

## PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW.

McCarthy's resolution in amendment to the Redistribution Bill, which favored an adherence to the old County lines, was pretty thoroughly discussed in the Commons, but as it did not take into consideration the representation by population, the debate was remarkable for its fullness of verbiage and emptiness of logic. It was defeated by a vote of 109 to 62. Somerville (Brant) then moved a resolution declaring that redistribution should only apply to those Provinces which made it necessary by the census. This amendment likewise overlooks the principle of representation by population, and it must be evident that any departure from this principle can only result in dissatisfaction. We have no sympathy with gerrymandering Acts, but in so far as the Government's Redistribution Bill adheres to the principle of equalizing the representation of the people of the Dominion it has our cordial support. Mr. Somerville's amendment was defeated by a majority of 35, after which the second reading of the Bill was proceeded with and passed on a vote of 97 to 60.

The patent law of Canada is being changed, the full life of a patent being extended from 15 to 18 years. In some respects our patent law is not equal to that in force in the United States, the patentee not being protected to the same extent. Much of the success of the United States as a manufacturing country is due to the inventions of her artisans and practical men, and while the public should be protected, it is in the interests of the country to encourage by every means in its power the inventive skill of its people. Capital and labor can organize to protect themselves, but the crystalized thought of years, as represented in many ingenious inventions which save both the expenditure of capital and labor, is worthy of public encouragement and the fullest protection the law can afford.

The codification of the criminal laws of Canada is slowly but surely being carried forward. In one day's session during the past week 104 clauses were adopted.

It is not what its proprietors say, but what Hood & Sarapilla does that makes it sell, and wins the confidence of the people.

## 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 Y. M. C. A. building is having 240 incandescent lights put in.

The Methodist Conference met in Lunenburg this week. About eighty ministers were present.

In the Inter-Provincial shooting match at St. John Nova Scotia beat New Brunswick by nine points.

H. A. Calvin was last Friday elected by acclamation to represent Frontenac in the House of Commons.

Ex-Premier Mercier has returned to Montreal, and states that he will take his seat in the Quebec Legislature.

It is rumored that the W. & A. R. Company intends erecting a new station house and freight shed at Wilmot Station.

Mr. Thos. Gallagher, of the Queen Hotel, Moncton, N. B., is the possessor of a six weeks' old fox. It was caught in Nova Scotia.

Hon. D. C. Fraser has been elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Nova Scotia, which met in Amherst last week.

The Kentville *Star* says ripe strawberries may now be picked in almost any sunny location. In a week or fortnight at most we may enjoy them as table delicacies.

The Dominion cruisers *Acania* (steamer) and *Kingsfisher* (schooner) have sailed from Halifax to watch fishing schooners now searching for mackerel on the Canadian coast.

Mr. A. D. Hewatt, formerly station agent at Annapolis, has been appointed Halifax agent of the Windsor and Annapolis railway, with offices at 126 Hollis street, in place of C. R. Barry.

The people of Allendale and Port Mills, Shelburne County, are agitating for better postal accommodation. The method of handling the mails in this part of the country is most primitive.

The Valley Telephone Co. have about completed the erection of the poles on the line from Annapolis to Hantsport. It is expected to have the line in working order by the last of August.

Upper Water Street will be closed for road traffic from the south entrance to O'Connor's Wharf to Commercial Wharf until further notice, in consequence of the paving operations now going on.

Lobsters are reported very scarce along the Tignish shore. A number of factories on the P. E. Island coast have closed down. The stormy cold weather of May was quite a drawback to this important industry.

The Nova Scotia Historical Society will meet this evening to consider the remonstrance of the Annapolis Mercantile and Improvement Association against a proposed alienation of the Garrison grounds at Annapolis Royal.

Rev. D. M. Gordon, of St. Andrew's Church of this city, who was recently offered an appointment in the Montreal Presbyterian College, has declined the same. This announcement will be received with pleasure by his many Halifax friends.

Our notice in last week's issue of the C. P. R. excursions to the North West gave the last date July 19th instead of July 18th. These excursions are arousing much interest and give promise of being extensively patronized. The dates are June 13th, 20th, and 27th and July 18th.

The lumber used in the construction of the new pier at Digby is being placed in the water and boomed at the Racquette. On Monday the boom broke and a considerable quantity of timber drifted away. It was towed back to the boom, and little loss, if any will follow.

The closing exercises in connection with the Ladies' College will take place next week. Miss Leach, the principal of the college, has received a very flattering call to the principalship of one of the oldest and most favorably known colleges for young women in New York state.

