

PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW.

DOMINION.—The debate on the census returns, which was led off by Sir Richard Cartwright, was one of the keenest and bitterest of the session. Sir Richard claimed that the small increase of population was due to the policy of the government, and said that he had long ago prophesied this result. He was of the opinion that a majority of the exodians were Liberals, and this would account for the non success of the party at the polls. Hon. Mr. Foster ridiculed the statements of Sir Richard Cartwright and pointed out that the whole tendency of modern civilization was towards aggregations of population in industrial centres. He believed that to the government's policy was due the very satisfactory increase in the populations in Canadian cities and towns. With the introduction of labor saving machinery, no great increase of population was likely to be observed in agricultural districts, but he thought that the next decade would show up well for the Northwest territories. Many other speakers took part in this debate, but their speeches were for the most part reproductions of those of the leaders. Sir Richard Cartwright's resolution condemning the government's policy was defeated by a majority of 22, the vote standing, for the resolution 81, against it 103.

Some doubt having arisen as to the position of Sir Hector Langevin, Sir John Thompson has informed the house that the resignation of the minister of Public Works has been formally accepted. The opposition believe this to be an indication that the party have dropped Sir Hector, but the government has given no sign to warrant this conclusion.

On the introduction of the item of supply, \$5,000 as the salary of a Canadian agent in Paris, the Opposition criticized the expenditure as being useless and barren of results, and Mr. Foster has assured the Commons that the Government will take the matter into consideration during the recess.

As yet there is no indication as to the date of the close of the session. To the majority of the members the long protracted sitting means direct pecuniary loss, and hence it is not surprising to find a strong feeling in favor of an increased indemnity.

Judging from the reports as to the investigations being carried on by the several Parliamentary committees, Ottawa would just now be better off for a Hercules. The civil service is badly demoralized, and it will require very great skill and promptness on the part of the Government to disinfect the service before injury is done to the Conservative party. It has been proved beyond question that contractors and others doing business with the departments have had to pay percentages to individuals or to the secretaries of political organizations. Premier Abbott proposes to check this wrongdoing by enacting legislation which will place the wrong-doers within reach of the law. All parties are interested in seeing that hoodling is put down, and we therefore trust that Premier Abbott's remedy may be short, sharp and decisive.

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.

A part of the shute at the Grain Elevator fell during the storm on Monday night.

The capital stock of the Wilmot Spa Spring Company has been increased by a second issue of \$100,000.

The Lieut.-Governor of New Brunswick will open Canada's International Exhibition at St. John on the 23rd inst.

The harvest of the Northwest has nearly all been safely garnered without injury from frost. We Canadians have especial cause for thankfulness this year.

McLean, the man who stabbed Johnson at Hubbard's Cove picnic about a fortnight ago, has not yet been found. The delay in serving the warrant for his arrest gave him time to skip.

Postmaster-General Haggart made in the House a few days ago an indignant denial of the charges of immorality made against him. If these charges are false, Mr. Haggart has been a much slandered man.

It is not expected that Bishop Courtney will be able to return to Nova Scotia this year, his health being still very poor. On the advice of the leading London physicians he will spend several months in a southern latitude.

The steamer *Bluehill*, belonging to the Yarmouth and Shelburne Steamship Company, is to run excursions to Bedford and Northwest Arm, etc. for some time. Mr. Jos. Wood, Central Wharf, has been appointed the steamer's agent here.

Mrs. Emma Stokes was seriously injured by the train at Amherst on Friday last. The unfortunate woman was endeavoring to drive a cow from the track when she was struck by the locomotive, and sustained injuries which may result fatally.

Messrs. A. & W. Mackinlay have published a new folding map of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, compiled from recent surveys. The markings are distinct, and it is of a convenient size for pocket use. Messrs. Mackinlay have our thanks for a copy.

Last Saturday afternoon the handsome residence of Alexander Stephen, Rockwood, at Dutch Village, was gutted by fire. The top story and the roof were completely burned, and the rest of the house was ruined by smoke and water. Nearly all the furniture was saved, and if the fire engines had arrived ready for work and gone to Mr. Doull's pond first instead of the smaller one it went to, the building might have been saved.

Sunday last was the hundredth and forty-first anniversary of the opening of St. Paul's Church, Halifax, for divine service. The sermons both in the morning and evening were preached by Right Rev. Maurice Baldwin, Bishop of Huron. The collections were for the repair fund.

