

PARLIAMENT.

A Most Infamous Gerrymander Bill.

Sets at Nought the Principle of Representation by Population.

Falsity of Laurier's Statement That in the New Arrangement Respect Would be Paid to County Boundaries.

(Special to the Sun.) OTTAWA, May 19.—The government scheme for the gerrymander of constituencies was brought down for the premier today.

Before Sir Wilfrid Laurier had proceeded far with his explanation he disclaimed the mind of the opposition members any hope they may have felt that it would be a fair measure.

The bill is evidently designed and intended to strangle the conservative party in Ontario. It sets at nought the principle of representation by population, as it creates constituencies varying in population from fifty thousand down to twelve thousand. The measure does not touch Nova Scotia.

In New Brunswick it arranges St. John, giving one member for the city, and one for the county outside of the city. In Prince Edward Island county lines are restored, Prince and Queens each returning two members running together, and Kings returning one.

In Quebec certain parishes are removed from one constituency to another, for the alleged purpose of restoring municipal boundaries. West of Ontario, it is in that province that the bill gets in its work.

Laurier explained that the principle regarded in this arrangement was respect to county boundaries of constituencies. It appears, however, that this doctrine is only applied when the government finds it advantageous to do so.

Many constituencies will still cross municipal boundaries. The act provides that the constituencies of Cardwell, Bothwell and West Ontario shall disappear and Middlesex shall lose one seat. Two new members are given to Kent, which is enlarged. To Dufferin county, now included in Simcoe, is added a part of Cardwell, and it is given a member. One is allowed to Parry Sound, now joined to Muskoka.

The bill provides that Ottawa and Hamilton shall each return two members, and London city one, as now. Toronto, which now contains one district electing two members and two others which return one member each, will receive portions of the municipalities now included in East York and West York, adding thirty thousand to population. The city will still have only four members and will be carved into single member districts.

Life out of them in Ontario." The bill was full of iniquity and hypocrisy. The government gave an unfairly large representation to gerrymandered districts. It was a farce to call in judges to apportion seats after this gerrymander had been performed. No judges could make the bill a fair one. In the course of the discussion that followed it was pointed out that Simcoe, a conservative county, was only allowed one member for each 27,000 people, while Kent, a liberal place, had one for each 13,000, and Brant, liberal, for each 16,000.

COLONEL TISDALE begged the government to reconsider their action and withdraw the bill and proceed fairly to give representation according to population. If judges were to work, let them be told what the amount of representation should be and leave the rest to the judges.

SPROUT, Clancy, Montague, Bennett and other members offered their protest. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper made a few remarks when the bill was read a first time.

It is not often that a bill is discussed to this extent on its first reading, and the tone of the opposition members indicates a rather bitter debate at subsequent stages.

Some of the Ontario members have figured out on the basis of the last election that the effect of the bill will be to deprive the conservatives of seven seats. A government supporter says that the effect will be the capture by the gerrymander of seven seats and the loss by them of three.

Among the members who have their majority taken away are McCleary of Welland, McLaren of Perth, and McNell of Bruce. Mr. Clancy, who defeated Hon. Mr. Mills, has his seat abolished, which is mentioned as a fine revenge of the minister of justice on his old constituency.

While Mr. Laurier pretends that he has moved to introduce the redistribution bill from his desire to respect municipal boundaries, he has at least fourteen constituencies under the bill in which municipal boundaries are disregarded. Brant, with 33,000, and Durham, with 32,000, are each allowed two members. Some members will represent only 14,000 people, others more than 50,000.

The general purpose appears to be to give excessive representation to gerrymandered and partial representation to conservative districts. More than fifty constituencies in Ontario, or considerably over half the total number, will be affected by the bill. Some of the boundaries changed have existed for thirty or forty years.

The house was in supply in the evening on estimates of the marine department. Sir Charles Tupper discussed at some length the matter of tidal surveys, urging that the department should have abandoned this work. The committee rose and the house adjourned at midnight.

P. Mr. and Mrs. Borden of Halifax are at Toronto, and Messrs. Martin and McDonald of P. E. Island have gone home.

The senate will sit tomorrow and Tuesday, and the Royal society will be in session on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Ontario members are up in arms over the gerrymander, and all hopes of an early prorogation are at an end. The debate on this bill will probably occupy two or three weeks.

The general impression is that if the bill is not amended in the house it will itself be gerrymandered in the senate. It is thought by some that the government may on reconsideration withdraw the bill for this session, but your correspondent as yet finds no substantial authority for this view.

