## S. S. MILWAUKEE

With Second Contingent en route to South Africa.

Notes of Voyage From Wednesday. Feb 21st, 1900, to Wednesday, March 21st.

WEDNESDAY, March 21st, 1900 .-To-day, the day of our embarkation for the front has been so full of incident that it is difficult to describe in detail. From the sound of "Reveille" till the command "Fall in," the men have been busy packing up kit. At all is ready, and the welcome command "Quick march" is eagerly obeyed by the men, who realize that the weeks of weary waiting are now at an end, and at last they are actually on their way to the seat of war. The march through the streets of Halifax was a memorable cne. Crowds of visitors and citizens cheered themselves hoarse and phalanxes of Halifax's fairest daughters waved handkerchiefs in fond adien to their lovers and relatives in the contingent. On arrival at the naval dockyard everything was for in readiness, and no time was lost in marching the men on board. A few minutes later lines were cast off—the bands on shore playing "Auld Lang Syne." The huge ship moved slowly into the stream amid the cheers of thousands and the long voyage to South Africa commenced.

Halifax the men were ordered below, but many of them remained on deck, hiding in odd corners, anxious to get a last fund glimpse of dear old Canada. A tug-boat crowded with friends of the boys, followed us a long way down the stream, the band board playing patriotic airs-the favorite being the "Maple Leaf," and it seemed as if the boys could not get enough of it. Down below everything was in confusion-kit-bags and accoutrements were thrown on the tables: musical instruments produced, and the ship, from stem to stern, broke forth into one vast burst of melody. Few cared to sleep, and those who wanted to could not close their eyes till well on to 3 o'clock on account of the noise and racket. During the night dirty weather was encountered, which developed into a heavy gale, accompanied by a drenching rain storm.

As soon as we were well clear of

The bugle call for breakfast was answered by but a few, as nine-tenths of the men were suffering from "malde-mer," and it was a startling and somewhat amusing contrast to see the 500 or more gallant, stalwart fellows who marched so bravely through the streets of Halifax, laid out limp and lifeless in every conceivable position, both above and below the decks and hatches. The only sign of life shown was when the vessel gave an extra roll and pitch, then the recumbent figures would give a hollow groan of agony and pay fresh tribute to Neptune. The sea was not what an old sailor would call rough, although some of the waves looked fierce enough, even from the towering decks of the Milwaukee. A heavy, oily swell was the cause of the mischief, and it did its work effectually. It was no respecter of persons. Officers, men and horses all suffered alike. Nor were the crew of the vessel exempt. Some of them who had sailed the seas for years were as bad as the troopers, and many queer scenes were to be witnessed. Dozens of the men dropped down in whatever place the sea sickness overtook them. A few were sprawling around the smoke stack of the steamer, black and grimmy from the smoke and ashes. Some lay in the passage ways, utterly indifferent as to who walked or fell over them; one man collapsed just outside of the hospital door, and as the door was not fastened every lurch of the vessel sent at banging into the poor fellow's ribs. 'This continued all night long, but he was unmindful of it. Dozen of the boys were lying in heaps on the deck, drenched to the skin by the rain and spray, cold and miserable, unable to help themselves and no one able to help them. Spick and span uniforms were ruined, rifles and bayonets rusted, kit bags great coats thrown everywhere, but no one cared, all were suffering. Discipline had vanished, and King Neptune reigned supreme.

The storm lasted all day Thursday, but during the night it moderated and per day, the motion of the vessel is Friday broke out clear and bright, and scarcely preceptible. To illustrate this a few new faces were to be seen at the breakfast table-men who had apparently disappeared from the ship emerged from odd corners, dirty and woe-begone, but all hungry and looking for something to eat. Raw onions were in great demand. Some were hungry enough to eat raw potatoes. The tables were well occupied at dinner time, and full justice was done to the meal provided. By supper-time nearly all were well, and later on in the evening groups gathered around the ergan and plane singing, but not the rousing martial songs of Wednesday night. There was a subdued air about the music, and hymns of the Moody and Sankey stamp and sentimental songs were the favorites.

On Saturday the sea was as smooth as a nill-pond. Everybody is well and happy, and we are getting our sealegs. Kits and hammocks are being put in order, rifles and bayonets clean ed, and all traces of the storm removed from uniforms in readiness for Sun

Sunday-A beautiful day, warm and balmy as a May day in Canada. Church parade for all hands at 10.30, and Chaplain Lane of the contingent preached an excellent sermon. The singing by the choir, composed of volunteers, was exceptionally good. No work to do! The remainder of the day was spent in reading, writing and singing.

