

THE HERALD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1890.

All matter for publication in the HERALD should be in this office by noon on Tuesday. Persons wishing their advertisements changed must advise us Saturday forenoon.

Our agent, Mr. Landings, will next visit Moncton, Wellington, Egmont Bay, Albert's Village, and other places in the interests of the interests of the HERALD. Any courtesies extended to him in these places will be appreciated at this office.

OBSTRUCTION AND INCAPACITY.

Nothing could more clearly demonstrate the worst than useless character of that political execration called the Legislative Council, than the conduct of the majority of that body during the session of the Province of Ontario.

Not so, however, these gentlemen undertake to pronounce upon grave questions, affecting the legal condition of our Province; whereas, a little reflection should convince them that nature never intended them, and art never fashioned them, to deal with such subjects.

We are led to this conclusion from the fact that the majority in the council rejected during the session the following Bills passed by the House of Assembly:

An Act respecting Mortgages and Pledges. An Act respecting the Public Health. An Act respecting the County Judges' Criminal Court.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The election held in Rochester, England, on the 19th inst., to fill the parliamentary seat made vacant by the resignation of Col. Huxley-Hall, resulted in favor of Highmore, the Gladstonian candidate.

John Albert Bessier, the candidate of the Liberal Unionists, was on the 19th inst., elected to succeed his father, the late John Bright, as representative of the central division of Birmingham, England, in parliament. Bright received 3,610 votes against 2,650 for William C. Hoar, the Gladstonian nominee.

PARNELL has instituted a suit against the London Times for libel, claiming £100,000 damages. He has engaged Sir Charles and Arthur Russell to conduct the suit.

The trial takes place in London on the 23rd inst. The specific charges against the Times is that it published a fac simile of a letter dated April, 1887, falsely ascribed to Parnell, and published other letters during the trial of the case of O'Donnell vs. Waller, among them being a Kilmallick letter beginning "Dear Sir," which the Times subsequently to the trial called genuine. Parnell will insist that the case be confined to the subject of the issue of the forgery. All questions of a political nature will be excluded from consideration.

In the British House of Commons on the 15th inst., Gochan, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced the budget. The revenue for the year exceeded the estimate in the last budget by £1,645,000; the expenditures were £94,000 in excess of the estimate, leaving the surplus £2,880,000, the largest amount since 1873. He calculated the revenue for the current year at £205,000,000, and the expenditure at £202,837,000, making a deficit of £2,163,000, caused by the deficit of the year 1889-90. The deficit would be met by taking £1,000,000 of last year's surplus and putting an additional tax of one per cent upon every gallon of beer.

A CABLEGRAM from London states, in connection with the Atlantic mail contract to replace the Allan's contract, which expired on the 11th inst., that the Government representative of the Messrs. Anderson will shortly leave for Canada, on the invitation of the Dominion Government being unable to accede to the Allan's request for a further extension of time for the submission of tenders.

The Dominion Government has received from the Government an intimation that their contract has been favorably considered, and that it is only necessary to settle details. Steps will probably be taken to expedite the completion of the new contract, so that a direct mail service will be established.

ALONG the west side of Lake Michigan during a rainstorm last week, clothes hung up to dry were spoiled and stained by ash. When the ash came from was not apparent, but their presence is clearly accounted for by the great fire which had just before swept the prairie of Dakota. That the ashes of great fires can be carried to a considerable distance we have had abundant evidence in Ontario during the present season of fresh fires. Volcanic ashes are known to have been borne from Iceland to the East Indian Archipelago. It is said, fell long afterwards in Belgium. At any rate, analysis showed their composition to be identical with that of the ash which fell near the exploded mountain. That these things occur possesses a practical interest for laundry people.

THIS is not from a paper desirous to make a point against Kaffer for political, commercial or emigration purposes, but is taken from the Salina County Journal, in an address to the farmers of Walnut Township in regard to the price of binding twine.

The poverty-stricken, mortgage-burdened agriculturists of Kansas, who are well known that Kansas agriculture is a failure, and that the people are as poor as the soil, are represented by the other hand, they understand the questions under consideration, but preferred to delay and obstruct the business of the Legislature for several days for opposition sake, their conduct was reprehensible beyond description.

By whatever motive they were actuated, a great change came over the spirit of their dream a few hours before the Legislature adjourned, as they expressed themselves well satisfied with the information before them, which, for days they had made a show of disputing. In view of these facts and others of a similar nature which have, from year to year, come to light, it is difficult to understand how the electorate of this Province can agree to have several thousand dollars of the public money annually spent on these political frolics.

A PRIVATE letter from a Glasgow business firm discommending the coal trade, says that it is an utter impossibility to send coals to Quebec this year at \$5.00. For many years there have always been about a dozen ships going from Glasgow to Quebec in the spring. This year there is not a single one going. No ships are obtainable from the Clyde. A local firm who had wanted to charter a vessel for a coal cargo offered \$4.94, for the Quivira, but the owners simply laughed at it. The vessel was subsequently chartered for \$5.00.

THE financial position of Prince Edward Island is in marked contrast with that of New Brunswick. Here in this province we have a bonded debt of two million dollars, owing to the Province of a quarter of a million per year, with less than half a million remaining to our credit at Ottawa. Prince Edward Island has no debt at all with more than a million and a half for her credit. This would seem to indicate that there is something radically wrong with Mr. Blair's management of the finances of Premier Sullivan of the Island province made what appears from the reports to have been a remarkably clear and able review of the financial situation. He shows the average annual expenditure to have been nearly sixty thousand dollars less than that of the Province of the present Government than the average during the term of the Davies Government. But this has not been accomplished at the expense of the public service, the present Government having an annual expenditure on schools thirty thousand dollars in excess of the amount spent by the Davies Government, and dealing generously with the roads and bridges. The people are sometimes asked to believe that Grit Governments are more economical and more prudent than wicker "Tory" Governments, but the experience of Prince Edward Island does not bear out assertions in that direction. The "Tory" assumed power in the Island province with an available balance of less than a million dollars on hand, and the wicker "Tory" Government, in its first year, had spent a million dollars on land purchase and other accounts. At the present time the balance is already reduced to less than a million, and a

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

The observance of Holy Week and Easter Sunday were well carried out in St. Dunstan's Cathedral, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The services were well attended, and the choir and organ were prominently featured.

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PROGROSSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Provincial Legislature was prorogued on Wednesday afternoon by the usual ceremony, by His Honor Lieutenant Governor McDonald. After being accorded to the Legislative Council Chamber, His Honor ascended to the bills passed during the term, and closed the session with the following address:

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: The labors of the session having been concluded, I am happy to relieve you from further attendance in the House of Assembly, and I am greatly pleased to be able to congratulate you on the diligence and care which you have bestowed upon the business submitted to you.

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