

WEEKS TO BE WASTED.

DILATORINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT AT OTTAWA.

A Twenty Minute Sitting—Mr. Charlton's Motion for a Vote on the Bill.

OTTAWA, Jan. 22.—It looks as if the government did not intend to push business, and it is predicted that several weeks will be consumed doing little or nothing.

Mr. Cameron (Huron) introduced an act to consolidate and amend the acts respecting the election of members of the house of commons.

Mr. Charlton's motion for a vote on the bill was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Cameron gave some explanation regarding ministerial changes.

The senate was taken from the speaker's chair and the speaker of the house of commons was sworn in.

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RETALIATION AS A POLICY.

The First Step Taken in the United States Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—In the senate Anthony's resolution relating to the prohibition of American pork to France and Germany was called up.

Germany was called up. Beck passed the senate. Logan and Miller of New York participated in the debate.

Beck's remarks were directed to the tariff generally and the insufficiency of retaliatory measures.

Greater freedom to all commerce, he said, is what is wanted. Logan favored retaliatory legislation.

Miller thought the senate should not act hastily in so important a matter.

Resolved: That the committee on foreign relations be instructed to inquire into and report on the expediency of such legislation.

Mr. Beck's amendment requiring the committee to inquire into discriminations which may have been made against the United States by tariffs, treaties, etc., was also agreed to.

JAMES NUTT ACQUITTED.

An Exciting Scene Inside and Outside the Court.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 22.—At 10 o'clock the jury in the Nutt trial brought in a verdict of not guilty on account of insanity at the time the act was committed.

At 7 o'clock all the entrances to the court were besieged by the crowd.

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SEVERAL BLOCKS BURNED.

The Best Buildings in Cornwall, Ont., Fall a Prey to the Flames.

CORNWALL, Jan. 22.—Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the kitchen of the Commercial hotel here.

With great difficulty the inmates were aroused and got out with little more than their night clothing on.

Among the guests was Mr. Chisholm, barrister, who is in feeble health and who with difficulty rescued.

The proprietor, Mr. A. B. McDonald, had no time to get on his clothes until carried them out and consumed.

Next fell a victim the brick block occupied by Kirkpatrick Bros., D. McRae, Thomas, and Thompson, dry goods.

The stock in both premises was removed, but placed across the street, so that the flames burst through the roof.

The losses by the fire were estimated at \$90,000, on which the insurances aggregate \$32,000.

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AFFAIRS AT KHARTOUM.

PROSPECTS OF THE GARRISON HOLDING OUT.

A Favorable Reaction Reported—Confidence of the Officers—A Rebellion's Imminence.

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GOVERNMENT aid SOUGHT BY THE C. P. R.

The Hydraulic Financially Crippled—Proposed Swap of Bonds—What President Stephen has to say.

Special Despatch to the World.

OTTAWA, Jan. 22.—Every one is on the qui vive to know what the government intend to do to assist the Canadian Pacific railway, which is now known to be in a critical financial position.

President Stephen and Manager Van Horne are here. The former had a long interview with Sir John yesterday.

It is stated on excellent authority that he agreed to forego the twenty years' monopoly clause in the charter if the government would advance \$25,000,000 in exchange for the Canadian Pacific railway.

They want the money to carry on construction. Mr. Stephen said the syndicate was now in a position to combat all opposition in the Northwest, and was not now opposed to the construction of other roads.

He expressed himself agreeable to the construction of the Hudson Bay railway, and said the development of the Northwest was identical with the interests of the syndicate, which realized that the country was too large for them to develop alone.

It is rumored, however, that the Canadian Pacific railway is exerting its influence with High Sutherland to prevent the Hudson Bay scheme going on. It is well known Mr. Sutherland by his conduct is preventing the amalgamation of the company and blocking the scheme in every way.

The Book to Change Quarters.

It is understood that the offices and officers of the Northwest Land company will be moved from Toronto to Winnipeg in a short time.

College Street Baptist Church.

The eleventh annual meeting of this church was held on Tuesday evening last, the pastor, Rev. Robt. Holmes, presiding.

The attendance of the membership was exceptionally good during the year, and the church building has been improved and enlarged at a cost of \$2500.

New members have been received by baptism 46, reference 14, letter 20; dismissed by letter 20, leaving the present membership 280.

The retiring deacons, F. W. Turner, and clerk, F. F. Soper, were unanimously re-elected. The receipts of the year were some \$3000.

Across the Continent.

Oliver Doud Byron is too well known in Toronto to need any preliminary puffing. The basis of the contract that he is coming to be sufficient to fill up the box plan in advance.

The company with him is said to be the finest he has ever had. In proof of which it is only necessary to quote the Boston Post, a paper not given to flattery.

Oliver D. Byron, supported by his own great company, filled the house last evening and convulsed the vast audience with laughter and thrilled it with excitement for two hours and a half.

His support was the best Boston audience has seen for a long time in this play. Harry Hudson (handsome Harry), as the villain, acted splendidly, and in the closing scene where he and Ferris met in a hand-to-hand encounter the whole house fairly screamed with joy at the realistic effect.

Mrs. Kate Weston was excellent as the handomely dressed daughter of the merchant. Some half-dozen specialty artists delighted the audience with their pleasing acts of singing and dancing.