Monday-Another splendid daygrowing warmer a targe sail has been bent in the shape of a tank and filled with sea water. It accommodates ten at a time, and the dip is greatly appreclated by the boys.

Tuesday-It is growing hotter, and, but for the breeeze, would be unsup-portable. The men have discarded tunics and perform their duties in shirt-sleeves. Rev. Mr. Lane has suc- band rendered an excellent program-

is not very loud, but it makes up in uality what it lacks in quantity. At the preliminary practice to-day they rendered several pieces in splendid style, to a wildly appreciative audience, who cheered themselves hoarse. A large whale was seen at the disance of a mile, and caused great excitement, especially among the men from the North West, many of whom are sailing on the ocean for the first time in their lives. A steamer was seen late in the evening, but too far off to be spoken.

WEDNESDAY, 28th Feb.-We are now one week cut from Halifax. Routine work is the order of the day. Reveille is sounded at 5.30 a. m., and from then till "lights out," at 3 p. m it is one continuous round of guards, fatigue and picquet duty. The battalion paraded to-day for pay, and received their money in bright, new English sovereigns and florins. The antren was well patronised, and had to ciese doors several times to replenish the stock of canned fruits, tobac co, girger ale, etc. Prices are about double the Halifax rates for such such goods. Fifty per cent. of the profits of the canteen will go to the government, who will apply it to the patriotic fund. A few of the men who are adepts in the tonsorial art, and who had the foresight to bring their tools with them, are doing a land-office business in cutting hair. The operation costs 15 cents, and is worth the money, as the job is done thoroughly. Clippers are used, and the hair is cut so close to the scalp that it looks as if it were shaved. Uproarious fun is created when a man comes back to his trooop from the barber's chair. Every one has to have a slap at his bald pate with the open hand, and the efforts of the luckless victim to dodge the slaps are very

"Pig." the Eskimo sleigh dog, from the Yukon, has had his shaggy hair trimmed, a la British Lion, and appears to enjoy the change. C. Battery of artillery are cultivating pointed beards. At present they are only in the embryo state, but by the time we reach Cape Town they will look like veterans. At present they resemble Coxy's

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28th to Wednesday, March 7th, 1900.-We are now fairly in the tropics. The days are oppressively hot, but the nights are glorious. A sail through these moon-bathed Southern seas would make a graven image go into raptures of admiration.

We spend most of our time on deck after evening stables are Anished, drinking in the cool night air, so refreshing after the foetid atmosphere of the horse-deck.

One cannot help feeling sorry for the poor horses. The are literally drenched in prespiration, and it is pathetic to see the wistful look in their eyes as the men pass through, bucket in hand, on their way to the water tank. The mer on stable piquet perform their nty clad in trousers and boots only All other clothing is dispensed with, and care has to be taken not to lean against the sides of the vessel, as the iron has become so heated from the sun as to be unbearable to the touch. Scarcely a day passes without two or three horses dying, and up to date we have thrown overboard 29, and some six or seven are reported not likely to

The improvised bath, before mentioned, is liberally patronized at all hours of the day. Besides, there is a 14th. regular parade of each troop for bathirg, and, as the men line up for this parade, it reminds one of Private Mulvaney's remark in Kipling's story of the "taking of Lungtungpen: "t was the most ondacent parade he ever witnessed." The sun dries us so quickly that towels are almost a superfluity. Exertion of any kind is a burden; but in spite of the heat paraties, guard mounts, piquets and fatigues are carried on as strictly as if we were on shore.

Paradoxical as it may seem, a man

live over night.

is not "properly dressed" for parade unless he is half-undressed; that is to say, orders were issued to-day that in future all parades should be in shirtsleeves and trousers only, with sidearms and rifles; several who appeared in tunics were sent back as "not properly dressed on parade." The sea is as smooth as a mill pond, and, although we are covering from 230 to 240 miles I would mention that the ship stopped for four hours to-day to make some repairs to her machinery, and half of the boys were not aware of the fact until their attention was called to it. Two men were tempted by the inviting coolness of the sea to rig ropes over the side of the vessel and cool their heated bodies in the depths of the sea. Fortunately for them an officer stopped them just in time, and they were given an opportunity to cool off in the guard room for a few days. It was fortunate for them that their intentions were frustrated, as the sea in these latitudes is alive with sharks.

