## OPENING OF THE MOMINION PARLIAMENT.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE. SEVERAL PROBUNTANT 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 Parciament buildings and took his seat upon the throne. The members of the Senate being assembled His Ex-cellency commanded the attendance of the House of Commons and that House being present His Excellency opened the sixth session of the seventh Parliament of the Domini on of Canada with the fol-

SPEECE FROM THE THRONE.

Honorable Gent lemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of thie House of Commons:

In accordance with the announcement made during the last session, parliament has been summ oned somewhat in advance of the usural period. The bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed is a cause; for the deepest thankfulness to the giver of all good. I congratulate you upon the evidence of increased activity in the various branches of commerce and industry. Several such indications have conteunder my personal observation during a tour made recently in the North-West Territories and British Columbia. In particular I noticed the extension of mining enterprise in British Columbia, where the vast mineral resources are in certain localities being now developed and utilized upon something like an adequate scale.

A special feature of the same tour consisted in the opportunities obtained for visiting a number of the Indian reservations, and also the Indian Industrial schools. On the former I was received with hearty demonstrations of loyalty and good will, while in connection with the latter the proofs of proficiency and intelligence on the part of the children were highly encouraging. As to the work of the Indian Department as a whole, the manner in which it is direct-ed and administered appears to be very satisfactory. A reference to these topics would be incomplete without an allusion to the valuable services of the North-West Mounted Police, which may justly be regarded by Canadians generally as indispensable under these conditions to the well-being of those extensive and promising portions of the Dominion in which they are stationed.

#### MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

Immediately after the prorogation of lines the local authorites of Manitoba would be prepared to promote amendments to the acts respecting education in the schools in that Province, and whether any arrrangement was possible with the Manitoba Government which would render action by the Federal Parliament in this connection unnecessary. I regret to say that the advisers of the Lieutenant-Govern r have de-clined to entertain favorably these sugin regard to this subject. The papers will be laid before you.

#### 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. This will, I trust, ensure the successful establishment of a line of steamers between the United Kingdon: and Canada which, in point of speed and equipment, shall fully meet all require-

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. You will, I am sure. share the gratification with which my advisers welcome these announcements as affording further evidence of the desire of Her Majesty's Government to draw closer to each other and the Motnerland the outlying portions of the Queen's dominions. The papers on these subjects will also be submitted to you.

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

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

#### purpose will be laid before you. 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 delimitating the boundary between Alaska and Canada have concluded their labors and have signed a joint report for presentation to their respective governments. This report will be laid before Parliament in due time.

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. His report will be laid be-fore you, and I doubt not that this sub ject will again receive your earnest at-

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

## Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

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

#### 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. Perhaps there is no other Irish Catholic as well known in the great commercial centres of Montreal, and in fact of Canada, as is the newly-appointed Senator. In connection with his well deserved elevation it may be of interest to many of our readers to know that Hon. James O'Brien is a nephew of the late lamented Father O'Brien, who, in his lifetime, was for many years connected with St. Patrick's Church in this city, and whose name will long remain revered by the people who knew and loved him so well.

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. In 1836 he was born. The



HON. JAMES CORRIEN. Senator for Victoria District

County of Tyrone, Ireland, is his native Immediately after the prorogation of Parliament my Government communicated through the Lieutenant-Governor of future merchant prince and Senator arrived in Montreal. About eight years the provide a senator arrived in Montreal of the provide and the provide Province, in order to ascertain upon what later his active commercial career might lines the local authorites of Manitoba be said to have commenced, when, with a partner, he entered the wholesale dry goods business. In 1862 he took over the whole business and has ever since gone on adding success to success, until a little over two years ago he retired completely from the arena of active commerce.

Apart from his immense business interests, Hon. Mr. O'Brien has taken an of the institutions that are the pride of Point, St. Charles, Montreal at which gestions, thereby rendering it necessary of the institutions that are the pride of the my government, in pursuance of its Montreal to day. He is a director of the declared policy, to introduce legislation | City and District Savings Bank ; he is | place she remored her son, Mr. Patrick Mealso a life governor of the Montreal General, the Western, and Notre Dame Hospitals: also a governor of Layal University; besides he is vice-president of the Belair Jockey Club, member of the St. James Club, of the Forest and Stream Club, and of the Metropolitan Club. Since 1880 he has been one of the most energetic members of the Board of Trade. He was a founder, and is still a member, of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association; a Trustee of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum; member of the Montreal Hunt and the Shamrock Lacrosse Clubs, as well as of various other organizations, the list of which would assume the proportions of a catalogue. The Senator is the sixth largest individual shareholder in the Bank of Montreal.