The contract has not yet been signed with the Furness line for the direct winter service, but the terms are arranged. The ships will be five thousand tons, and the subsidy fifteen thousand dollars. The Furness company only gave the government, at the end of this month to close the contract, announcing that other arrangements would be made if nothing were done by that time.

MILITIA TRAINING. Militia companies are called out for twelve days' training on the following dates:

4th Division, Sussex, N. B., Sept. 6th, 8th Hussars, 10th and 11th battalions, Brighton Engineer company, 51th, 71st, 73rd and 74th battalions.

5th Division, Aldershot, N. S., 12th Sept.—King's Canadian Hussars, 65th, 66th, 75th, 78th and 83rd battalions.

No. 8, Halifax, 2nd June—Digby, Pictou, Mahone Bay and Armouth companies Garrison Artillery.

No. 12, Charlottetown, 27th June—4th Regiment C. A., Charlottetown Engineers company and 32nd battalion, N. S., Sydney, 27th June—17th Field Battery.

Baddeck, 27th June—94th battalion. OTTAWA, May 22.—Though the commons did not meet today, the senate had a sitting. The greater part of the afternoon was occupied with a debate on a subject introduced by the venerable Senator Wark.

Mr. Wark, though in his ninety-sixth year, follows closely the course of public business. He thinks that the chamber to which he belongs is not performing its fair share of legislative work. He said that last year the senate did nothing in the last fifty-six days, during which time forty seven bills were introduced in the commons. This year the senate practically did nothing until last week, though over a hundred bills were introduced in the commons.

Mr. Wark wants to know why the government does not bring some legislation before the senate and not all before the commons. He is of the opinion that private bills might fully be considered first in the senate.

Hon. David Mills explained that the criminal libel suit against Major Smart and members of the town council at Truro is still before the stipendiary. The mayor was on the witness stand today on his own behalf.

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HORRIBLE DISCOVERY

In An Outhouse Connected With a Fredericton Hotel.

The Partially Decomposed Remains of an Unidentified Man Found Face Downwards.

(Special to the Sun.) FREDERICTON, N. B., May 22.—In the fifth and sixth of an outhouse connected with the Commercial hotel of this city a horrible and shocking discovery, and one that is shrouded in mystery, was made tonight about 10 o'clock.

While men were at work cleaning the place they discovered the remains of a man so much decomposed as to be almost unrecognizable. They were once given the alarm and in a short time an eager and excited crowd had gathered, but among all the number none have so far been able to identify the remains, many, however, expressing the opinion that they are those of a colored man.

The body is apparently that of a man who weighed about 130 pounds, of middle height and undoubtedly that of an elderly person. He was fully dressed, the coat being of some dark material, black cashmere socks, boots about number 8, but narrow and of rather stylish appearance.

Corner Coulthard viewed the remains and gave instructions for their removal, but has not yet ordered any search of the body for clues of identity. It is evident that the man has been in the place for a considerable time, as one limb was pulled completely from the body while it was being brought to the surface. Notwithstanding the advanced stages of decomposition, the face bears signs of bruises or cuts, but whether these were inflicted before death or after is of course a matter of conjecture at present.

The body was found face downwards, with the coat pulled up over the shoulders. The discovery followed so closely on the heels of a murder case that much excitement which will only be abated after a thorough and searching inquiry.

The coroner will probably commence the inquest tomorrow morning.

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FINLANDERS NEXT.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., May 22.—It now seems likely that Newfoundland will soon receive a colony of Finlanders. Applications have been received by the colonial government, hearing on the subject, asking what steps it is necessary to take and how far the Newfoundland authorities would assist. Information is also sought as to sections of the island where Finlanders would be allowed to settle and as to how the colonial government, hearing on the subject, asking what steps it is necessary to take and how far the Newfoundland authorities would assist.

It has been decided that Canadians who served in the Fenian troubles or the Irish rebellion, and also in the last North-west troubles, will get two medals, instead of one medal with a clasp as originally proposed.

THE PARIS ASHORE.

FALMOUTH, May 21.—The American line steamer Paris, Capt. Watkins, from Southampton and Cherbourg for New York, struck on an outlying ridge of the Manacles early this morning at a point half a mile from where the wrecked Atlantic transport liner Mohegan lies. The Paris, which sailed from Southampton yesterday, called at Cherbourg and picked up fifty passengers. She left Cherbourg at six o'clock last evening. Soon after one o'clock this morning, at high tide and in a dense fog, she ran ashore. From the first there was no danger. Life boats and tugs were soon literally swarming around the vessel to render assistance. A majority of the passengers, who numbered 230, were brought to Falmouth, where they obtained lodgings for the night.