It is said the Sydney waterworks commissioners intend to lay out a portion of the land purchased in connection with the reservoir for a public park. The place selected is one of the handsomest spots for this purpose on earth, and with a very moderate outlay can be made into a charming sylvan retreat.

Mr. N. C. Macdonald, who has already contributed almost a million dollars to the different faculties of McGill University, has purchased a terrace of houses on the University Square, all of which will be demolished to make way for the construction of a magnificent new building for the law faculty.

Representatives of two large English paint firms have been sent out to make an experiment in painting the bottom of H. M. S. *Blake*. The starboard side will be painted with one composition, Rathgen's, and the port side with the manufacture of the second firm. That found best suited for the purpose will be selected by the Admiralty.

On Saturday night last the C. P. R. brought down from Ontario 52 horses for the Halifax Carriage Company, which, it is said, will, though after many delays, commence to run in a very few days. The carriage, if well managed, should prove a great convenience to that portion of the public not reached by the horse-car lines, and also a financial success.

The new schooner *Evelina*, now lying at Cunningham & Curren's Wharf, has been chartered to go on a novel and interesting expedition. A party of gentlemen have arranged to go in the *Evelina* to a Moravian village at the northern extremity of Hudson Bay, and to there secure a complete Esquimaux village, which is to be one of the features of the Chicago Exposition.

The electrical storms throughout the Province this week have been the most severe ever witnessed here, and have caused a large amount of damage. Scenes at once appalling and magnificent have been startlingly portrayed and have inspired much terror. With the exception of the demoralization of many electric wires no damage was done in Halifax, but reports from Amherst and Truro give accounts of serious destruction.

Judge Chauveau, of Quebec, gave his decision Thursday in the conspiracy case against ex-Premier Meier, ex-Provincial Secretary Langelier and Ernest Pacaud. Mercier and Pacaud will have to stand trial at the Court of Queen's Bench at the October term. Personal bail was accepted. The charges against Langelier were dismissed. The proceedings against Mercier for allowing malfeasance in office were begun this afternoon.

At a meeting of the directors of the Lunenburg and Halifax Steam Packet Company, held at Lunenburg on Monday, it was decided to have an excursion by the steamer *Lunenburg* from that place to Boston. The steamer will arrive at the Hub on July 3rd and leave there on the 5th. A number have expressed their intention of "taking in" the event, and those who patronize the swift steamer may rely on having a good time on board as well as ashore. Tickets for the round trip have been fixed at \$10.

News has been received of the death in the Zumbesi region of Africa of Captain Sairs the explorer, who was with Stanley on his expedition for the relief of Emin Pasha. The deceased was born in Halifax July 1st, 1863. He was made a lieutenant in the Royal Engineers, June 30th, 1885, and adjutant June 7th, 1890. On March 24th, 1891, he was appointed captain in the Welsh regiment. On the 18th of May, 1891, he received special regimental employment, which is a staff position.

Capt. J. H. McLean, who has been in the Provinces for the past few months in the interests of the *Empire*, Toronto, the leading Conservative journal of Canada, left for Montreal, Ottawa, and the West on Saturday. The *Empire* will publish a series of descriptive letters of many of our towns and their principal industries. Mr. McLean has been particularly impressed with the growth and development of the manufacturing interests and the general prosperity and bright outlook in the eastern portion of our great Dominion.

If the instructions of the city police to arrest all boys under 16 years of age who are caught smoking or chewing tobacco be strictly carried out a large number of lads will be found behind the bars. The law in brief is as follows:—1. Any person selling, giving, or causing to be sold, any cigars, cigarettes, smoking or chewing tobacco or opium to boys under 16 years of age, shall be liable to a fine not greater than \$20 or 30 days. 2. Any person who shall accept any money or other valuable consideration, to act as agents to anybody under 16, in procuring for such person any cigars, etc., shall be fined not greater than \$20 or 30 days. 3. Any person under 16 who has in his possession, or smokes cigars, etc., shall be fined not greater than \$5 or 7 days.

The *Season* for July is out, and, as ever, is being largely welcomed by the ladies. This number is especially interesting to those who are preparing summer outfits, and contains several very pretty models of light airy costumes suitable for the warm days of July and August. The colored plates are a taking feature and add greatly to its usefulness. The hints as to how to dress tastefully and fashionably are numerous, and the description of many novelties and details of the toilet are very interesting to the fair sex. All in all, the *Season* for July well sustains the reputation it has gained of being one of the best fashion magazines published, good illustrations and well written descriptions making it invaluable to all who would dress well. Price 30 cents a number. The International News Company, 83 and 85 Duane street, New York.