

**THE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.**—The Provincial Legislature reassembled yesterday. To-day the members are getting in line ready for work.

**MINSTRELS AT THE ACADEMY.**—St. Patrick's Minstrels occupied the Academy of Music stage last evening, and this evening repeat their performance. The entertainments are under distinguished patronage and the programme includes several very pleasing features.

**THE SHIP RAILWAY.**—Word was received here on Wednesday from Mr. Bateson to the effect that he would be here about the last of the month, and that the directors and those interested in the Ship Railway in England were making strenuous efforts to raise money to start the work as early as possible in the spring, so as to comply with the terms of the Dominion Government.—*Amherst Press.*

**THE SARNIA HEAR FROM.**—A despatch from New York was received in the city on Wednesday afternoon to the effect that the steamer *Sarnia*, from Liverpool to Halifax, due last Sunday, has been passed by the steamer *America*, which reports the *Sarnia's* propeller blades broken. Assistance was offered the disabled steamer, but was refused.

**OF INTEREST TO HALIFAXIANS.**—Messrs. M. S. Brown & Co. have on view to-day in the window of their establishment on Granville street the plate presented to the late Captain W. G. Stairs by Sir Charles Tupper on behalf of the citizens of Halifax in December, 1890. A large punch bowl, one of the handsomest pieces, was bequeathed to the Royal Engineers' mess at Aldershot, where it now is.

**GUESSED ITSELF OUT.**—The day of the fraudulent and delusive guessing competitions has nearly come to the end of its tether in Nova Scotia. The press and the people, it may be for different reasons, have encouraged the humbug until the number of the dupes of these competitions runs up into the thousands. The Provincial Legislature it is said will shortly enact such a law as will once and for all put a stop to the nuisance.

**A WIDEAWAKE TOWN.**—Yarmouth is to have a \$40,000 hotel. Three-fourths of the capital has already been subscribed and the balance will shortly follow. The hotel will be adapted to the needs of the tourist travel, and will be a great addition to Yarmouth. As usual in Yarmouth enterprises the names of L. E. Baker, W. D. Lovitt and E. K. Spinney appear foremost. Live men make live towns, and Yarmouth is lucky in having a remarkably large quota of substantial and energetic men.

**THE LYCEUM TO BE OPENED.**—Professor Zera Semon intends opening a season at the Lyceum on Easter Monday, April 3rd, with the Wallace Hopper Company. Of this company's performance, a Maine paper says:—"The drama is a forceable one and was thoroughly appreciated by the audiences. Mr. Hopper, as Larry the tramp, displayed great versatility in the character. He is a fine comedian, a nice singer, and a good all-round actor. Miss Robinson made a charming Mona. The support was strong, and it was altogether a very enjoyable presentation of the piece."

**BOOMING MONCTON.**—The Monctonians are making a vigorous effort to have the Harris car works located in their town. It is stated that the St. John parties interested are willing to go to Moncton instead of Amherst, provided a local stock syndicate with \$50,000 capital can be formed, and the works be exempted from taxation. Mayor Sumner is soliciting stock subscriptions, and the council has resolved to grant ten years' exemption from civic taxation as authorized by the present act, and to apply to the legislature for power to grant an additional ten years' exemption. The advantage to Moncton of having such an industry is considered to be very great.

**COBLINE DISORGANIZED.**—The action of the London and Lancashire and the Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Companies in withdrawing from the Nova Scotia association of underwriters, and agreeing with the Eastern not to raise the insurance rates, has materially affected the insurance combine, in fact has for the time being broken it up. Without discussing the merits or demerits of the combine or of the manner in which the three companies referred to above have withdrawn from it, it is gratifying to know that no increase in the rate of premiums is to be made in Halifax or throughout Nova Scotia. This means to our people adequate protection to their property at fair and reasonable figures.

**DEAN WELDON'S MISTAKE.**—Dr. Weldon's attack on the Whitney coal syndicate has, unwittingly or unwittingly, led him into making many mis-statements. To some of these we have called attention in our mining columns, but one point we particularly desire to drive home. Dr. Weldon emphasizes his appreciation of the old mining laws, which he refers to as "wise old laws, good old laws," under which leases could be forfeited for non-work, and he undertakes to attack the present rental system as being disadvantageous to the people of Nova Scotia. If Dean Weldon had spent days and weeks in the study of this question, he should have known that forfeiture under the old leases was practically a dead letter, and in comparing the modern method he should have recognized that its provisions are more fair to the lessee, more productive to the government, and really more advantageous to Nova Scotia than the good old forfeiture law. If Dr. Weldon has any doubt upon this point, let him study the mining laws and regulations of New Zealand, Australia and South Africa; and we venture to say that if he is open to conviction, he will admit that the rental system is as far ahead of the good and wise old law as the journalism of to-day is ahead of that of fifty years ago.

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**FOR OUR GREAT DOMINION.**—Messrs. Knight & Company have our thanks for *Canada and the Old Flag*, written by Rev. E. F. Burgess, of Stellarton. The work has the endorsement of Sir Charles Tupper in an introductory letter. At an early date THE CRITIC will speak further of this work.

**WORTH CONSIDERING.**—The Western Counties Railway Company is sending a splendid exhibit to the World's Fair. It includes a handsome pair of moose heads, a caribou head, a case of stuffed wild birds, and a number of well executed sketches of Yarmouth, Weymouth, Digby, etc. It would be a good idea to have a provincial exhibition in Halifax in 1894 running during the summer months while the American tourists are in the Province and have exhibited Nova Scotia's contribution to the World's Fair. The idea is worth thinking about, and should be taken into consideration by some of our enterprising citizens.

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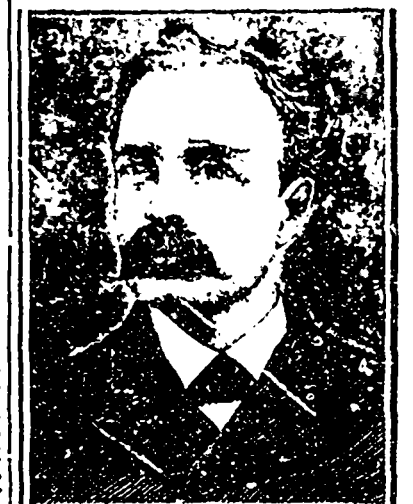
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