The men on stable piquet have hard time of it. The air on the horse deck is unsupportably hot and close They have to patrol up and down the long rows of horses, which are so close together that their noses almost tcuch. They have to exercise a general supervision over their allotted part of the stable, report all sick horses and assist the veterinary surgeon when required, besides feeding and watering horses at midnight. Fatigue parties are kept busy watering the decks with sea water to keep them cool, but despite the discomforts of the excessive heat everybody is well and happy. The food is abundant, and the sea air gives us magnificent appetites The officer of the day who comes to each table at meal-time and asks, "Any camplaints," is invariably answered in the negative. But on coming from stables at noon to-day I though that the dinner of pea soup, fat pork and beans, hot biscuit and plum duff was more suited to the Klondyke or s lumbering camp in mid-winter than & crowd of over-fed, under exercised soldiers on a transport in the tropics

A concert was held on the middle deck Thursday night. Chaplain Lane's

ly demanded encores until Mr. Lan had to ask them to desist. The boy repeatedly cheered him and the band, and then listened to the remainder of and then listened to the remainder of the concert, which consisted of songs, readings, instrumental solos, etc.

• At 10 a. m. Wednesday we were startled to hear the "alarm" sounded. The different troops rushed to places in an incredibly short space of time; standing by the boats allotted to them in case of fire or shipwreck, Some of them had been bathing and responded to the alarm in garden of dide

costume; others, who were shaving ran to their places with faces covere with soap lather. The prompt respon to the alarm greatly pleased the officers, and it will be repeated from time to time without previous warning, in order to get the men accustomed to their places in case of fire or ship-

wreck. We have orders to day to get all mail in readiness in case we should meet with a mail steamer, which, however, is not likely, but, nevertheless, we are all busy writing, so as to be ready. We passed the Cape Verde Islands on Monday, but only got a fleeting glimpse of the Isle of Fogo, which looked, from a distance, more like a low bank of clouds than an island. At 6 a. m. Friday, March 9th, we crossed the equator, and on Saturday we saw a rge school of porpoises, which gam-olled about in the water quite close bolled about in the to the vessel for hours. On Su morning. March 11th, the welcome cry of "Land, Ch!" brought us tumbling up from below at 5 a. m. It was a bright, clear morning, and straight in front of us we could see a large indistinct mass looming up in the hazy distance-Ascension Island-and, although we were told that we should not approach close to it till 10 a. m., we could not tear ourselves away from the first real sight of land since we

To the sea-weary eyes of the boys nothing could be more refreshing than the sight of the island. Those on duty below carried on their work with many delays and envied their comrades who were feasting their eyes on the sight of shore. The call for breakfast was almost unheeded, although some rushed down below, grabbed a biscuit and cup of coffee and resumed their post of observation. By ten o'c'ock we were abreast of the island at a distance of about four miles, and could see distinctly the sharp-peaked mountains. The trees on top of them were boldly outlined on the horizon. The largest peak of all showed up splendidly, its apex crested with fine white fleecy clouds. The sides of the cliffs near the beach were of a dull reddish color, showing the volcanic origin of the island. A narrow strip of white sandy beach stretched along the base of the slope on which we could distingish with the naked eye a few huts and small boats, evidently used by fishermen.

We kept our signals flying until we were answered by those in charge of the signal station on the island To our great disappointment we did not get any war news, although the island as cable communication with England. So we will have to wait till we get to Cape Town. Altogether the sight of the island was a welcome break in the monotony of the long sea voyage, and we followed it with our eyes till late in the afternoon, when it faded away in the distance and was lost to our view. However, we have another similar treat in store, as the chapiain has just informed us that we shall pass the Island of St. Helena on the afternoon of Wednesday, March

March 14th to 19 .-- Arrival at Cape Town. The past week has been uneventful. We possed St. Helena on Wednesday, but took but little interest in it, as we were too far off to see it plainly. We are all anxious for the voyage to end, and we expect to sight Table Mountain to-morrrow, Wednesday, March 21st. We have been furnished with new suits of khaki and new boots, which we will wear on our disembarkation at Cape Town. We have also been supplied with packages containing bandages, etc., to be used as first aid to the wounded on the field, also identification parchments, detailing name, rank, next of kin, etc., which will enable the authorities to notify our friends in case we should get killed.

