

## PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW.

The charges preferred against Sir Adolphe Caron by Mr. Edgar were originally of a very serious nature, but being somewhat general in their character the Government demanded that the charges should be made more specific, and in complying with this request Mr. Edgar has been obliged to whittle away his charges to the vanishing point. Instead of trying the charges by a committee of its own members Parliament by a majority vote of 62 has referred the whole matter to a judicial commission with a request for a full report upon the same.

The minister of marine and fisheries has at length brought in his contemplated lobster bill, and lobster packers are no longer in suspense as to the provisions of this measure. The protective policy is to be extended to these palatable crustacea, and fines are to be imposed upon those who continue to can the baby lobsters. Proprietors of lobster canneries will hereafter be obliged to take out licenses, and any violation of the law will result in the forfeiture of the license.

Our importers and wholesale dealers are rejoicing in the announcement that no changes will this year be made in the tariff regulations. It would be in the interests of the public to enact such legislation as would prevent any change in the tariff at any time coming into force within six months of its enactment. How many of our merchants have gained or lost unduly by sudden tariff changes.

The Connollys are not dismayed. The action of the Government to recover a cool half million of dollars, said to have been obtained by the Connollys through undue influence, is met by these gentlemen with a counter claim for extras for \$120,000. The outcome of the trial will be watched with interest.

Mr. Wood, of Westmoreland, has asked for information relative to the charges on the I. C. R. upon cattle shipments. Mr. Wood stated that a carload of cattle could be carried from Sackville to Halifax for \$25.00, being at the rate of about \$1.50 per head, while the charge for a single animal was \$3.00. He thought the difference was out of proportion, and operated unfairly against small shippers.

Charlton's Sunday observance bill was killed in committee after a lively debate. The weight of opinion was in favor of leaving such legislation to the Provinces, but Charlton thought the question should be dealt with by the Federal Parliament.

The effort to obtain a committee to try Judge Elliott, of London, Ont., missed fire. The Opposition claimed that the Judge acted throughout the election trials in a partizan manner, and that he was the writer of strong party articles in the London *Free Press*. The Government objected to the appointment of the committee, upon the ground that Parliament had by law fixed the method for impeaching a Judge of the County Court. That method was open to the members of the Opposition and a committee was quite unnecessary.

Mr. Haggart, Minister of Railways, made a statement in the House with reference to the Government Railways, which aroused a warm discussion. The Government Railways, which include the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railways, have a total length of 1,356 miles, they employ 4,473 men, and last year they were run at a loss of \$684,946. Mr. Haggart proposes to level down the expenses so as to correspond with the receipts by reducing the employees and taking off some of the extra passenger and freight trains. 230 dismissals are contemplated, one of the daily express trains between Halifax and St. John is to be discontinued, and other minor changes are to be made. The discussion which followed Mr. Haggart's announcement emphasized pretty strongly two ideas—first that the road could be more successfully operated were its affairs conducted directly in Moncton; and second that the deficit was mainly caused by charging capital expenditures to current account. Speaking generally, Mr. Haggart's determination to master the details of these railways was approved on both sides of the House.

## "I AM SO TIRED"

Is a common exclamation at this season. There is a certain bracing effect in cold air which is lost when the weather grows warmer; and when Nature is renewing her youth, her admirers feel dull, sluggish and tired. This condition is owing mainly to the impure condition of the blood, and its failure to supply healthy tissue to the various organs of the body. It is remarkable how susceptible the system is to the help to be derived from a good medicine at this season. *Purissimus*, that those purifying, building-up qualities which the body craves, Hood's Sarsaparilla soon overcomes that tired feeling, restores the appetite, purifies the blood, and, in short, imparts vigorous health. Its thousands of friends as with one voice declare "It Makes the Weak Strong."

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office, or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount enclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

The capital of the Bell Telephone Co. has been fixed at \$5,000,000.

Plans are being prepared for the erection of a brick block in Yarmouth.

Scarlet fever is raging in Hantsport, and several serious cases are reported.

It is rumored that Premier DeBoucherville, of Quebec, will retire from the leadership.

The Indians at General's Bridge, near Annapolis, are catching large numbers of salmon.

H. N. Wallace has been appointed cashier of the Halifax Banking Co. vice W. L. Pitcaithly.

The sufferers from the Springhill disaster have expressed gratitude to Halifax for the position our citizens took with regard to the public relief fund.

