

OTTAWA LETTER.

Hon. Mr. Blair Rushing His Railway Commission Bill.

The Redistribution Bill One of the Things Likely to Prolong Session Well into July—What Has Been Going on Recently.

(Special Correspondence of the Sun.)

OTTAWA, June 16.—Parliament has been extremely dull during the past few days. The members have devoted nearly all their time to the consideration of government bills, and as the discussions arising out of such matters are, on the whole, rather technical, there is little to interest the public.

It is the redistribution bill that is looked upon by the members as the one thing likely to prolong the session many days beyond July 1st, which is the earliest day fixed for prorogation.

The ignominious defeat suffered by Hon. W. S. Fielding at the hands of the opposition last Friday night, is still being discussed about the lobbies.

Hon. W. S. Fielding has his hands full in the house just now. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is expected to be the rest of it is possible for him to get in session in the house at night and Mr. Fielding has to take upon himself the responsibility of the government.

Hon. Sydney Fisher gave a lecture in Japan at 2 o'clock Saturday morning which was thoroughly enjoyed; the opposition liked it because it removed the necessity of a long speech for several hours, and the government supporters took advantage of the remarks the minister of agriculture made and said a good word for the bill.

The minister of agriculture is authority for the statement that the Americans are worrying about the impression the Canadian exhibit made in Japan.

CLOSING OF ST. JOSEPH'S.

The College at Memramook Grants B. A. Degree to Five Graduates.

Patrick J. Gallagher of Moncton Delivers Excellent Valedictory—Chas. J. McLaughlin of Queens Co. Carries Off Philosophy Premium—Thomas O'Leary of Carleton Place a Prize Winner.

ST. JOSEPH'S, June 16.—Shortly after 8 o'clock this morning the members of St. Joseph's Literary and Dramatic Society gathered in their room to pay their tributes of respect to St. Joseph's honorary president, Father Dollard.

The members thanked him for the books and the high literary ideals he has set before them. They also thanked him for the hearty interest he had taken in their games and amusements, which was of such a nature that the boys one and all, whether at work or play, hailed his coming with joy.

Father Dollard made a very happy speech in reply, and urged the boys to cultivate the spirit of loyalty to each other and to the college.

The closing exercises of the University of St. Joseph, Memramook, began on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the hall of the college.

There were four competitors for this premium: Hon. E. J. Barry, Edward J. Conway, Ben. Grignon and J. P. Leger.

The judges selected for the oratorical contest were Hon. E. J. Barry, C. W. Murray, E. A. Reilly and P. D. Doherty of Moncton.

The morning programme was opened up with a selection by the college band. The French valedictory was then delivered by Amos McLaughlin of Shediac.

Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder is a Catarrh Cure that Cures Colds and Catarrhs. Actually, positively, infallibly, Cures Colds and Catarrh!

Thomas O'Leary, Carleton, N. B., Awarded a Special Premium.

Religious Instruction, a Special Premium Presented by Very Rev. G. A. Dion, C.S.C., Awarded for Excellence in Apologetics Class (French) to Nazaire Poirier, Misouche, P. E. I. Honorable Mention, Eugene Delagrade, St. Isidore, N. B.

The much-coveted philosophy premium was won by Chas. J. McLaughlin, B.A., of Queens Co., who was also presented with \$10 by Rev. Wm. Dollard.

Alpheus Babin, St. Louis, N. B., 6 premiums, 3 mentions. Francois Bourgeois, Cocagne, N. B., 10 premiums, 2 mentions, besides 2 special premiums.

Amos McLaughlin, Johnville, N. B., 5 premiums, 4 mentions. Michael O'Brien, Johnville, N. B., 11 premiums, 2 mentions, besides 3 special premiums.

Perhaps not until this moment have we so forcibly realized the strength of this saying, and as the hour of departure is at hand, we are in retrospect our college friendships shining like golden luminaries among the misty recollections of the past.

WHAT SHAKESPEARE MEANT. (From the Brooklyn Eagle.) She laid the book aside and pressed her hand to her forehead.

"I've been reading an annotated edition of Shakespeare," she replied, wearily.

"Wonderful!" she exclaimed, "I should say he was wiser than all of us. We've taken up his works in our literary society."

"Some of the passages are very beautiful," she remarked. "There's a line about the back of them."

George Howard McDonald, Formerly of Queens County, in Rattlesnake Luck.

The Story of His Alleged Fortune Reads Like a Romance—Worked as a Laborer Around the Wharves in Boston.

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BOSTON, June 19.—The Boston Evening Traveller tonight announces that it has found a New Brunswick man who is a claimant to millions named Rattlesnake Bar awaiting a heir.

The story of the fortune reads like a romance, and strikes McDonald as a ray of hope from a darkening sky.

As a laborer he had been working at the wharves, and one ill-fated day he stumbled over a box in the coal tower and broke his ankle.

As the doctor's office, for some time, the doctor's charge fully answered the doctor's charge.

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SLUMP IN U. S. ATLANTIC TRADE.

LONDON, June 19.—The slump in the Atlantic shipping trade and the rumors of sensational developments forthcoming concerning the unsatisfactory position of the Morgan combine excite widespread interest here.

Like the German elections, they are specially used as ammunition in the imperial reciprocity campaign. Liverpool telegrams declare that six Leyland liners are laid up and three Atlantic transport steamers now in the Thames, are about to be laid up, and that the Southampton to New York intermediate service will be discontinued.

It is stated that American shippers are so dissatisfied that they are sending freight by the Cunard and other British liners. It is said that the dissolution or radical readjustment of the combine is not impossible.

AMHERST, June 16.—Albert Reid, of Tintin, formerly of Amherst, met with severe injury. He was caught making repairs on his yacht. A rope extended from the masthead to a stake to capsize the vessel. The stake drew out and the boat flew over to the side where he was working. The man was caught and his arm was badly bruised.

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GAMEY AGAIN.

TORONTO, June 19.—At this morning's session of the Gamey committee, Dr. Beaty Nesbitt read an affidavit made by T. H. Leavitt, the conservative organizer. It will be remembered that the committee refused to hear the evidence of Leavitt and of Davis of Rochester. When accompanied by Davis he heard the latter have conversation with Wilson, father-in-law of Frank Stratton. In this conversation Wilson told Davis how he had given \$800 to get out of Canada, and that the Gamey inquiry was over.

He also heard Wilson say that the way he came to know Stratton had bought Gamey was through his son-in-law Frank, who told him Stratton had furnished the money and that Frank had paid it over to Gamey.

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