All is bustle and hurry getting ready to leave the ship, which has been our some for a month, so I must close this letter in a hurry, with the hope that I shall be able to resume it in a day or two, when we shall be settled down in South Africa.

RALPH MARKHAM.

## Children Cfy for CASTORIA

AN ANECDOTE OF STANLEY.

When H. M. Stanley was writing Through the Dark Continent he was in the habit of spreading his maps and charts upon the floor. One day his favorite cat went to sleep on a chart spread out on the hearth rug. By and by the chart was wanted, and one of the assistants went to turn pussy away, when Stanley stopped him. "Don't disturb the cat," he said, "we can get on without the chart until she wakes up. If you only knew how good the sight of that cat was to me, you would never let her move from where she is." After his trials among uncivilized tribes the sleeping cat was to him the symbol of domestic peace and comfort.



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## OTTAWA LETTER.

More Light on the Buron and Brockville Ballot Stealing.

Some of the Reasons Why the Gov ernment Has Stopped All Enquiry Into the

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Louis Davies' Pathetic Performances-The Minister of Marine has Two Sources of Trouble Not a Colonel After \$11.

OTTAWA, May 10 .- The return of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper to the house of commons after his visit to British Columbia brings Yukon ence more to the the matters front. ly in control of the space in the question paper since his return, though as yet he has not been very fortunate in obtaining answers. As to that, however, the same experience belongs to most memters. The favorite answer to questions during the last month has been: "Etand at the cornest of the government." Question time ap pears to be the favored hour for ministers to have engagements abroad.

Since the government refused the investigation into the Yukon last year further papers have come down relating to the Ogilvie investigation. It has been made clear that the investigation was a poor affair. The commissioner himself reported that the government ought to hold another in order to remove the cause of complaint.. This document Mr. Sifton hid away last year, calling it a private letter.

Meantime Mr. Wade, formerly political manager for Sifton in Manitoba, afterwards a very large claimant for pay from the federal government for alleged services in connection with the alleged investigation of alleged ballot frauds in Manitoba, land commissioner, legal adviser, and several other things in the Yukon, where he carried on at the same time a healthy practice among miners and investers who had claims egainst the government, is getting rich.

Mr. Wade figures in the matter brought up by Sir Charles Hibbert yesterday. So does Mr. Davis, collector of customs at Dawson, who is alleged to have acted in a high-handed manner to the great advantage of Mr. Wade and Mr. Wade's clients. There is no modification of Sir Charles Hibbert's reflections upon Mr. Davis be cause the collector was formerly a conservative member of parliament and was appointed to office by the late government.

This is the story: There is a steamer called the Yukoner, owned by an English company and engaged in trade on the Yukon and Pacific coast. The Yukoner was at Dawson last July and her captain and mate had a claim against the ship. Collector Davis gave clearance to the Yukoner, which seems then to have been entitled to depart. Mr. F. C. Wade, as counsel for the ship's officers, requested the collector to detain the vessel, after the clearance was granted. The collector did so end held up the ship until the agent paid bim \$5,099. Afterwards Mr. Davis somehow got himself into the position as arbitrator and made a decision compelling the ship to pay the claim of the officers, and also to pay \$750 for Mr. Wade's legal services.

Counsel for the ship owners pre sented the case to the government, and it seems that the matter was referred. to the department of justice. The government refuses to bring down the opinion of Mr. Mills's department, but it has brought down a letter from Mr. Davis, replying to one from Ottawa. Mr. Davis had been requested to arrange a settlement "in view of the opinion of the department of justice," and Mr. Davis, replying, quotes the department of justice as stating that the conduct of Mr. Davis was 'high-handed and improper."

Sir Charles Hibbert has been trying to get all the papers on the subject. and yesterday, having failed to get all he wanted, he had 16 questions on the order paper. He wanted to know in what capacity Mr. Davis acted in detaining the vessel after clearing her, by what right he had ordered \$750 to be paid to Mr. Wade, whether he had received the \$5.099 from the owners of the Yukoner in his official capacity. whether the department admitted its accountability for this money or repudiated Mr. Davis' action.

