

OPENING OF THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT MATTERS TO COME UP FOR DISCUSSION. THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ADDRESS A SHORT ONE.

On Thursday afternoon at three o'clock His Excellency the Governor General proceeded to the Chamber of the Senate in the Parliament buildings and took his seat upon the throne.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In accordance with the announcement made during the last session, parliament has been summoned somewhat in advance of the usual period.

A special feature of the same four consisted in the opportunities obtained for visiting a number of the Indian reservations, and also the Indian industrial schools.

MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

Immediately after the prorogation of Parliament my Government communicated through the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba with the Government of that Province, in order to ascertain upon what lines the local authorities of Manitoba would be prepared to promote amendments to the acts respecting education in the schools in that Province.

FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE.

I am happy to inform you that the representations of my government and the suggestions of the Ottawa conference respecting steamship communication have resulted in an announcement by the Imperial authorities of their willingness to grant a substantial subvention towards the Atlantic portion of the scheme.

My government have also learned with satisfaction that it is the intention of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to appoint a committee to consider a proposed Pacific cable to connect Canada with Australia.

Your attention will be asked to measures intended to provide for the better arming of our militia and the strengthening of Canadian defenses.

The growth of population in the North-West Territories as disclosed by the last enumeration calls for additional representation in parliament.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

I am happy to be able to inform you that the commissioners appointed by Great Britain and the United States for the purpose of delimiting the boundary between Alaska and Canada have concluded their labors and have signed a joint report for presentation to their respective governments.

At the request of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a delegate of my government visited England last summer to confer with the Imperial authorities on the question of copyright.

You will also be asked to consider measures for the extension and development of our trade in agricultural products with the United Kingdom, and other markets.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the past and the estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you. The latter have been framed with every regard for economy, consistent with the requirements of the public service.

income and expenditure on consolidated fund account for the current year bids fair to be realized.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I commend these subjects and others which may come before you to your earnest consideration, relying upon your wisdom and prudence under the divine guidance to discharge with dignity and effect the high trust committed to your care.

HON. JAMES O'BRIEN

Replaces the Late Hon. Senator Murphy, For the Victoria District.

The elevation of the Hon. James O'Brien to the Senate has been received with universal pleasure. It was certainly a most welcome New Year's gift to the Senator, and has afforded his host of friends the opportunity of a double congratulation at the dawning of 1896.

Senator O'Brien has had a busy, a successful and an important career. Although only fifty-nine years of age, he has performed a great deal in the span that stretches from his boyhood to the present.



HON. JAMES O'BRIEN, Senator for Victoria District.

County of Tyrone, Ireland, is his native place, and in the Anglinagar school he received his education. In 1850 the future merchant prince and Senator arrived in Montreal.

Apart from his immense business interests, Hon. Mr. O'Brien has taken an active part in the building up of many of the institutions that are the pride of Montreal to-day.

For over thirty years Senator O'Brien has been on the road—to use the accepted phrase—and there is not a place in Canada that he has not visited.

Hon. Mr. O'Brien replaces the late Hon. Senator Murphy in the Senatorial seat for the division of Victoria. While we extend to the honorable gentleman our sincere congratulations, and the expressions of the hope that he may find it long to enjoy, for many years, the high position to which his energy and ability have carved a path for him.

BLOWN FROM A TRAIN.

Fatal Accident to a Ticket Examiner During the Storm.

Jon. Brunet, ticket examiner of the Grand Trunk Railway, was blown from the Central Vermont train between Lacadie and Brossau, while passing from one car to another.

severe that he died at a late hour on New Year's night. Mr. Brunet was in the 36th year of his age, and has been an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway for many years.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE JOHN HALLEY.

It is with profound regret that we have to record, in this issue, the unexpected and sudden death of a very promising young Irish-Canadian, Mr. John Halley, which occurred at the residence of his brother, Edward Halley, Park Avenue, on the Eve of the New Year.

DEATH OF A NONAGENARIAN.

The late Mary Daly, beloved and devoted wife of Mr. Bernard McDonough, died a few days ago at Montreal. The lamented deceased, who was always and everywhere highly respected and sincerely esteemed by all her acquaintances, was born in 1797, in the County of Roscommon, Ireland, and came to Canada with her husband in 1830.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM McEVILLA.

William McEvilla, of Roxton Falls, Que., died at his residence after an illness of three weeks. He was in his 68th year, and for 32 years had been a merchant of Roxton Falls.

THE LATE MISS HOLBOROW.