An effort was made this afternoon to tow the Paris off the rocks. Three tugs were engaged at full pressure with the steamer's steel bawser, her own engines assisting for half an hour. The attempt was entirely unsuccessful, the steamer not moving an inch.

U. S. SUPREME COURT.

Delivered a Judgment Interesting to Lumbermen.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The U. S. supreme court adjourned today for the term. During the session the court disposed of 519 cases, leaving 603 cases on the docket. At the close of the last previous term the docket contained 313 cases. Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Brewer expect to sail on the 31st instant for Paris, whether they go to participate in the Vermont boundary arbitration Justice Harlan goes immediately to Yale college to deliver a course of lectures. The court, through Justice Brown, held that planks or boards planed on one side, and tongued and grooved should have been admitted free of duty as "dressed lumber" under the tariff act of 1884, and not as a "manufacture of wood." The decision was rendered in the case of the United States v. Frank Dudley, which originated in Vermont.

Half Price!

NEW REGATTA SHIRTS IN POPULAR DESIGNS. REGULAR DOLLAR SHIRTS. WE ARE SELLING 2 FOR ONE DOLLAR.

Fraser, Fraser & Co., Foster's Corner, 40 and 42 King Street, St. John, N. B.

"LITTLE KIPS."

The explanation of the above abbreviation probably is that General Roberts, the hero of the Boer war, was affectionately called "Little Kips" or "Bobs." There's a little round faced man, While the rest are tall and thin, Who's the finest staff he can, Our Kips.

There's a Kips for every crowd, Has the Muses by the nose, Makes us all set up in row— Don't you, Kips? An' 'e's travelled fur and far, Little Kips, See'n things just as they are, Straight-tale Kips, An' when that there street turns, It's his eye that's brown, Kips! Kips! Kips! Kips! In a nose-book of his own— Buzzy Kips!

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BOUND TO GO TO THE WAR.

An Officer Who Was Short on Teeth, but Long on Valor.

(North's Companion.) Major Whipple of the Second Massachusetts Regiment had been a soldier and an officer in the Civil War, and in the meantime had won much service in the Massachusetts militia. When the Spanish war broke out he wanted to go to the front with his regiment.

But all the officers, as well as men, had to undergo a physical examination at Worcester. Major Whipple was a man of great bodily strength and perfect health and activity, but the judge of dentists had him a little deficient in the matter of teeth. An examining surgeon proposed to exclude him that afternoon.

Then the major, who could not stand being shut out from the chance to serve his country in such an emergency, exclaimed: "Look here," he exclaimed, "I'm going down there to shoot Spaniards! I don't propose to eat them!"

We do not know what answer, by word of mouth, the surgeon made to this protest, but the fact is that the major went to the war as distinguished himself in it, even eating his share of hard-boiled eggs, and escaping all the illness that fell to the lot of younger men.

MARRIED, BUT KEEPS HER OWN NAME.

Only in America could there originate such a marriage contract as that entered into in Toledo, Ohio, recently by Rev. Henry C. Cannon and Lydia Kingsmill. The contract, both of whom are regularly ordained ministers. Here is the contract, the most striking feature of which is that the Commander should retain her own name.

"Having been joined together in the holy state of matrimony according to the laws advanced, so-called, that we both entertain we have agreed before our marriage to record our views with regard to a union of hearts and lives in this age of enlightenment. We were agreed before our marriage that anything that fell short of such a union was degradation. For the woman to give herself to the man in return for his support was to us a revolting idea. We rule that the woman change her name. We regard the name of another man as a mark of the wife to the husband; the very identity of the wife marks her degraded condition. That equality was preserved when they left it, and will be to the finish of the chapter.

SACKVILLE.

Excellent Concert by Pupils of Mount Allison Conservatory.

SACKVILLE, N. B., May 22.—Friday evening last a concert was given in Beethoven hall by pupils of Mt. Allison conservatory. This performance is part of the regular anniversary exercises, but was given a week in advance to make place for the faculty concert, which is a delightful extra. An interesting programme was given by the following students: Vocal, Misses Sperry, Wood, Fairley, Davison; violin, Miss Treen; piano, Misses Chipman, Smith, Ardenburg and Mr. T. Arsenault. The good execution of all the numbers is strong evidence of the excellent groundwork laid at the conservatory, none of the performers being among the advanced pupils. The townspeople were naturally most interested in the three young ladies of Sackville, Miss Dora Wood, Miss F. Treen and Miss C. Fairley, all of whom acquitted themselves most cordially. There was a good house.

