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PROROGATION.

Parliament prorogued on Monday after a sitting of about five months. To those desirous of seeing legislation enacted that was required by the country must irrespective of party be sorely disappointed. A number of bills were introduced by the Government notably the amendment to the Franchise Act and the Insolvency Act and after considerable debate withdrawn. The amendments to the Franchise Act, if carried through as proposed would have very much simplified and lessened the work of revising the voters lists. As it is, the only changes that seem to have been made are the postponement of the commencement of revision until the 1st of September next and the adoption of a new patent ballot invented by Mayor Darocher of Ottawa. The details of the arrangement will no doubt be fully explained in due time.

We had occasion in a former issue to refer to the great necessity that existed for an Insolvency Act. Such an Act was introduced in the Senate of the Government which seems to have a most excellent measure, and after having passed that body, after a great deal of discussion went to the Commons, but seems never to have been taken up, which is much to be regretted. Much party discussion took place, but it would seem that all of any importance that was enacted could have been done in one half the time.

A notable gathering of representatives from the various colonies of Great Britain took place at Ottawa during the present month. The avowed purpose of the Conference was the drawing of Britain and her Colonies more closely together. From all that can be learned free trade and protection were the all absorbing questions discussed.

The American tariff is still under discussion at Washington and no conclusion has been arrived at. It is expected that it will take a fortnight yet before the matter is settled.

More Mining Frauds.

A. G. Renshaw, a British capitalist has commenced a suit in the United States district court to recover $45,000. He charges that the sale of the Bear's Nest group of mines in Alaska was accomplished by gigantic frauds. He accused James Treadwell, John Treadwell, Capt. James Carroll, M. W. Murray, T. N. Fuller and Geo. J. Smith with conspiracy to make the sale by placing gold bearing rock from the rich Treadwell mine in barren mines adjoining, and treating the ore from a diamond drill with chloride of gold to make a showing of rich ore. He asserts he has a confession of the entire fraud. He declares that three British experts were deceived in the salted mine. Each one reported it would yield a profit of $1,000,000. The enormous amount of money involved, the prominence of the parties to it and the charges of fraud make this disclosure the sensation of the day in mining circles.

The mine was sold to British investors for $2,500,000 in stock and $1,500,000 in bonds drawing 7 per cent interest. This was in 1887 and no gold has ever been taken from it. The projectors of the sale have so far received about $900,000 in money.

The Late Lord Russell.

Old Lord Charles Russell, who has just died in his 87th year, was the brother of the famous Lord John Russell, and an uncle, therefore, of the present Duke of Bedford and may be regarded as having been one of the most interesting links with the past. He was a godson of Charles Fox, officiated as a page of honor at the coronation of King George IV. and on his first visit to the Highlands met a man who had been one of the principal leaders of Jacobite rebellion and an associate of the Stuart pretender, Prince Charles Edward, in 1745. Lord John, while at the University of Edinburgh, boarded with that Prof. Pillans who is immortalized by Lord Byron in his fierce satire, "English Bards and Scotch Reviewers," and was a member, during his residence there, of the brilliant literary circle presided over by Sir Walter Scott. For over thirty years he held the parliamentary office of sergeant-at-arms, a post worth some $10,000 per annum and an official residence in the palace of Westminster. One of his sons is a clever young radical, George Russell, who now fills the post of under secretary of state for the home department in London, where his activity and inquisitiveness have startled out of their wits all the old fogies who constitute the permanent staff of officials there.

Cause of the Trouble.

Nurse—"Sure, ma'am, the twins have been making a fuss all day, ma,am."

Mrs. Olive Branch—"What about?"

Nurse—"It's because they can't have a birth day apiece, like the Smith children next door. They think they have been cheated."

MISSION BANDS.

By Miss M. F. Fillmore.

