

# WAY TABLES

Nov. 18, 1889.

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## CANADA'S CAPITAL.

The Alleged Franchise Act Dis-  
cussed and Doctored.

No Revision of the Lists This Year—  
Another Gerrymander Coming.

OTTAWA, Thursday, April 24.  
The House of Commons to-day was im-  
mediately after meeting summoned by  
Black Rod to the Senate Chamber, where  
Mr. William Ritchie, Chief Justice, Deputy  
Governor, assented in the name of the  
Queen to about two score of bills.

In reply to a question by Mr. Weldon,  
of St. John, Sir John Macdonald said the  
Government would take Mondays for Gov-  
ernment business, and after next Saturday  
they would sit on Saturdays for the re-  
mainder of the session. He could not name  
a day for prorogation.

Mr. Laurier asked what further legisla-  
tion the Government intended to introduce  
this session.  
Sir John Macdonald said there would be  
the supplementary estimates for 1891, the  
railway subsidies and grants and the im-  
mediate measure providing for the im-  
mediate construction of the Calgary-Edmonton  
Railway on the same terms as the Regina  
and Long Lake Railway. The railway sub-  
sidies would be brought down next Monday  
or Tuesday.

In reply to Mr. McNeill, Sir John Macdonald  
said the report of the commission  
issued to investigate the Baltic outrage had  
been made.

The bill respecting the issue of licenses to  
United States fishing vessels in continuan-  
ce of the modus vivendi, was read the  
third time.

In committee on the Banking Bill a dis-  
cussion arose over clause 6, providing how  
money due on any call may be recovered in  
the courts from the shareholders.

Mr. Weldon, of St. John, raised the  
point that any interference with the pro-  
cedure of the civil courts was an inter-  
ference with the rights of the Provincial  
Legislature.

In this Mr. Weldon was supported by  
Mr. Kirkpatrick and opposed by the Min-  
ister of Justice, who laid down the doc-  
trine that anything necessary or highly  
convenient for the carrying out of a Do-  
minion statute was within the powers of  
this Parliament, even where it laid down  
the procedure in a civil suit.

Mr. Blake said the effect of that doctrine  
would be to set up two codes and would  
lead to serious results. They had to recog-  
nize the inconveniences of the federal sys-  
tem as well as its advantages, and should  
not strive to combine a legislative union  
with a federal system. It was not, he con-  
tended, the intention of the B. N. A. Act  
that Canada should interfere in these mat-  
ters, but that they should remain within  
the Provincial Legislatures. If any Dominion  
law was made nugatory by the action or  
inaction of the Provincial authorities, the  
B. N. A. Act provided a safety valve in the  
shape of Dominion Courts, which sub-  
Division could create to enforce its own  
laws should necessity arise.

The clause passed.  
Clause 40 provided what the annual  
statement of a bank should contain. Mr.  
Blake moved an amendment that the state-  
ment should include "the amount written  
off and the amount paid to suspense ac-  
count in respect of bad or doubtful debts."  
He said this would prevent a good many  
disgraceful statements as to the amount of  
overdue debts. He believed that the losses  
to the public and shareholders were due al-  
most exclusively to the fact that the bank  
was not put into the rotten accounts when  
it ought to have been. It was a scandalous  
thing when a large institution endeavored  
to hide millions pretended to carry on its  
operations for a year without losses. The  
amendment was supported by Mr. Lange-  
vin and others and passed.

Clause 51 was amended so as to make 20  
instead of 20 per cent. the amount of the  
reserve fund required before a bank may  
declare a dividend exceeding 5 per cent.  
per annum.

After recess the House went into com-  
mittee on Mr. Chapleau's bill to amend the  
Franchise Act, and Mr. Chapleau made the  
expected announcement that there will be  
no revision of the voters' list this year.

The fact that there is to be no revision is  
practically an admission that there will be  
no general election until 1892, when this  
Parliament shall have run its full term.

Mr. Chapleau spoke of the parliamentary  
arrangements which will be necessary after  
the census of 1891, thus indicating that  
another gerrymander was hatching.

Mr. Laurier said it appeared that after  
all there was to be no revision of the lists  
this year. Mr. Chapleau, it was true, had  
previously hinted that this was to be the  
case, but the Premier had some time ago  
virtually stated that there would be a re-  
vision this year. The more they looked at  
it the more they saw how illogical,  
cumbersome and wholly unnecessary a  
measure this Franchise Act was. Nothing  
could be clearer than that there should be  
a revision every year, for the reason  
that vacancies were constantly occurring,  
and in such cases the people who voted  
should be those who actually had the  
right to vote, and not those who were put  
on the list the year before. The fact was  
the Government was ashamed of its own  
policy. They dared not propose to carry out  
the principle of yearly revisions, though it  
was embodied in this act, the only real  
reason for refusing to recognize it being the  
enormous expenditure involved in the bill.

