

House and Lobby

The Changes Made on the Foresters' Bill

Public Debt of the Dominion Now Over \$253,000,000.

Important Speech by Mr. Lister, M.P., on the Tax Question.

Mr. Charles Tupper Suffers from Sore Throat and Bad Eyes.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Mr. Mills (Bothwell) has given notice that he intends to move for an order of the House for copies of all papers and correspondence with the officials of the Indian Department and with other parties relating to the purchase, surrender and conveyance of any portion of the Walpole Indian reserve on the St. Clair River.

Seventeen new postoffices were established in the Dominion on Feb. 1, 1896, none of them being in Western Ontario.

The banking and commerce committee met yesterday to further consider the Foresters' Bill. The principal clauses of the bill, to increase the maximum amount of insurance to one person from \$5,000 to \$50,000, was passed without discussion.

The amendments which were presented by the Finance Department for the purpose of changing the society as far as the insurance system is concerned from a friendly society to an assessment insurance company, were all passed.

Another clause was added by Mr. Foster and accepted, providing that nothing in the act exempts the society from the effect of any further legislation passed by Parliament.

Mr. Hazen proposed a clause to provide that as soon as a member stopped paying to the society, then all liability to the society should also stop. Some of the members of the committee pointed out that as long as the society was a friendly one that was a very appropriate clause, but now that the order became an assessment insurance company.

Mr. Blake pointed out that the constitution provided that whenever a man had withdrawn from the order that day he ceased to be a member, and was not liable for any more assessments. This, however, necessitated that the member give notice of his withdrawal, while some of the committee objected to this.

Mr. Foster finally gave notice of a clause which has yet to be drawn up in its legal form, but which is intended to provide that any member of the society can cancel the contract himself by letter or otherwise, giving notice of his withdrawal, the same privilege being given to the society. From the date on which notice was given the member was free from further liabilities beyond what already had accrued in the way of assessments, capitation tax, fines, dues, etc. The amount of deposits which may be required from the society under the assessment law by the Government was increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000. The bill was reported.

Wednesday next is a Parliamentary holiday.

Mr. Bruneau (Richelle) gives notice that he will move that, in the opinion of this House, appointments to the Senate should be made without regard to political party, in order to make the Senate an independent body, as the fathers of Confederation meant it to be.

The official returns for January show the net debt of the Dominion to now have reached the enormous sum of \$253,135,572.94. This is an increase of close on six millions of dollars in two years. This year the increase promises to be greater.

The act respecting the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company, as it is proposed to be amended by the select standing committee on banking and commerce, provides that the aggregate amount of money deposited by the company together with the amount of debentures issued or to be issued unpaid, may be equal to, but shall not at any time exceed, double the aggregate amount of the paid-up unpaid capital and permanent capital withdrawn therefrom, together with a further sum which may be equal to, but shall not exceed, the amount retained upon the subscribed fixed and permanent capital upon which not less than 20 per cent has been paid; but in no case shall the total liabilities of the company to the public at any time exceed three times the amount actually paid up in respect of fixed and permanent capital of the company, nor shall they at any time exceed the amount of principal remaining unpaid on the mortgages at such time held by the company; provided that the amount held by the company on deposit shall not at any time exceed the amount of the paid and unpaid capital of the company. The reserve fund of the company shall be treated as, and deemed to be, part of the fixed and permanent capital of the company, not liable to be withdrawn therefrom, and the same shall not be applicable to the payment of dividends or distribution among the shareholders of the said company. It shall not be lawful for the company to make loans or advances to their shareholders upon the security of their stock in the company, nor to make loans or advances to any director or other officer of the company upon any security whatever.

St. John's circuit was unanimous in inviting their popular pastor, Rev. Wm. Penhall, to remain with them for a fourth year. But the law of the church demands something of a minister to return for a fourth year. There being nothing of a special character, Rev. Penhall decided to leave his case in the hands of the stationing committee.

STRATHROY.