Looking back over the more than one hundred since Carey, "the consecrated cobbler," went to India as a missionary, we feel like exclaiming, "What hath God wrought?" We see how the work has sprung up in other lands, and that countless multitudes have been turned from idols to serve "the living and true God," but the fact stares us in the face that the work is only begun. By far the greater part of our race has never once heard the name of Jesus, and yet Christ's parting command, to his disciples, the representatives of the church in all ages, was: "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations." By reading the Acts of the Apostles, as recorded by Luke, we will see, that in a comparatively short time the gospel was preached in a large part of the then known world. But before long the darkness of error and superstition fell upon the church, and for centuries the "regions beyond" were neglected. The church has, however, awakened from the slumber, and is "lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes and breaking forth on the right hand and on the left," realizing, at length, that not for the good to her members only, or her benefit to her immediate locality, does she exist, but to win the world for Jesus. Great advances have been made at home during the last century, in our charitable and Christian work, but we are lacking in one point at least. We are not doing what we might and what we ought for training our children in an intelligent knowledge of, and love for Foreign Missions. This can best be done by a Mission Band in connection with each church or congregation. The questions are often asked: How shall we organize? How interest? How teach to give?

How to organize? Will answer in the words of Mrs. C. E. Bascom:

(1) "Let the sister who has the most real love for Jesus and little children be secured as leader.

(2) Let the children of the congregation be invited to meet her at an appointed place and time.

(3) Let the leader simply but feelingly tell the needs of heathen children, for example, the sad child-widows of India, and the poor little girls of China, with their bound feet, then ask all to rise who wish to help them learn of Jesus."

(4) Let her explain the need of someone to guide any work, and thus lead them to elect officers, the duty of each having been explained. The leader, of course, is appointed by the church, and has a general care and authority over the Band.

(5) Then a Constitution must be prepared, or that of some already organized Missionary Body be adopted. (The W. B. M. U. prints a good one in its Annual Report). How often the meetings shall be held, hour, and place of meeting, membership fees, etc., must be decided.

How shall we interest? (1) By the leader being so full of the missionary cause, and faith in the God of missions, that she cannot be discouraged and give up—willing to wait for the harvest of the good seed she is sowing—ready for any amount of labor to instruct the children and for the good of the Master's cause.

(2) By giving the children something to do during the session. To this end, let the exercises be largely concert. Open the meetings by singing, prayer by Leader and responsive Scripture reading; or for variation have one of the members lead in prayer, and another lead in the Scripture lesson. Then the roll-call, at which each member responds with a Scripture Text bearing on Foreign Missions, or any other subject that may be chosen from time to time. It is well for the leader to spend nearly half the time in teaching. It is hard to expect children or even older people to take an interest in what they know little or nothing about. Every Band should have maps. If the leader feels assured that she has not the time at her disposal to prepare the lessons, very good ones on India, Burma, China and other countries can be obtained from our Denominational publishing houses. The Link, and other periodicals also print a course of helpful lessons. These, with a fair supply of readings will enable her to give considerable instruction without encroaching seriously upon her time. The readings should be distributed some time before the meeting for different members to prepare. It is wisest to give only a few facts at a time but have them well drilled. The children will listen intently to the trials of the pioneer missionaries to Burma, will rejoice over the gracious outpourings of God's spirit in India; of China, also, they never weary. A small collection of idols from the countries studied will prove a great stimulus. A leader of a Band was once exhibiting some idols to a number of children, when one bright little fellow, about seven years old, came forward to examine them. The leader told him to remember that these were the things to which children in India prayed. A very thoughtful expression came over his countenance, and he said: "Do they really pray to these? What good can they do them?" He had been told repeatedly of the idolatry of heathen lands, but had never realized it as when he saw the idols, and the hopelessness of praying to them dawned upon him. After the lesson there will be time for plenty of good music and the readings. Hold a public meeting once a year or oftener, if thought advisable.

Encourage the reading of missionary work. The sick, the W. B. M. N. column in the Messenger and Visitor, etc. Very good leaflets for either Aid Society, or Bands can be procured, at trifling cost, from Miss Amy E. Johnson, Dartmouth, N. S.

Impress upon the minds of the members the importance of God's blessing upon their work, and upon the labours of those whom we have sent into foreign lands.

How teach to give? This is a very important point.

(1) A collection should be taken at every meeting. Encourage to habits of self-denial, that they may have money of their own for this purpose, some will save money given them for candy or other sweetmeats.