For over thirty years Senator O'Brien has been on the road—to use the accepted phrese-and there is not a place in Canada that he has not visited. He has fami jarized himself with the country and its wants, and will, therefore, bring to the Senate a knowledge of our Dominion not inferior to any of the members of the upper chamber.

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 li e Montreal. They have the heartfelt long to enjoy, for many years, the high position to which his energy and ability have carved a path for him, we cannot refrain from stating that The True Witness owes to his ability as a shareholder in the company a great deal of the success that has attended the efforts of those who sought to keep an organ for our fellow-countrymen and co-religionists in this city. We may also add that Hon. Mr. O'Brien's success in life is a grand encouragement for all young Irishmen who come to Canada and who intend to employ their talents and opportunities in creating their own future. The road that he travelled is open to others, provided they display the same attention to duty and determination to triumph over all obstacles.

#### BLOWN FROM A TRAIN.

#### Fatal Accident to a Ticket Examiner During the Storm

Jos. Brunet, ticket examiner of the Grand Trunk Railway, was blown from the Central Vermont train between Lacadie and Brosseau, while passing from one car to another. Being seen roll off the platform, somebody pulled the rope to stop the train. After a search of a few 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. You will be pleased to learn that the revenues of the country show a smiration it was found lying in the ditch years of age; a bright, charming and loveable young girl. In the full bloom of youth, with a promising future before her, beloved of all who knew her, and deeply lamented by those who had the privilege of an acquaintance with her, she passed peacefully away from the din storing perfect health after wasting fever.

A health officer recently received the following note from one of the residents she passed peacefully away from the din storing perfect health after wasting fever. that the revenues of the country show a famination, it was found that he had, begradual and continuous increase and sides his arms broken, some ribs and his
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the 35th year of his age, and has been an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway for many years. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was a member of St. Joseph's Society, and of l'Alliance Nationale. The deceased leaves a wife and seven young children, who reside at 113 Quesnel street.

## 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. The deceased was a son of the late Dr. Halley, and was well known as being a member of the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benefit Association, in which organization he was an active worker for some years, and one of its most able and effective speakers. During the early days of that organization, a little band of its members became seized with an enthusiasm to raise it to a foremost position among literary associations in this city, and in this laudable ambition John Halley was a prominent figure. Many were the wordy warfares, and very oftentimes they were marked by a vigor which could only be appreciated by those whose pleasure it was to crowd the large hall then occupied by the society. In these contests, Mr. Halley carried himself through them with a manliness, ability, and a courteousness which won for him a host of admirers. He was noted for his apt expressions. his wit, and ready answers,-never arrogant or intolerant, but always evincing a deep respect for the opinions of an op ponent. Had Mr. Halley received the encouragement which has been oftentimes given to young Canadians in the THE PRISONER SMUGGLED OUT OF REAUway of kindly assisting them to mount the first rounds of the ladder, there is not the least doubt but he would have made his mark in public life, as he pos sessed all those sterling traits of character and that splendid natural ability which eminently fitted him for such a career. The funeral, which took place on Thursday afternoon, was largely attended by the members of the Young Irishmen's L. & B. A., and the Shamrock A. A. A., of which his brother, Mr. Edward Halley, is a director. We offer to his mother and brother our sincere sympathy in their sad loss, because we are sensibly aware of the great attachment and love which existed between

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 sin-cerely esteemed by all her acquaint-ance, was born in 1797, in the County of Roscommon, Ireland, and came to Can-ada with her busband in 1830. Having settled at Carillon, P.Q., they remained there during two years; attrwards sett-ling in St. Henry concession, in the parish of St. Marthe, P.Q. Here, in 1875, her kind husband passed away to a bet-ter land and was laid to rest beneath the church at St. Marthe, The bereaved widowed lady remained on the old home-Point St. Charles, Montreal, at which place she rendered her spirit to God, at Donough, on Thursday, Dec. 26th. Her end was as peaceful as her life. Having received all the rites of our Holy Mother the Catholic Church, and surrounded by her respected offspring and numer-ous kind friends, she passed peacefully away and slept in the Lord as she had lived,—a true, fervent, virtuous Christian. So quiet was her death that she only seemed slumbering. Thus, after her long pilgrimage on earth, it is to be hoped that she is at rest in heaven. Her mains were transferred, on the 28th ultimo, to St. Marthe, and interred beside the ashes of her late husband. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Frank Farmer, Martin Kerrigan, Peter Monaghan, John Scully. The Requiem Solemn Service was sung on Monday, the 30th ultimo, by the Revd. Father F. X. Saariol, P. P. Among the numerous friends who attended the obscquies of the late departed were the Revd. C. E. Durocher a.... Revd. A. D. Richard, both of Bourget College, Rigaud, P. Q. She leaves are children to mourn her loss: Mr. Patrick McDonough, Mrs. John Brady of Point St. Charles, Montreal; Mrs. C. Mc-Greevy of St. Redempteur, P. Q.; Mr. Bernard McDonough of St. Marthe, P.Q.; Mr. John McDonough of Vankleek Hill, Ont., and an adopted daughter, Mrs. sympathy of their many friends. May the Almighty in His infinite goodness console them in their deep affliction! May she rest in peace! THE LATE MR. WILLIAM M'EYULLA.