"Advertiser" Agent, J. D. Meekison. Strathroy, Feb. 15.—Dr. Laxton, of Glencoe, attended the marriage of his sister in Strathroy Wednesday afternoon.

The Strathroy House of Refuge is filled to its utmost capacity, there being 112 inmates. There is some talk of turning the boiler house into a hospital for those patients afflicted with contagious diseases.

The Moccasin backstop stock will be sold by auction on Thursday—Feb. 20. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meek, the Misses Cameron, J. D. Meekison, A. Wright and W. Pool were among the list of guests invited to the dance given by the "Thirty-Five Club," of London, last night.

Special services are now being held in the Baptist church. Rev. H. C. Speller, of Sarnia, is conducting the service. Rev. Dr. Daniel delivered an interesting lecture on "Brain and Muscle" in the Frank Street Methodist Church before a very fair audience.

St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) church is entirely free of debt, the last installment on the mortgage being paid Thursday.

To Live in London.

Mr. C. J. Fox and Daughters Leave Delaware—Mr. Fox Farewelled by the Officers of the Delaware Agricultural Society.

On Wednesday evening quite an interesting and jovial gathering of the officers and ex-officers of the Delaware Agricultural Society entertained Mr. C. J. Fox to a farewell banquet in Jarvis Hotel, where a few hours were most appropriately and pleasantly spent with their guest previous to his removal with his two daughters to reside on Elmwood avenue, South London. Among those who gathered around the festive board were W. S. Weld, R. Stevens, S. Sutherland, D. McPherson, A. Thompson, H. C. Johnstone, J. R. Hammond, W. Boles, N. Bodkin, W. Statton, make the presentation. Mr. C. J. Fox, Esq., Dear Friend—It affords us intense pleasure as a committee representing your numerous friends and admirers to present you with this token of their appreciation for the admirable and practical manner in which you have discharged the onerous and responsible duties appertaining to your position as secretary-treasurer of the Delaware Agricultural Society. Your high character, integrity and zeal have not only won the esteem and confidence of your friends and of those brought into immediate contact with you, but have radiated far and wide so that you have reached a position that is not only a credit to yourself but to the township in which you live. That you may continue in the office which you so admirably adorn is the wish of the many to whom your virtues are as household words. On behalf of those whom we represent we ask you to accept this secretaire as a slight token of our esteem and regard for yourself and family. Trusting that increased happiness and prosperity may accompany you to your new home and throughout the life of the Delaware Agricultural Society.

"W. S. WELD." In reply Mr. Fox heartily and sincerely thanked his friends for their great kindness in assembling to bid him good-bye, and presenting him with such a tangible evidence of their good-fellowship. During his residence in the township and village he had grown up with most of those present, and had enjoyed many pleasant hours in their company. He then made an agricultural show, from its inception down to the present time, and the many advances in agriculture and agricultural interests, were briefly referred to. "The Army and Navy" brought Capt. Garth to his feet with a happy and most appropriate speech, H. Poole sang the "Red, White and Blue." "The Municipal Institutions" was recited by Reeve Bradt, Deputy Reeve Howlett, ex-Reeve Hays and Adams. The executive committee then brought forth some sound advice from D. McPherson, R. Stevens, and G. Uptigrove. "The Mercantile Interests" brought out H. C. Johnstone and R. C. Hammond.

The Officers and ex-officers of the Delaware Show" elicited some happy remarks from Messrs. J. Howlett, W. McEwen, C. Sifton, Ackland, Hunt, Ryckman, Whittaker and S. Sutherland.

"The Visitors" elicited neat rejoinders from H. Haycroft, and a recitation from H. Poole, Lambeth.

"The Ladies" were ably championed by Messrs. Bodkin, Boles, Hammond, Thompson, Scott and Harris.

Mr. Fox at this stage proposed the health of the president and vice-president, which brought forth "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

Mr. Fox is a descendant of the great Fox of Parliamentary fame during the reign of George III.