The minister declined to answer the question, though he admited that some questions, though he admitted that some of them were proper. Sir Charles Hibbert refused to be snuffed out in this way, and was giving rea-sons why the questions should be answered. The rules do not allow discussion on questions, and a rigid application was made by the government of this rule against Sir Charles Hibbert. The episode might have ended in ten minutes by the minister answering some questions and giving his reasons for refusing the other answers, but perhaps he did not care to to answer particular questions involving the credit of his own department so he stood on the rules of the house That is how it came about that Sir Charles Hibbert moved the adjournment and went minutely into the whole matter in a speech of three hours and a half.

Mr. Paterson struggled valiantly over the matter, and was rather hard on the furniture while he denounced Sir Charles Hibbert for trying to get information from him which would be of service to men who were pressing or were in a position to press a legal claim against the government.

This view of the case led up to a discussion in which Mr. Borden of Halifax and Mr. Quinn of Montreal took part. The view of the minister of customs appeared to be that no matter how unjustly a government may

an official may have used his to hold up a firm for money parliament if the victim has a remedy at law. Mr. Quinn, on the contrary, thinks the country will take the view that the business of parliament among other things is to expose and correct public abuses, and that the house is not prevented from enquiring into the conduct of a minister and his officers from the fact that the minister and his officers have caused some person a loss of property. It is in fact none of the parliament's business what remedy a man may have at court. It is its business to see that the laws of the country are properly administered by the government of the country and by paid public servants,

That paid public servant Mr. Pater son seems to think otherwise, and holds that it is very wrong to ask a minister for information which may help a victim in securing his rights. Therefore Mr. Paterson will not say whether Mr. Davis was acting as an officer or in a personal capacity when he exacted from the Yukoner a healthy fee for his friend and Mr. Sifton's friend Mr. F. C. Wade. He gave no better reason for his refusal than that if he told the truth and the whole truth the man who claimed to be wronged would thereby be assisted in having his wrongs righted. Incidentally, of course, Mr. Wade might be npelled to give up his booty.

Sir Charles Hibbert is not worrying himself about Mr. Davis and his form er toryism. He is quite oblivious to Mr. Paterson's sneers on that score Neither does it trouble him that Mr. Paterson tries to make it appear that the member for Picton is acting as a kind of assistant to the counsel of the owners of the Yukoner. Sir Charles Hibbert is in hot pursuit of the officials who are responsible for the Yukon scandals. Neither sneers nor reflections, nor refusals to answer nor poundings of desks, nor stranuous shoutings of ministers charged with complicity in the scandals can turn him from his purpose.

The minister of justice is having struggles over the penitentiary binder twine. Some time ago he issued a little brochure on the binder twine question. Yesterday he was asked to expound the question of the price of fibre and the price of twine. He declined to give this information on the ground that 't will expose the government business to rival dealers. Not to disappoint the senate altogether he expounded during the long address the history of vegetable fibres and the development of harvesting processes The minister was not feeling well and did not go as far back as he sometimes does. The Devonian period escaped attention because there is no proof that wheat was grown at that time or that there were human beings who tied it up. So far as the attentive hearer could discern there was no reference used by Mr. Mills to an earlier date than the time when Ruth gleaned in the fields of Boaz. The most diligent research on the part of the minister of justice has not revealed the existence of the use of binder twine in harvesting the "alien corn.

John Connor in the public accounts committee the other day did not cover so large a historical period, but he was more interesting where he did go. The solicitor general had an object in making it appear that the late government was improvident in making Mr. Connor the selling agent, inasmuch as at one time the agent owed the government \$48,000 and while the only security was certain Baie des Chaleur railway bonds. Mr. Connor says the bonds were pretty good when they were deposited, that the Connollys were partners of his in the transaction though the government did not know it, and that after his failure to pay he turned over to the department of justice all the other property and securities that he had. The trouble between Mr. Connor and the Connollys was vaguely hinted at, but nothing more was stated plainly except that Connor had raised \$25,000 in cash and had been relieved of it by Michael Connolly before it reached the department.

Mr. McMullen, who seemed to think that the solicitor general was not sufficiently hard on the witness, intervened by asking Connor what the Baie des Chaleur bonds were worth now. John admitted that they were not worth much, but claimed that he had reduced his indebtedness to the government from \$48,000 to less \$9,000, as lately determined by the exchequer court. That amount would also be paid, but he was proceeding against the Connollys for a settlement and claimed that they were largely in debt to him in respect to this twine business.

