrapped the disappearance. It is now known that a registered letter addressed to Mr. Simpson disappeared with the girl. It is thought she has gone to her sister in Toronto. Her name is Sophie Smith.

The Board of Health of Halifax decided on Tuesday to discontinue the sanitary police service in the cases of infectious diseases, so soon as the one case of diphtheria in the city is over. All houses in which diphtheria may break out are in future to be examined by Sanitary Inspector Meagher and one of the plumbers in the employ of the city, and the result of such examination be reported upon by them.

The K. D. C. Gompany are to be congratulated on the success they are meeting with in other countries as well as our own. We are informed that K. D. C. has been awarded a silver medal (the highest award for any medicine) at the Jamaica exhibition, and already large orders have been received from there. The fame of this remedy is spreading rapidly; may it meet with the continued success it so well deserves.

The President and Directors of the Halifax and Lunenburg Steam Packet Company issued invitations for a trial trip on their new steamer *Lunenburg*, (Capt. Heisler) and a large number of gentlemen, principally leading business men of our city, enjoyed the cruise on Saturday afternoon, and are loud in their commendation of the new steamer and her equipments. She was placed at the service of the Press excursionists on Monday morning and made her first trip to Lunenburg.

A terrific thunder storm visited an extensive area of Nova Scotia on Wednesday and did much damage. At Truro a colored boy, son of Edward Taylor, was killed by lightning and several houses were struck. At Kentville the storm raged with unparalleled fury, and people were much frightened by it. To add to the terror the fire bells began to ring, and despite the fact that the fire department turned out promptly, the barn of Enoch Fielding, which had been struck, was burned down. Electrical disturbances are reported from several places.

The engravings in the last issue of the *Dominion Monthly* include two pages of views at Joliette, P. Q., and one showing the Coliseum at Rome. Bishop's Rock, Grand Manan, N. B., and a fishing beach on the same picturesque island, the Quebec dry dock, the Cathedral at Iona and views of the old Berthier P. Q. Manor house are also shown, besides several military and other views. The fine historical sketch of the Cuthberts of Berthier

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