

the province as may be named in order in council, for the creation and maintenance of a sinking fund for the final payment of such stock.

TEMPERANCE COLONIZATION SOCIETY.—Agents of the Dominion Government are in Toronto, making enquiries into the workings of the above Society, with a view to an investigation of its affairs which will be instituted when Parliament meets. The entire list of scrip contracts will pass on May 1, but in view of the investigation it is hoped an extension will be granted the holders. It has been known for years that the affairs of the colony were in an unsatisfactory condition. The work of colonization has gone backward rather than forward, scrip holders have dropped out, paying a fine for the privilege of losing what they had already put in; bickerings have been rife, and upon several occasions the matter has been exploited in the newspapers. The society was instituted as a joint stock company in 1882, for the purpose of colonizing certain lands in the Saskatchewan Valley. An agreement was made between the Dominion Government and the society, and executed about the 1st of June of that year, whereby 213,000 acres were set apart for colonization by the society. Provision was made that two settlers were to be placed on every even-numbered section and every odd-numbered section within the township allotted, except upon the Hudson Bay and school lands, and the even-numbered section in the north half of township 38, ranges 4 and 5 and 3rd meridian. The whole aim and object of the Government was, of course, the colonization of the land, and the society was given every facility subject to the homestead laws of the Territories. The society was to place a settler at least on each section of the land allotted. J. Alph. Livingston was manager, and by June, 1882, had sold prospective claims to land to an amount beyond the allotment, that is, beyond the amount of odd sections, which were all he could legally control.

ANGLO-AMERICAN TELEGRAPH CO.—This company has recently established a branch service in the city of Montreal, under the direction of Mr. F. H. Waycott, of New York. The Anglo-American is the oldest of the Atlantic cable organizations, and has four cables in operation. Three of these have each their