(2) Teach them to save money for extra contributions. There is a wide latitude in this. In Girls' Bands, some give the opening exercises and the lesson, then about an hour is spent in sewing or making fancy articles of which each member disposes of her own. Boys' can earn money in numberless ways known to themselves so that they do not require detailing here. Of public sales, sociables, etc., I will say nothing except that some bands adopt them with good financial success.

(3) By all means teach them to give cheerfully and willingly, because God has given us the Bible, and through it the knowledge of Christ and Eternal Life.

When it is not though practicable to organize a band, and it is well to consider carefully before abandoning the idea, missionary teaching may form a part of the regular Sunday-school work. True, our international system gives us a missionary lesson once a quarter; but this is not adequate. At least, once a month there should be a missionary lesson given on some country, as before, detailed for bands. Some one should be chosen to give the lesson, the same as any other officer of the school. The opening exercises and the lesson study can be curtailed a little for that day, so that twenty minutes or more may be devoted to missionary teaching. The collection taken will be for missionary purpose. Mite boxes are an excellent idea to hold extra contributions for either bands or schools. It is well to have the contributions give for some particular object, supporting a pupil in one of the mission schools, if one school could not do this alone, two or more might combine. The children will give more liberally, and pray more, if they know exactly for what they are working.

And now in what better way can we know God, then by His grace consecrating ovrselves more fully to Him, "whose we are and whom we serve," and by training up the young around us to intelligently and faithfully take the place of the present workers, praying that from our bands and Sunday-schools a great host may be raised up to work in the already whitened fields, "and they that be wise" (or teachers) "shall shine in the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteourness as the stars forever and ever."

HEIR TO A MILLION.

Henry Stawell, Halifax, May yet be an English Baron.

There is a man in Halifax who may one day be Baron Stawell, of Somer-county, Somerset, England. If not he, then is one of his descendants. But the outlook now is that Henry Stawell, the fortunate person referred to, will himself assume the name and estates.

Henry Stawell is the keeper of a restaurant at No. 7 Upper Water street. He is the son of Wenman B. Stawell, of Lawrencetown, Halifax county, who is the son of the late William Stawell, Lieutenant in the 98th regiment. Lieut. Stawell was the first of the family to settle in Nova Scotia. He was born in 1875, in county Cork, Ireland, son of Rev. William Stawell, of Kilmalooda. Lieut. Stawell was the nephew and sole male heir of Eustace Stawell, Esq., county Cork. Through the latter gentleman he was acknowledged to be the heir; also to the title and estates of Baron Stawell of Somerton. Lieut. Stawell died in July, 1868. He is buried at Lawrencetown. Lieut. Stawell served in the peninsular war. He obtained medals for bravery and gallant conduct at the battles of Toulouse, Lenhez, Pyrenees and Victoria. It was in 1816 Lieut. Stawell came to Nova Scotia. Lieut. Stawell had two sons. The surviving son, Wenman B. Stawell, now living at Lawrencetown, is the undoubted heir to the title of Baron Stawell, the English estate and the Irish castle, if the genealogy as set forth above is correct, which appears certainly to be. Wenman B. Stawell is now an old man, and, in the usual course of things, must soon be numbered with the majority. His son, Henry Stawell, can, therefore, be looked upon as the heir to a million and a place in the British peerage.

The line of succession to the Barony of Somerton is not in the rightful direction, according to the contentions of the Halifax claimant. A. G. Troop, barrister, has been working on the matter for a good while. He paid a visit to England a year ago and made enquiries into the Stawell history and connections. The estates are in the hands of a distant branch of the family. It was generally supposed that Lieut. Stawell had died abroad without leaving anything to establish his identity. But that was not so. There are many papers in the possesssion of the Nova Scotia descendants which prove the point.

Both Mr. Troop and Mr. Stawell are reticent about the matter. Difficulties were encountered in England that must be got over.

The direct descent of the Nova Scotia branch from the English family of that name is unquestionable. It is understood that during the lifetime of Lieut. Stawell he was the constant recipient of remittances from home.

The baronial halls of Somerton are among the finest in that section of aristocratic England. The title is ancient.