The last of the graduating recitals, that of Miss M. A. Cole of Amherst, N. S., took place Saturday evening in Beethoven hall. The very high quality affected the size of the audience, but those present were all music lovers, and Miss Cole's extremely fine performance was fully appreciated. The five numbers of the high class programme covered a wide range, and the young player seemed equally at home in the different phases of musical feeling. Her execution displayed great security and clean cut tones. Miss Cole gave a very satisfactory reading of the Beethoven concerto, for which Prof. Vincent furnished the orchestral accompaniment. Her technique was admirable, the equality of her runs noticeable and her rendering of the cadenza musically. Miss Wright gave two vocal numbers, and never appeared to better advantage. Her rendering of Liszt's Lorelei was artistic, and in both songs her high notes were truly lovely. Mr. Wilson conservatory has every reason to be proud of its graduates of '99.

Faculty concert opens anniversary exercises May 25th. The beginning of the end is Thursday evening, May 25th, when the conservatory shall give a very fine concert in Beethoven hall. Leading attractions will be the opening of the new organ by Prof. Vincent and song by Mrs. Vincent, who will make her first appearance before a Sackville audience. A faculty concert at this season is an unusual treat, and after the brilliant performance of last autumn many will doubtless avail themselves of an evening of thorough musical enjoyment.

FEW WEDDINGS AT WESTMINSTER.

(Chicago Times-Herald.) It isn't everybody who can be married in Westminster Abbey. The recent wedding there of Lady "Percy" Fremont to the Earl of Crew is the occasion of recalling some of the noteworthy ceremonies that have occurred in the famous pile. In the first place, it is an expensive matter, a marriage there. Then, too, a wide discretion guides the dean, by the way, in the rules he makes so fair and gallant aspirants to the lifelong flame attaching to an abbey wedding, although he is very well known to be pleased with the laudable desire of English men and women to be joined together in holy matrimony by the country's most ecclesiastic church. Thus a Westminster Abbey wedding, while still rare is not now the exceptionally uncommon occurrence it used to be.

One of the dean's own daughters was married there. At other famous weddings was that of H. M. Stanley, the African explorer, and Dorothy Bennett, an occasion that attracted some interest, occurring as it did at the moment of Mr. Stanley's great popularity, as a hero of novelistic adventures and exploits. The "little great man" on his way to the altar may have stepped over the fat stone on which the name of the illustrious forerunner, Livingstone, is engraved. It lies just in the centre of the aisle, almost in the direct path between the west door and the choir.

Christina Nilsson, the Swedish nightingale, met the zenith of her power, and the British coronet was graced by a wedding in the abbey. The occasion was marked by a

Cold Water... ceilings of... if you wish... light over the... sanitary... and surface... old in bulk... apply to your... dealer and... white). It... GRESS... us Yesterday at... Held Saturday... be Appointed... Arranged... 18.—The peace... Czar of Rus... president of the... of foreign af... of the Neth... inaugural ad... delegates. The... addressed by... to the Em... occasion of the... namant confer... odomen I send... ations on the... ference at The... its origin in the... ous initiative of... 18.—After mak... Staal, in behalf... graphed to the... lands as follows:... conference, as... in this beau... tain to lay at... their best... to accept their... for the hospi... aciously delgned... message was... appointed hon... leading Dutch... Karmobok, D... of foreign affairs... dited vice pres... nt of nine secre... proposal that the... adopted. The... ll take place on... delegates will ar... and appoint com... ence then ad... lasted only 35... dered to augur... May 18.—Resolu... pence conference... initial steps in... ne court of na... senate to rally... with Great Brit... a public meeting... the auspices of... ance and the Na... subject were made... and clergy... in testimony at... ade an attack on... it criticized his... PHEN... rry of Oak Bay... Depot... E. B. May 18... led last evening... Bay. He was... 1885, and in... in employ of his... man H. Todd, a... a manufacturer. After... in testimony at... at his own account... arch, 1895, when... His wife was... Bay, who sur... Seth Berry of... Oak Bay, also... and Melville... survivors of a... held on Friday... being in the... Stephen cemetery... the purchase... Park, adjoining... otting park, on... ew round house... depot. RIFLEMEN... n has discovered... the inside of... being cordite, or... his plan is to fire... can be cleaned in... ms that this plan... the trouble which... of cordite. ne in ten minutes... the Powders, 10c... for heaven must... that would... there must acquire a... them here.