Watch Your Wife! Not lest she do some great wrong, but that you prevent her suffering many of them. Watch her that she suffer not from the many insidious diseases which afflict women, dragging them down and enfeebling them till life becomes a burden, and from which too few are altogether exempt. By getting her a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, the great female restorative tonic and nervine, you will furnish her the means to alleviate and speedily cure "Female Weakness," displacements, dragging pains, ulceration, weak back and general debility, and the wan, jaded look will give place to the ruddy glow of health before its influence. Dr. Pierce guarantees a cure, or money is returned.

Photography—Klein Cabinets, \$2.50 per dozen, at Cooper & Sanders, cor. Dundas and Richmond.

Arva, Feb. 14.—Evangelistic services are in progress in the Methodist Church, St. John's, being conducted by Evangelist Rev. J. A. Jackson with great success. The quarterly official board of the

Ontario Legislature

The Question of Continuing the Maintenance of Government House.

Grants Asked For by the Various Stock-Breeding Associations.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Mr. McLean (Huron) says that he favors obligatory voting, and may bring in a bill on the subject at an early date.

Three stock breeders' associations have been calling on the Minister of Agriculture and asked grants from the Government. The cattle breeders ask for \$1,500, the sheep breeders for \$1,500, and the swine breeders from \$700 to \$1,200. All say that these grants are necessary since the Agriculture and Arts Association has ceased to exist.

In the House today, in reply to Mr. Whitney, Provincial Secretary Gibson said that the son of the late farmer at Rockwood, Asylum, Kingston—an experienced man—had succeeded to the position. There is no regulation, Mr. Gibson explained, providing that the appointee should be a graduate of an agricultural college.

Sir Oliver Mowat stated in connection with the Kingston case that the Government would be glad to discover any practical means not yet produced that would prevent or diminish bribery in elections. So far the Government had not made any such discovery. As for bringing the matter before the House, the Government knew of no other means than by the publication of the judgment of the trial judge in the "Votes and Proceedings" of the Legislature.

A petition from Chatham prayed for legislation amending the Drainage Act so as to give no appeal from the referee to the Court of Appeal.

Sir Oliver is keeping his promise to the Patrons with reference to the Government House. He gave notice that he will move the appointment of a select committee to "consider all questions relating to Government House property, and the further question of future maintenance of the same, and of the maintenance of the Government House by the Province or otherwise, and to report thereon." The committee is composed of three members of the Government, with Messrs. Ferguson (East Kildare), and McNish, representing the Liberals; Haycock, McPherson, the Patrons, and Marter, Howland and Whitney the Conservatives.

A question concerning the interpretation of the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1895, section 4, brought the reply from Sir Oliver that Chief Justice Meredith's interpretation in the case of Harpelle vs. Carroll rightly expressed what the section was intended to enact.

Sheriff Mowat and Mr. Bastedo, Sir Oliver Mowat's private secretary, represented Sir Oliver Mowat at the funeral of Mr. John Douglas at Woodstock today. Mr. Douglas, who had been president of the Oxford Liberal Association for 35 years, was the man who first nominated Sir Oliver for the county, and he has made the nomination for every election since then. The Attorney-General forwarded a wreath to be placed on his old supporter's coffin.

Hon. Mr. Gibson has laid on the table the 28th annual report of the Inspector of Lunatic and Idiot Asylums. It noted the opening of the new asylum at Brockville, which had lessened the overcrowding in the other asylums. In all 968 patients were admitted to the provincial asylums during the year, a number which exceeds that of any previous year. The number in daily residence has increased from 3,689 to 3,995, or 186 in excess of the previous year. The increase in numbers has led to a deepening of interest in all the methods adopted for the treatment of lunatics. In view of the increase generally of insanity the report says it may be necessary in a short time to provide further accommodation in our province. In discussing the methods of keeping them, the Inspector says that as the county municipalities continue to waive the responsibility of maintaining so many of this class, larger buildings will become necessary. Outside of Brockville, where the new building erected, the cost per capita was \$12 more than previous year. This is accounted for by the authorities at the Orillia asylum having bought a two years' supply of coal during the year had it not been that there would have been a decrease of \$1.01 instead of an increase.

