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PARLIAMENT.

Since our last issue, with the exception of Mr. Galt's Budget, which was opened on Tuesday, the 10th, the proceedings of Parliament are not invested with much interest. The time of the House has been taken up with explanations and counter-explanations regarding statements made by members against each other during the recent elections. The Honorable Mr. McGeue, we are glad to see, got a severe scolding for his unmanly and malicious attack upon Mr. O'Halloran in Waterloo. If ever a serious charge of corruption was clearly and satisfactorily disproved, it is that made by Mr. McGeue that Mr. O'Halloran was bought over to support the McDonald-Dorion Government by a large advance of public money to his constituency. And yet the Honorable gentleman had not the candor to admit that through a failure of memory or otherwise he had done a gross wrong to a fellow-legislator. No, like Barney O'Reidin who would not stoop out of his "Non-Resist" though a man-o-war stood across his bow Mr. McGeue would not give in, but departing from the point at issue, plunged into a most venomous and vituperative tirade of abuse against the man he had injured. Then, again, Mr. J. S. Macdonald had to explain what he meant by talking about emigrants being white-washed at Grosbeak, which, we take it, was a figurative, if not very classical term for a process that is actually required. Mr. Galt, it seems, has his grievance, the naughty Globe having used him so badly that he contemplates an appeal to the law of the land. If the Hon. Finance Minister has cause for complaint, we think Mr. McDonald has infinitely more reason to deprecate the manner in which he has been treated by the Leader, which has instituted against him a most serious charge—a charge that has been disposed of on the floor of the House by the gentleman aggrieved to the satisfaction of every candid mind. Taking these things as fair samples of the subjects which come under discussion day after day, we feel it our duty to join in British strating against such a wanton waste of public time, or at least time which is paid for at a pretty dear rate by the public—Of course, if a member feels that he has been grossly slandered in a public manner he is bound in honor to meet the charges brought against him in public, but cannot a step be put to at least a portion of the personal recriminations that turn the deliberations of the Legislature of Canada into a subject of farce and ridicule. It cannot suffice the ends of good government—it cannot elevate the politics of the country to a higher standard, but it does most emphatically tend to disgust thinking men and demoralize society. The press is blamed, and in many cases, too justly, for siding full to the flame of invective and abuse, and yet nothing can be more certain than that the treatment received by members of parliament at each other's hands encourages the leading journals of the Province to indulge in political sensationalism, even though the character and most sacred interests of individuals should be at stake. Whatever be the causes, the effects are palpable enough. Whenever one goes he is sure to hear political discussions, not based upon the excellencies of the disputants' party leaders, but upon the violence and incoherence of their opponents. The result will be, if all the anacient are thus thrown to the winds, that no high-minded man will allow himself to be placed in a position where his motives are sure to be impugned and his most energetic efforts to benefit the country at large neutralized by the petty, heartless attacks of unprincipled demagogues.

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GEOLGY OF CANADA.

This splendid work has been kindly forwarded to this office by the publishers, Messrs. Dawson Bros., Montreal. It is a large work of 1000 pp. printed on extra fine paper, and profusely illustrated in the text, besides the accompanying Atlas. The officers of the survey, which has been in progress for some time, are Sir William Logan, L. L. D., F. R. S., F. G. S., Director; Alex. Murray, Esq., Assistant Geologist; T. Sterry Hunt, M. A., F. R. S., Chemist and Mineralogist; and E. Billings, F. G. S., Palaeontologist. Notwithstanding the vast area over which their explorations have extended, these men of science have treated the Geology of our Country in a most exhaustive manner, and one which, in our opinion, entitles them to the warmest thanks of the Province at large. The peculiar value of the volume under notice is that it embraces in a concise and permanent manner the substance of the Geological Survey instituted by the Provincial Government in 1843 and carried on from year to year to the end of 1862. To give a practical idea of the comprehensiveness of the interest on the Pub. Debts, \$1,931,700 \$3,606,500 Charges of management, 220,000 45,000

In his budget, Mr Galt does not propose to raise existing duties, with the exception of those on tobacco and spirits. A specific duty of 15 per cent. additional has been imposed on spirits, the change having already been put in force. The increase on Tobacco is not to be enforced until the 1st of July. A stamp duty is also imposed, to the great annoyance of the commercial community.

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THE BATTLES IN VIRGINIA.

DETAILS OF THURSDAY'S FIGHTING. (Special Despatch to the World.) WASHINGTON, May 8. Owing to the loss of the railroad and telegraph lines and the limited and dangerous method of communication in consequence of the efforts of the rebels to intercept the communications, our correspondents, as well as some army correspondents, have failed to reach here. The army correspondents of the Boston Advertiser have been fortunate, and to him we are indebted for the following details of Thursday's fighting on the James River. The retreat of Lee's army, he says, under the command of General Grant, headquarters, May 5—

THE LOUISIANA CAMPAIGN.

Major-General Edward R. Canby has been appointed to the command of the Department of Louisiana and Arkansas, vice General Banks. The campaign in Louisiana is still going on. The news from Louisiana continues to get gloomy. General Banks has given up all thoughts of a forward movement, and seems to be just now occupied mainly in devising means to get back to the Mississippi. He has lost one-third of his army, twenty-three guns, perhaps twenty thousand baggage as the force which he has had in his possession has been scattered. Nor is this all; it appears by a letter which we published yesterday, that those who are left of the army are so demoralized that they are unable to do anything. The rebel forces have been in motion for some time, and have been successful in driving back the Union forces. The rebels have been successful in driving back the Union forces. The rebels have been successful in driving back the Union forces.

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