William McEvilla, of Roxton Falls, Que., died at his residence after an illness of three weeks. He was in his 58th year, and for 32 years had been a merchant of Roxton Falls. The deceased was one of the most honored and prominent businessmen in the township. He was mayor for several years, and was a member of the Council at the time of his death. He discharged his duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all. Poor and rich mourn his departure, for he was always ready to lend a helping hand to the needy. The deceased was born in Sherrington, Que. He was a son of the late David McEvilla, merchant of Hemmingford.

#### 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. The deceased was only twenty years of age; a bright, charming and

severe that he died at a late hour on New Year's night. Mr. Brunet was in sister of Mr. John Walsh, of Montreal, as well as niece of Mr. Robert Summers, of Her Majesty's Customs, Melbourne, Australia. To her sorrowing relatives we extend our sincere sympathy, and with all the friends of the departed young lady we join our humble tribute to her memory.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At a special meeting of the School Commissioners of St. Columber. Sillery, held on Thursday, December 1 in the following resolution was unatamo dy adopted:-

Whereas, it has pleased the Almignay, in His infinite wisdom, to call to his eternal reward Michael II. 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 scrrowing 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.

HARNOIS TO AVOID THE EXCITED POPU-LACE-THE COMMUTATION VERY SEVERE-LY CRITICIZED.

The people of Beauharnois and surrounding country were greatly excited when they learned that the death sentcace passed on Valentine Shortis had been commuted to one of imprisonment for life. The following account of the transferring of the prisoner to Montreal appeared in Saturday morning's papers, and will live a fair idea of the trouble Sherill Laberge had to save the life of

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

There was no trouble 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 trom Beauharnois to this

city was performed by relays of teams. by boat and on foot.

In the morning the angry crowds from Valleyfield and Beauharnois, indignant at the escape of Shortis from the gallows, swarmed around the gaol and dislodged one of the doors. Sheriff Laberge succeeded in quicting them and they dispersed.

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

It was about 230 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. Off they dashed and some miles further on the foaming horses were replaced by fresh ones. This was done every time the horses showed signs of fatigue, and on arriving at the river Chateauguay its month was crossed in a small row

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.

Snortis' whereabouts are not known but the most natural place for his detention would be with Governor Vallee in

the Montreal gaol. Sheritf 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 at home and social, this Wednesday, the 8th January, in the DeSalabery Hall, No. 85 St. James street. Judging from the entertainments which this Branch has held in the past, a most enjoyable evening may be expected. The best talent has been secured for the occasion.

#### 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. The family earnestly pray that God may bless this great and noble association, whose many branches all over the Province of Quebec are doing such immense good and giving timely aid to the widows and orphans, or other relatives of their deceased members.

#### PER-ONAL.

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.

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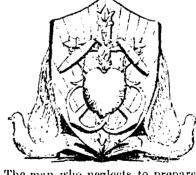
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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, No. 823.

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT. Dame Isable Brunet, of the City of St

Ienri, in said district, wife commune en ione of Alphonse Convrette, joiner, of the a se place, has on this day instituted an action for separation of property against her said hesband Montreal, 27th December, 1895.

BEAUDIN, CARDINAL, LORANGER & ST. GERMAIN, Attorneys for Plaintiff,

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PROVINCE OF QUEBFC, DISTRICT OF MONTKEAL:

No. 874. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Dame Rosanna Charland, of the City and District of Montreal, wife separate as to pr :perth of André l'ichette, absentee, plaintiff, vs. the said Andre Pichette, laborer, pres-n ly in the United States of America, in parts un-known, defendant. The defendant, André Pichette, is ordered to appear within two

mouths, Montreal, 27th December, 1895. JEAN B. VALLEE,

Dep. Prothonotary.