The report of the superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Institution shows that the school was more largely attended last year than ever before, the total number being 215, with an average of not exceeding 12 years. The cost per capita was \$17, being \$5 less than last year, and less than any other institution of this character in the world.

According to the report of the superintendent for the School for the Blind, last year the number of scholars enrolled was 150, the same as in 1894. Some additions are expected in the near future. There are now in the school 123—44 males and 59 females—8 less than on the 30th September, 1894. The cost per pupil for the past year is \$260.70, as compared with \$267.76 for 1894.

The bill which Mr. Stratton will introduce regarding town councils will provide for the reduction of members by one-third, one-half the members to be elected from the entire area of the city or two years, and the other half from the wards for one year.

DUNRAVEN HAS WRITTEN.

New York, Feb. 14.—At a meeting of the New York Yacht Club last night a resolution was moved to request the resignation of Lord Dunraven as an honorary member of the club. A cablegram was received from Dunraven, stating that he had forwarded a letter to the club, and the club therefore adjourned for two weeks, to take action on the resolution.

Connoisseurs of driving patronize Overmeyer's livery, Richmond street north, as he has only the latest style of rigs. Phone 422.

A FARMER'S ADVICE.

He Tells the People to Shun Imitations.

Had Been Imposed Upon by an Unscrupulous Dealer With the Result That It Nearly Cost the Life of a Loved Member of His Family.

(From the Woodstock, N. B., Sentinel.)

A reporter of the Sentinel recently dropped into the Victoria Hotel looking for general news and to scan the register for arrivals. Among those present he noticed a well-dressed farmer sitting reading a small pamphlet. The reporter asked the landlord if there was anything new, and being answered in the negative, the farmer turned and addressed him. "Looking for news, eh? Well, sit down and I'll give you something worth publishing." The reporter was at once on the alert, and the farmer continued: "You see, this little book I hold in my hand? Well, the title of it is 'Five Prize Stories,' and there is more good sense in it than in half the philosophical works of the day, and it don't lay in any of the stories either. Well, about a year ago I got hold of another little book by the same authors entitled 'Four Generations,' which I read carefully through, and one very important thing I read in it was, 'be ware of imitations, just as I read in this little book. Now I wish to show how I had been taken in (deceived), and how I found it out, and how near it came to costing me the dearest member of my household. Well, I began at the beginning. My name is Shepherd Banks; I reside eleven and a half miles from the village of Bristol, Carleton county, N. B., and am a well-to-do farmer. For several years my wife was troubled with pains in the back and weakness of the kidneys. About two years ago she was taken very ill, the trouble taking the form of acute rheumatism. We consulted no less than three different doctors, who, after having failed to help her, she continued to grow weaker and weaker, and the pains she endured were something terrible. For over a year she was unable to do a single thing about the house, and she had fallen away in weight from 150 to 130 pounds, and we despaired of her recovery. I happened to notice in one of the newspapers a testimonial of a similar cure through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I immediately got a couple of boxes. My wife began taking them, and by the time she had used these she began to gain appetite, and her pains were much eased, and we began to have great hopes of her ultimate cure. I then went for another supply of the pills. This time I purchased them in bulk, paying 30 cents for 100 pills, which were taken from a large glass bottle. I took them home and my wife began their use. Soon after she began to grow worse again; the old pains returned severer than ever. We still continued the use of the pills until about a third of them were gone. About this time I got through the mail, along with my neighbors, a book entitled 'Four Generations,' issued by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company. On reading it it did not take long to find out that the pills I had bought in bulk were a fraud, as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are not sold in bulk, but in boxes with the trade mark on the wrapper. I went to the cupboard and,

taking down the box in which the pills were, threw it and its contents into the stove. I then went and procured a half dozen boxes of the genuine Pink Pills, and from the time my wife began their use there was an improvement in her condition. She used about twelve boxes altogether, and today there is no heartier or healthier woman in the neighborhood, and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the standard medicine in our home. Publish this? Yes, it may do some other sufferer good. We are all thankful for what Pink Pills have done for us, but be sure you caution your readers against those vile imitations."