Secretary of State claimed that the making  
of the Dominion lists was cheaper than the  
making of those for the Province, but not-  
withstanding this when he proposed to  
suspend the revision for this year he was  
loudly cheered. They were clearly afraid  
of the expense under this measure. Mr.  
Chapleau had proposed only a short time  
ago that if there was no revision the Pro-  
vincial lists should be used where there was  
a bye-election, but this was refused by  
the Government. The Opposition were  
ready to revert to the Provincial lists al-  
together. (Applause.) He hoped to be able  
on discussion of the details of this measure  
to suggest some amendments, which, if  
adopted, would improve the measure to  
some extent.

Mr. Mitchell had listened to the Secre-  
tary of State with interest, but he was not  
sure that he always understood him. As  
he understood him, a revision would be  
understood him until the expiry of the  
term of the present House, on March 31,  
1892.

Mr. Chapleau—I hope so.  
Mr. Mitchell—It is not a question of  
what the honorable gentleman hopes, but  
what are the facts. He inferred then that  
they would have a session in 1891 or  
early in 92, for the purpose of redistributing  
the seats in the House in accordance with  
the census—that is, that there are to be two  
sessions more of this Parliament before dis-  
solution. He entirely approved of the  
course of the Government in having these  
two sessions of this Parliament, and he  
thought the country should understand  
what was before them. He warned the  
House that they could look out for a gerry-  
mander under cover of redistribution. He  
knew that the leader of the Government

fully understood the need of a gerrymander.  
Mr. Mills likened Mr. Chapleau's treat-  
ment of the Franchise bill to the repairing  
of the old gun of the legend and new  
stock. Mr. Chapleau had not the courage  
to propose the repeal of the act. The  
honorable gentleman had said that the  
Dominion lists costs no more than the  
Provincial, but the using of the  
Provincial lists by the Dominion en-  
tailed no additional expense on anybody.  
He pointed out that the revising officer  
in England is really a revising officer,  
other person, but here he both prepares  
and revises the lists. Under the adminis-  
tration of the Government the lists is for a  
great share of the time in a state of suspend-  
ed animation. The law was about to be  
if it would not be wiser and more statesman-  
like to boldly repeal the act. What was  
the result of the suspended animation?  
From 20 to 30 per cent. of the names on the  
list in a particular constituency had no  
right to be there.

Mr. Mills—Only 4 per cent.  
Mr. Chapleau—Well, my list shows that, and  
then there is the percentage of names en-  
titled to be added. Mr. Mills contended  
that the duty should be imposed on the  
revising officer to make a correct list, but  
present the revising officer made no move  
unless he is urged by others. This bill was  
defective in failing to make the revising  
officer an administrative officer instead of a  
judicial one.

Mr. Blake said Mr. Mills had shown so  
many defects in this weapon that the ques-  
tion was, should it not have a new lock,  
stock and barrel? Honorable gentlemen  
opposite added the weapon very much.  
They were willing to polish up the barrel,  
oil the lock and varnish the stock, but there  
was one thing upon which the honorable  
gentlemen opposite most agreed—that some  
arrangement should be made by which the  
gun should be hung up in the hall and not  
allowed to shoot. (Laughter.) Three years  
after having tried it once the honorable  
gentlemen opposite urged that it should not  
be used again for three years.

Mr. Chapleau—It shot them.  
Mr. Blake—Yes, and I understand that a  
proposal is now made, on very great pres-  
sure from behind, that however elegant the  
weapon, don't let it shoot. It reminds me  
of Don Quixote's admirable helmet of  
pasteboard, which he tested by striking at  
him with his sword. The result was so dis-  
astrous after one or two strokes that he de-  
clared no further tests were necessary, and  
it judged it an admirable helmet.

The first session, allowing a farmer's son  
to be absent six months, was amended by  
applying the clause to an owner's son as  
well.  
A new clause was added declaring that  
it shall not be necessary to have a revision  
of the lists this year.

Dr. Brien moved an amendment reducing  
the wage-earning qualification from \$300 to  
\$250. Lost.  
The committee reported the bill and the  
House adjourned at 1:40.

## POLITICAL POINTS.

Robert Cleland Nominated by North  
Perth Liberals—Conventions  
Elsewhere.

MILVERTON, April 25.—All parts of  
North Perth were fully represented at the  
Liberal Convention held here yesterday to  
nominate a candidate for the Legislature.  
The hall was filled, and strong expressions  
were given to the determination to work  
unanimously to insure the redemption of  
the riding. After a strong address by the  
president, Mr. Jas. J. Mayhew, of Strat-  
ford, nominations were called for. Dr.  
Parke, of Listowel, seconded by Mr. Henry  
Dunlop, of Milverton, moved that Mr. J.  
Robert Cleland be nominated.