The castle at Killmalooda is a stately pile of towers and buildings.

The value of the property and the amount of the cash in the bank and income is estimated to represent nearly a millon in the aggregate.

Recent information leads to the conclusion that prospects are brightening for the Stawells.—Mail.

General News.

The two young Princesses of Wales remain faithful to the simplicity of tweed tailor made gowns.

It is conclusively established that more than a thousand persons were killed by the recent earthquakes in Constantinople.

In 1402 the cold was so severe in Russia that the Baltic sea was frozen over. In 1460 this occurred again, and horsemen rode from Denmark to Sweden.

Shakespeare spent most of his married life away from home, in London. It may be explained by the fact that his wife was eight years older than himself.

The opening of a door of a warm room in Lapland during the winter will be instantly followed by a minature snow-storm, the condensed moisture falling in flakes.

Fifty thousand dollars in counterfeit money, which had been gathered in by officers of the service, was destroyed at the Treasury Department at Washington on Thursday last.

The Queen of Greece is the only female admiral in the world. She has passed the regular examination and is able to navigate both sailing vessels and steamships with the greatest ease.

Siegfried Wagner, the composer's son, will make his debute as a conductor in London in November. He is now five and twenty years old, and is one of the few conductors who wield the batton with the left hand.

The new United States cruiser Minneapolis made her trial trip on Saturday and steamed over 21 nautical miles an hour for a distance of a 88 miles. Cramp & Sons, the builders, win a bonus amounting to $400,000.

Marshal Canrobert, the famous French soldier, denies the report that he is about to publish his memoirs, much to the satisfaction of some people. The marshal is in excellent health, and carries his great age with ease.

The wife of Palma Theoret, a farmer of St. Genevieve, Que., gave birth Thursday night to triplets, being the second time in five years, besides twins on three occasions. Mrs. Theoret, who is 30 years of age, is the mother of 17 children.

Sarah Bernhardt continues to display some of the eccentricities of genius. She attended an afternoon tea in London the other day clad in an enormous sealskin ulster, which covered even her feet. The day was very warm and ices were in order.

The Canso C. B., Breeze says: There are those in this town who believe that solid bars of gold (and big ones, too) are deposited in some secret nook on the adjacent islands, and that a thorough hunt according to the magnetic bearings in the possession of one of our citizens, will yield a big fortune.

The Princess of Wales is colonel of a Danish regiment of cavalry, the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha colonel of a Prussian regiment of grenadiers and of a Russian dragoon regiment, and the Duchess of Connaught is commander of a regiment of Prussian infantry. The Empress of Russia is colonel-in-chief of four regiments.

A rainmaker in India has an apparatus, in the shape of a rocket, which is capable of rising to height of a mile. It contains a reservoir of ether. In its descent it opens a parachute, which causes it to come slowly. The ether, thrown out in fine spray, absorbs the heat and lowers the temperature, and a limited shower is the result of the rapid condensation of vapor.

Two American Women Attacked by Chinese.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 14.—Hong Kong papers arrived by steamer Victoria, chronical a serious attack upon two ladies of the American Presbyterian Mission at Canton on June 11, as the result of which it is stated one of the ladies must die.

Miss Bemler and Miss Halverstone are the names of the two unfortunate missionaries. They were walking in Honam in the afternoon and came across a Chinamen evidently in a dying condition by the side of the road. With tender care they raised him and procured a cup of tea, while one of the ladies applied some smelling salts to the man's nostrils and conversed with him.

They so far revived the man as to enable him to walk a few yards with support, but while conveying him on a sapan, with the intention of placing him in a hospital, some Chinese who had gathered around saking if anything had been administered to him by the "foreign women." When they learned something had been done for the man they speedily made demonstraitions of resentment and unhappily at this moment the object of the ladies' attention expired.

Instantly they were attacked by the crowd. Miss Bemler escaped naked and bleeding after receiving a stab in the thigh to a friendly Chiaman's shop, but it looked like a desperate case for Miss Halverstone, who, torn and wounded, was endeavouring to reach the custom station at hand. The latter is at the point of death Fortunately, J. H. Barton, one of the officers at the station, observed her predicament and hurried to the scene. He was unable to rescue her, he, too, being wounded. Shortly afterwards from Forsythe and Luke a party of custom officers rescued Miss Bemler, who was in the Chinaman's shop.