The warning uttered by Mr. Banks is one that the public will do well to heed, for some unscrupulous dealers in different parts of the country try to impose upon the public by presenting trashy imitations colored to present the appearance of the genuine Pink Pills. The public can always protect themselves by bearing in mind that the genuine pills are never sold by the dozen, hundred or ounce. They are always put up in boxes around which will be found full directions for their use, the whole enclosed in a label bearing the full trade mark, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." If you want a medicine that will cure all diseases due to poor or watery blood, or shattered nerves, ask for the genuine Pink Pills, and take nothing else, no matter what some interested dealer who is looking for a larger profit may say.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Alfred Marce, who cut his throat at Beauharnois, Quebec, died on Friday.

Plans are being prepared for a large addition to the deaf and dumb institution building in Belleville.

A Washington dispatch says there is a strong probability that eight new warships will be ready for service by July 1 next.

The annual convocation of the University of Toronto was attended by 2,000 guests, and the halls and corridors were thronged. It was the sixth anniversary of the fire that destroyed the university.

The Dominion Shortland Breeders' Association met on Friday and elected the following officers: President, Arthur Johnson, Greenwood, Ont.; first vice-president, James Russell; second vice, John I. Hoppen; delegates to the Western Fair, Dr. Kahan and M. Simmons, Ivan, Ont.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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WOODS' FAIR.

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WE RECENTLY RECEIVED a large assortment of Granite Steel and White Enamel Ware direct from the manufacturers, and are prepared to offer sweeping bargains in this line. Just imagine a Granite Steel Wash Bowl, worth 25c, for 15c, and Pudding Pans, formerly sold at 19c, for the unheard-of price of 10c. Do not use a worn-out, rusty tin pan when you can purchase an enameled one for that low price.

Space will not permit us to quote all the prices and kinds of these goods, which we are now displaying for sale, but come in and be convinced that our assortment of Enamelware, comprising Tea and Coffee Pots, Tea Steepers, Tea Kettles, Pudding Pans, Pie Plates, Preserving Kettles, Sauce Pans, Wash Bowls, Dish Pans, Cups, Saucers, Mugs, etc., is the cheapest and largest in the City.

Self-Basting Royal Roast Pans, are the joy of every household that have used them. What a comfort it is when roasting meat, fowl, etc., not to have the worry of basting every half hour. We keep them in all sizes. Can sell you a good size for 84c. We want to unload a large quantity of Copper-Bottom Planished Tea and Coffee Pots, and have cut the price of the 59c size to 25c, 39c size to 15c. Do not miss the chance of securing one at once, while we have them. Remember this is the place for tinware of all kinds, at right prices.

Feather Dusters, worth 15c, for 10c; and a well-made 25c one for 10c. We still take the lead in Crockery, and our stock is more complete than ever, having just received a new line of Tea, Dinner and Toilet Sets, and are selling a prettily designed and decorated 53-piece Dinner Set for \$3.89; 112-piece Dinner Set at \$6.98; Tea Set, 44 pieces, \$2.69. This ware is great value at above prices.

Clothes Brushes, former price 15c, selling now at 5c; also Rice Root Scrub Brushes, 5c; Stove Brushes, 10c.

Ladies, do not forget we have now on hand a great display of Side Combs, all kinds, long and short, from 5c pair up; also Circular Combs—a fancy one, black and colored, for 3c; Rubber and Horn Dressing Combs—in great variety.

We are anxious to clear out a quantity of Wooden Pails, and will sell two-hoop Wooden Pails, former price 19c, now 13c, 2 for 25c; three-hoop Wooden Pails, 21c, now 15c; Fibre Pails, 40c, worth 50c. Butter Bowls from 8c up to 39c; also all sizes of Butter Moulds from individual 1 ounce, 7c, to 1 pound round, at 20c, former price 25c.

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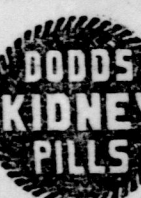
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