The bishopric of the west coast of Newfoundland has been conferred upon the Rev. Dr. Howley.

About 90 Italians are at present employed by the town of Dartmouth on the waterworks construction.

A fine sawmill at St. Martins Head, N. B., owned by C. M. Bostwick, was destroyed by fire on Monday night.

J. C. Crosskill, well known in Halifax journalistic circles, died at Moncton on Monday after a long illness.

Miss Lucy Murray, of Studholm, Kings Co., N. B., has been temporarily appointed to the staff of the Halifax Ladies College.

Work has been commenced on the new quarters of the Commercial Bank at Windsor in the front portion of the Payzant building.

The new building of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Yarmouth is completed and is one of the finest banking edifices in the Province.

A Manitoba correspondent writes to the *Chronicle* that the reports of the snow storms in Manitoba have been greatly exaggerated.

The contract for building Ungar's new laundry to be erected on Barrington St. has been awarded to John Cawsey. Contract price \$9,300.

It is understood that Lieut.-Col. Worsley will be re-instated in his position here shortly and will subsequently be appointed to another district.

The last number of the *Dalhousie Gazette* for the season is at hand and is a most interesting issue, reflecting credit on its contributors and editors.

The Board of Trade of St. John has adopted a resolution asking the government of Canada to assist in providing a grain elevator for that port.

The Charlottetown firemen have completed arrangements for a tournament which promises to be a grand affair. Halifax will send a delegation.

The value of agricultural products exported from the Dominion during the nine months of this fiscal year is seven million dollars in excess of last year.

William Maclean, Liberal Conservative, of Toronto, was elected in East York by 150 majority. The Liberal Conservatives feel very good over this victory.

About 8,000 tons of sugar for the Montreal refineries have been landed at St. John during the past month and forwarded by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Another cheap excursion from the Maritime Provinces to the Canadian North-west will take place about the middle of next month, when return tickets will be issued.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada meets in Montreal on June 8th. Rev. Mr. Sedgewick, of Tatamagouche, is spoken of as the coming moderator.

The Insular Steamship Company, limited, launched their new steamer *Westport* at Meteghan on Saturday last. The boat was towed to Yarmouth to receive her machinery from the Burrill-Johnson Iron Co.

Two citizens of Truro have received confidential letters from New York offering the agency for "green goods." The recipients of these communications decline with thanks the chance of making a fortune in the nefarious trade.

The local government of P. E. Island was prorogued last week. The Lieut. Governor withheld his assent to the much talked of bill abolishing the Legislative Council. His action has caused no little consternation among the government members.

The C. P. R. Co. has appropriated some \$25,000 to be expended at McAdam Junction on repairing, rebuilding and renovating locomotives and cars this spring. Work is being pushed, and there is great activity in the railway shops and yard at McAdam.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Canadian Pacific Railway was held in Montreal on Monday last. An elaborate report showed the road to be in a flourishing condition, and the past year to have been the most prosperous in the history of the company.

The closing meeting of the Institute of Science was held on Monday evening. A paper on the "Visibility of Venus to the Naked Eye," by Mr. Cameron, principal of Yarmouth Academy, was the attraction of the meeting and was received with much favor by all who were present.

The *New Glasgow Enterprise* says there is a big building boom at the town of Eureka, and it is expected that there will be a large influx of people during the coming summer. About a dozen houses are in process of construction, and about 30 or 40 more are about to be put up.

The Dominion Government has decided to erect a new drill shed in Halifax. Col. Humphrey has received from Ottawa a draft plan of the new building, which is to be of brick, dimensions 300 x 125, and will be a very fine building. The site of the old shed will probably be chosen for the new.

At a meeting of the Canadian Institute Saturday it was resolved to take such steps as may be necessary to invite all the railroad companies of the United States, Canada and Mexico to adopt the twenty four hour notation of time on the 12th of October, 1892, the anniversary of the discovery of America.

Fairville, St. John, was almost destroyed by fire on Sunday last. Forty buildings, exclusive of barns, were burned, and fifty-three families were turned out. The loss exceeds \$75,000, and the insurance is less than \$30,000. Many of the families are in very poor circumstances, and have lost all they possessed.

Dr. H. J. Fixott, St. Peter's, says: "Have prescribed Puttner's Emulsion, and judging by results, heartily recommend it."