The affair has caused much excitement at Honam and apprehensions of further trouble are entertained, so much so, that the British gunboat Rattler has been anchored close to the shore to be ready should emergency require it to protect the white residents. Chinese superstitions connect the missionaries with the appearance of the plague ann their priests are preaching extermination of white crusaders.

The Corean Puzzle.

Japan some centuries ago overran Corea under the head of one of the most famous warriors of Japanese history and the island empire with its iron-clad fleet and its mobilized army [illegible] with an area about equal to that New York and a population of 10,000,000. The previous conquest, however, proved transitory under the slow, steady, unremitting pressure of China, and a contest with the middle kingdom would probably have the same result now, tempting as Corean conquest would be to the aggressive party in Japan.

If the despatch that Japan has accepted the good offices of England in its Corean disputes prove accurate, and there is every reason to accept this news, saner counsels have prevailed and Japan has once more decided to return to the policy of keeping Corea as a buffer State, bearing relations to all three, between China Russia and Japan. This has been in the main the policy of Japan in dealing with the hermit peninsula since the first treaty was negotiated between Seoul and Tokio in 1876-7. Twice in the interval the Japanese legation has been driven out of the Corean capital, once Japan has occupied a port and once landed a strong body of troops, which, as in the present instance, has occupied the capital, but in 1888, with a restraint as unexpected as it was wise and due altogether to English advice, Japan stayed its hand and permitted China to maintain its supremacy over Corea, which is none the less effective for being undefined.

Through all the changes and permutations in the policy of other nations in dealing with Corea China has never failed to insist upon the vassal condition of a nation which for centuries has sent tribute to Peking, and whose king, at the death of every Chinese Emperor, has knelt and "wailed" and "stopped wailing" before his court at the command of Chinese court usher sent from the imperial palace to guide the sorrows and symbolize the inferiority of the ruler of Corea before his own subjects. Through half the past decade a Chinese force has been encamped at Seoul. Juen, the representative of the Chinese Viceroy, Li Hung Chang, has occupied at the capital of Corea the position of an English "resident" at the court of a native Indian prince, and the plans, first of France and later of Russia, against Corea have been frustrated by China with success.

In the first campaign by Japan China and its influence in Corea would probably be defeated; but the success of the island empire would destroy its isolation, bring it into dangerous relations with Russia and embark its resources in a long war which would slowly sap its strength. At present Japan enjoys a practical monopoly of the trade of Corea, whose exports consists chiefly of food sent to Japan, which, like England, imports food from the mainland. In nine years, from 1884 to 1892, the exports of Corea rose from $737,635 to $3,296,490, and its imports from $999,720 to $4,598,490. This rapid increase is chiefly with Japan, and Japanese steamship lines and traders are profiting by it. As long as it continues the commercial superiority of Japan is certain, and it is to the advantage of Japanese interests that Corea, the nearest point on the mainland, should remain, as in the past, a buffer State over which Japan and China both exert an influence and from which they both receive tribute.

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You are therefore required to cite the said Administrator, the heirs and next of kin of the said deceased and all others interested in the said Estate and they are hereby cited to be and appear before me at at a Court of Probate to be held in the office of the Registrar of Probates at Hopewell Cape in the said County of Albert on Saturday, the Twenty-eighth day of July next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to attend the passing of the said account and show cause if any they have or know why the same shall not be finally allowed as prayed for.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Probate Court, at Hopewell, in the County of Albert the Twenty-Seventh day of June A. D. 1894.

Signed, W. ALDER TRUEMAN,
Judge of Probate,
County of Albert.

JOS. H. DICKSON,
Registrar of Probates,
County of Albert.

NOTICE.

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Hillsborough,
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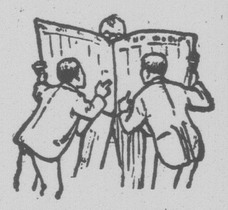

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