It seems that the partners set about to make a speculation in Manilla, which promised to give great results, but did not fulfil the undertaking. Mr. McMullen continued his questions He asked Connor which was the best value now, the Bale des Chaleur bonds or Connor's note? John seemed to regard this as an offensive question, but replied calmly: "I think my note is as good as yours." McMullen expressed a dissenting opinion. He is said to be worth a quarter of a million, the result of judicious business as a retail store-keeper at Mount Forest, followed by a prosperous career expose himself to attack by refusing as a note shaver and private banker. But Mr. Connor observed: "I have al ways paid a hundred cents on the dollar, and I never heard of you paying any more." This was a final shot of the day and after a close comparison of notes the members of the committee decided that their information in this matter did not exceed that of Mr. Connor. Mr. McMullen has never been regarded as a reckless man in his financial operations. His note is good and the same may probably be said of any other note that once gets into his hands. S. D. S.

> OTTAWA, May 11.-The action of the government in taking Mondays for government business, brings to an end for this session, the career of a private member as promoter of legislation. It is a remarkable fact that the private member still cherishes the hope that he has some functions in originating public legislation. He



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comes again and again to the house with a bill in his pocket to reform the laws of the country, or to make new ones. He ought to know that these bills cannot reach a second reading or at the most, cannot pass the consmittee stage. In this correspondence on a previous session it was pointed out that not more than a dozen bills had ever become law which had been introduced by private members in some ten years. The only wender is that members of parliament should not recegnize their effacement, but, should still entertain the fond hope that they have anything to do in the house except to ratify, criticise, obstruct, or reject government measures.

Private bills proper receive suffciently good treatment. These are bills of a purely private nature for the incorporation of railway companies, and the granting of other charters, and such like affairs of a private character. They have a large part of the time in the beginning of the session. They get an hour a day twice a week until the end of the session, and the committees upstairs spend almost every forenoon in dealing with them. The consideration given to private bills is careful, conscientious, and vigilant. As a rule they are kept free from party discussion, and are dealt with as well as can be expected from so large a body in dealing with more or less technical matters.

Where the private member fails of a public character. For instance this year some fifty or sixty public bills were introduced by private members. Less than forty of these have passed the first reading, which comes off before the "orders of the day." these not more than two or three have passed their second reading. All the others stand under the head, "Public Bills and Orders," ready for the second reading. Now, since the government have taken the last private member's day, the Speaker will not call the "public bills and orders" again this sersion, because government orders held the precedence. Consequently the house will hear no more of the thirty-five bills now standing to be read a second time.

The character of the measures so shut out may be judged by the following: The list includes two bills by Mr. Ingram and one by Mr. Carroll to amend the Franchise Act: one by Mr. Puttee, one by Mr. Erb and one by Mr. Ingram to amend the Dominion Election Act; one by Mr. McLean to establish a bankruptcy court; mounted police pension bill by Mr. Davin; Mr. McMullan's bill to make hens lay eight eggs to the pound. measures by Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Charlton. Mr. Britton, and Mr. McLaren, and Mr. Russell, to amend the criminal code; one by Mr. Douglas concerning grain standards; one by Mr. Reid to regulate freight and passenger rates on railways; a Chinese immigration bill by Mr. McInnes; a bill by Mr. Richardson about railway land grants: one by Mr. Campbell about trade marks: Mr. Flint's amendment to the Canada Temperance Act: Mr. Benttie's bill about an eight-hour day amendments to the Militia Act by Co. Prior and Mr. Domville; Mr. Ganong's bill concerning the measurement fish, Mr. Casey's in favor of govern ment telegraph, and so on.

Next year these members, if they are in the house, will come forward with the same sheerful disregard of history, and will start these bills again on their short career, and will again mourn over their untimely fate. Perhaps ten or twenty years hence it will occur to some members to procure a reform in the procedure, whereby this intant mortality may checked. It will be a popular proceeding in the house, and if the suggestion takes the form of a resolution it will adorn the order paper for three months. It will be cut off in the fourth month of the session along with the thirty bills which the trusting members of that time will have launch on their ill fated journey.

The state of affairs indicated above is not peculiar to Ottawa. The same breakdown of parliamentary machinery is reported to exist at Westminster. The government is gractically the originator of all legislation, and the only chance a member had is to get the ministers to take hold of his reform and incorporate it in a government bill. There may be some advantage in thus making the government responsible for all the reforms that are not made. The singular thing is that members of parliament do not recognize existing facts and still persist in coming to with legislation.

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