Through inadvertence we omitted in our last issue to record the death of a young and amiable young girl, in the person of Miss Amy Maud Holborow, who departed this life, on the 17th December last, at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Daniel Holborow, of Bath, England, and sister of Mr. John Walsh, of Montreal, as well as niece of Mr. Robert Summers, of Her Majesty's Customs, Melbourne, Australia.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At a special meeting of the School Commissioners of St. Columba's, held on Thursday, December 5, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty, in His infinite wisdom, to call to His eternal reward Michael H. O'Ryan, up to his death our trustworthy, respected and beloved Secretary-Treasurer, be it

Resolved,—That we, the School Commissioners of the Parish of St. Columba, take this opportunity to give expression to our deep regret at the loss we have sustained, and

Whereas,—While submissive to the decree of an all-wise God, we sincerely mourn his loss, and wishing to tender our heartfelt sympathy to his afflicted relatives, be it further

Resolved,—That these resolutions be entered in the minutes, a copy be sent to the sorrowing family of the deceased, that they be published in the Daily Telegraph, of Quebec, and The True Witness, of Montreal.

JOSEPH LANGLOIS, Secretary pro tem.

Sillery, December 30, 1895.

THE SHORTIS CASE.

SHERIFF LABERGE'S CLEVER ACTION.

THE PRISONER SNUGGLED OUT OF BEAUBARNOIS TO AVOID THE EXCITED PORT-LANCE—THE COMMUNITAS VERY SEVERELY CRITICIZED.

The people of Beauharnois and surrounding country were greatly excited when they learned that the death sentence passed on Valentine Shortis had been commuted to one of imprisonment for life.

Valentine Shortis arrived in Montreal about 12 o'clock last night in charge of Sheriff Laberge and two guards.

There was in his train when the prisoner, who is on his way to Kingston Penitentiary to serve a life sentence, was removed from the gaol in Beauharnois.

The journey from Beauharnois to this city was performed by relays of teams, by boat and on foot.

Further trouble was apprehended when night came on, but by that time the prisoner was well on his way to Montreal.

It was about 2:30 o'clock when the sheriff and the two guards smuggled Shortis out of the jail by a back way to a carriage in readiness near at hand.

On arriving at Caughnawaga the party alighted and crossed the river St. Lawrence on foot. Then another team was taken and the prisoner, sheriff and guards completed their long drive, reaching here about midnight.

Shortis' whereabouts are not known, but the most natural place for his detention would be with Governor Vallee in the Montreal gaol.

Sheriff Laberge, when he had successfully disposed of his prisoner for the night, put up at the St. James Hotel.

C. M. B. A.

St. Mary's Branch, No. 51, C.M.B.A., will hold their annual social, this Wednesday, the 8th January, in the DeSalabery Hall, No. 85 St. James street.

A Card of Thanks.

Most sincere thanks are tendered Branch No. 1, in this city, of the Quebec Grand Council, for the very prompt payment of \$2,000 through their secretary, Mr. F. C. Lawlor, in 52 days after receipt of legal papers, the same being benefit due by the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of America on the death of Mr. Daniel J. Mullin, late a member of said Branch.

PERSONAL.

Mr. N. Walsh, one of our subscribers visiting the city, called at our office last week. Mr. Walsh is now moving to Valleyfield. We will always be very much pleased to receive a visit from any of our subscribers who are visiting this city and give them any information necessary to facilitate their business undertakings.

In Reply to Oft Repeated Questions.

It may be well to state, Scott's Emulsion acts as a food as well as a medicine, building up the wasted tissues and restoring perfect health after wasting fever.

A health officer recently received the following note from one of the residents of his district: "Dear Sir, I beg to tell you that my child, aged eight months, is suffering with measles, as required by Act of Parliament."

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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, No. 823.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Dame Isidore Brunet, of the City of St. Henri, in said district, wife co-respondent in law of Alphonse Couvrette, junior, at the place, has on this day instituted an action for separation of property against her said husband.

Montreal, 27th December, 1895. H. AUDIN, CARDINAL, LORANGER & ST. GERMAIN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, No. 874.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Dame Rosanna Charland, of the City and District of Montreal, wife separate as to property of Andre Pichette, absentee, plaintiff, vs. the said Andre Pichette, laborer, presently in the United States of America, in Paris unknown, defendant. The defendant, Andre Pichette, is ordered to appear within two months.

Montreal, 27th December, 1895. JEAN B. VALLEE, Dep. Prothonotary.

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