The British farmers' delegates have been taking in the Annapolis Valley, and are perfectly delighted with what they have seen. At the end of the month, exhibition time, they ought to be able to gather some idea of what the country can do in the agricultural line when they visit the fairs.

The dungeon of the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary is said to be equal to the "black hole of Calcutta." It is situated in the cellar, and the daylight never reaches it. The unfortunate prisoner who is put there for breach of prison discipline is kept there as long as the warden desires.

James Moore, father of the little boy who was drowned in Mulgrave Park, Richmond, several months ago, intends to sue the city for \$15,000 damages. It is alleged that the accident was caused owing to the city's neglect to have the pond properly fenced in. The blame appears to lie somewhere between the railway and the city.

Mr. Louis C. Elson, of the *Boston Advertiser*, who passed some severe strictures upon Halifax after two days of rainy weather, returned and found it "looked rather pleasant" when the sun was shining. People should never permit themselves to put in print impressions received during a bad spell of weather, for no place is at such a time liable to give a correct idea of its attractions.

The *St. John Sun* of Wednesday the 2nd inst., says: "Hundreds of people assembled at the Corporation pier yesterday morning to see the big ship *Canada* take her departure for Liverpool. She takes 1,580,500 feet of deals and battens, 31,154 feet of scantling, 104,155 feet of ends and 162,701 feet of boards. The value of her cargo is in the vicinity of \$144,109. The tug *Storm King* towed the ship down as far as Musquash."

The troopship *Tyne* arrived at Halifax from Portsmouth via Bermuda on Sunday morning. She brought a number of men for the Leicestershire regiment and also a draft for the engineers. Ten guns of the most approved modern pattern were also brought for the *Canada*, which is now at the dockyard making preparations to receive them. The *Tyne* takes away several officers who have been ordered from this station and also a number of men who have completed their term of service.

The failure in the recent attempt to purchase horses in this country for the use of the English army was attributed largely to the expenses of the agents in having to travel over so much ground to make their selections. This has been the means of showing our people the necessity for establishing a market where the animals can be collected together, for the convenience of buyers, and arrangements are now in progress for holding a mammoth "Horse Fair" in connection with "Canada's International Exhibition," which will be held in St. John, opening September 23rd and closing October 3rd.

Through the courtesy of A. & W. Mackinlay we have been enabled this week to put our thoughts on paper with the "Centric Pen," which appears to be pretty near perfection. It is constructed on a newly discovered scientific principle, it does not cramp the fingers, it may be laid down without risk of blotting, writes with the ease and rapidity of a pencil, and combines durability, flexibility, beauty and rapidity. There are varieties of nibs to suit all hands, and we can confidently recommend them as a vast improvement over the old style of pen and holder. The pens are manufactured by John Walker & Co., London.

The Chignecto ship railway is at a standstill for want of funds to go on with the work. It is a pity that any important work of this kind should ever be begun until it is an assured fact that the where-with-all to carry it on to completion will be forthcoming. A rumor has been circulated that the British Government intends to take over the work, but nothing is certain about it. The officers of H. M. S. *Tourmaline*, which was at Tidnish a few days ago, inspected the work of the railway. The Chignecto *Post* suggests that a single track be laid on the unfinished portion of the line, so that it could be utilized as a local railway. It could not transport ships, but it could carry blueberries, potatoes and other produce.

A train on the Reading road made the extraordinary fast time of ninety miles an hour on Aug. 27th. This is almost too fast.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher's personal memoirs of her husband, under the title of "Mr. Beecher as I Knew Him," will begin in the October issue of *The Ladies' Home Journal*.

The eight members of the West Greenland expedition, who accompanied Lieut. Peary a part of the way to the frozen north, returned to Philadelphia on Saturday. They think that unless a relief expedition is sent out Peary, his wife and party will find nameless graves in the ice deserts that surround the North Pole.

The cause of the wreck of the *Dunsmurry*, grain laden, a fortnight ago was the shifting of cargo. The steamer was loaded in accordance with the regulations of the marine underwriters, but it would appear that some change is required to make matters safer. Longitudinal bulkheads of sufficient strength and numerous enough would effect the purpose.

The *Standard's* Berlin correspondent says England has intimated her intention of increasing her Mediterranean fleet largely.

The Victoria Legislature has passed the Federation Bill with an amendment excluding New Zealand from the Federation.

A terrific gale in North Wales has caused further great damage to crops. Prayers were said in the churches on Sunday for fine weather.

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