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FROM WASHINGTON.

What has transpired at the United States Capital.

Rushing Business Through Congress—Rich and Poor Senators—A Big Carnival to be Held in May.

From our Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

It is now the belief of many leading men of the Democratic party, some of whom are occasionally called to the White House for counsel and advice, that the President will ask the fiftieth Congress to convene in extra session early in October. If he does, there are several reasons that will prompt the unpopular step.

It is a well known fact that Congress scarcely ever does anything like real work until after the holiday recess. It goes without saying that the two great parties in Congress will be surcharged with politics next year, and that their time will be largely devoted to President making. So, unless some of the important legislation to come before it, can be matured at an earlier day than the course of the regular session would make possible, there would be but little hope for its success.

The experience of the past two winters in Congress has shown very clearly that the interests of the country have become altogether too vast and complicated to be thoroughly looked after and kept up within the time afforded by the regular sessions. Much of the first, or the long session as it is usually called, is devoted to the formulation of business for the second or short session, and the business thus deferred from one year to another—in many cases business of the most urgent importance—is hurled into the whirl of the last ten days or two weeks of Congress, to be put half done or badly done or not done at all.

Some idea of the manner in which the Forty Ninth Congress wound up its work may be found in the declaration of a member of long experience that the record revealed the fact that one-quarter of the legislation of the session had been enacted in the last six legislative days. An enrolling clerk of twelve years of service said never in that length of time had he witnessed the haste exhibited in the last twenty-four hours of the Congress that had just expired.

During the recess of the Upper House, for the senate, which only renews one third of itself biennally, is a perennially organized body and goes on forever, some of the Senators will go to Europe. Mr Ingalls, of Kansas, the newly elected President of the Senate, says he is not one of those who can indulge in such a luxury, however. When asked if he proposed to spend the summer abroad, he replied not unless some good fairy pityingly puts money into my purse. He added the European pleasures called for more filthy lucre than he could command.

When some astonishment was expressed that the President of that great millionares club (the United States Senate) could not afford a trip across the Atlantic in these days of low prices and rapid transit, the Senator said it was the plain, unvarnished truth, and that there were quite a number of members of the millionares' club in that predicament. He thinks a great deal of unnecessary nonsense is written about Senatorial exclusiveness and Senatorial wealth, and asserts that in reality a large majority of his confreres have nothing but their salaries to live on.

Senator Spooner is not too poverty stricken to plan a summer trip to Europe, however, and Senator Palmer, who is one of the undisputed possessors of millions, is going to bring his wife home. The latter has been called the philosophical millionare, and is fond of immense wealth. His Washington residence is one of the handsomest brown stone fronts in the city, but he says the happiest man is the one who has the illusions. Speaking of his occasional trips abroad he said he wanted to get all he could before he got a bit older, for it took youth as well as money to enjoy Europe or any thing else.

The prominent men of this city who are anxious to have a carnival here after the National Drill which is to take in May, have been discussing details in regard to the scheme. At the recent Mardi Gras in New Orleans, the Knight of Momus and the Knight of Proteus were the organizations which made the finest display, and both are proposing to dispose of their outfits, which originally cost $20,000, cars and costumes, at $5,000 and $6,000. Washington is disposed to hire instead of buy these trappings, as expense could be saved in that way, and it is held that a sum of $25,000, which will have to be raised by private subscription, would be necessary to insure a creditable display. It was urged that if the carnival was not held this year it would not be possible to have it for four years. The Presidential campaign and the inauguration would give all the displays needed for two years, and the Knights Templar conclave would fill up the third season.

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And yet it is when all the marrow is taken out of it by some dread disease like consumption, that neglected, means certain death; catarrah and bronchitis both distressing, and often leading to consumption, or like liver complaints or scrofula, which too often make those afflicted feel that life is empty. But these can all be cured. The use of Dr Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery," the great blood, lung and liver remedy, does away with "mourful numbers," brings back lost health, and fills life full of dreams of happiness and prosperity. Druggists sell it.

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A MAN OF HONOR.

How Hon. Edward Blake Scorned to Bribe Constituencies.

A Tribute From A Paper Which Opposed Him a Month Ago—"God Help Poor Canada."

From the Montreal Star (Ind. Con.)

Two letters are published in the Toronto *Globe* of Monday which show very clearly what manner of man the Hon. Edward Blake is. They prove that he is high minded, honest and honorable, that his political principles are pure and that he possesses the moral courage to carry them into practice. On the eve of the general election, when Mr Blake was naturally most desirous of securing all the support possible for his party, he was asked to give an assurance to the electors of Pontiac in Quebec, and of Colchester, Cumberland and Picton in Nova Scotia, that he would, if successful in the election contest then pending, give aid to certain railways in which those electors are interested. Here are the replies that Mr Blake made to those requests:

"DEAR SIR,—I have a letter informing me that Sir John Macdonald promised Mr Bryson, the late member for Pontiac, that he would assist the Pontiac Pacific Railway Company to the amount of $150,000 towards the bridging of the Ottawa in excess of the present Parliamentary grants. You tell me that I enjoy the confidence of your friends, and that the chances of our candidate are good if I am prepared to do as well as Sir John Macdonald in this matter, since the bulk of the electors in your neighborhood will support Mr Craig if my reply is favorable. I can make no promises on the subject. If a grant were to be given it should have been proposed and discussed in Parliament, when its justification could be shown. To dangle it now before the electors is just a wholesale bribe, and I will be no party to a competition of the kind. In this case, as in all others, I am ready at the proper time and on the proper information to deal on their merits with all applications for public aid, irrespective of the political opinions of the electors of the district, but I have not before me at this moment the materials for a judgment, nor do I think the crisis of an election the fit time for disposing of the matter. I should be glad to believe that the votes of the electors of Pontiac would be cast according to their convictions in furtherance of the general interests of the country. Regretting that I am unable to give you the assurance which you tell me is so important, and with thanks for your kind wishes, I am yours truly,

EDWARD BLAKE."

"MY DEAR SIR,—I have your letter of the 8th. You inform me that Sir Chas. Tupper and Mr McLelan are promising the people of Colchester, Cumberland and Pictou that if they sustain the Government a new policy, not as yet communicated to or passed on by Parliament, will be adopted as to the railway you mention, and that it will be constructed as a Government work.

"You add that the people, while unwilling to trust Messrs. Tupper and McLelan, wish from me an assurance that I will do as much for them as these gentlemen offer, and you tell me that such an assurance will materially help our prospects in the three counties.

"It is plain that if the course now put forward where to be adopted it should have been laid before Parliament, and discussed and decided on its merits. Instead of this, it has been kept back till the elections, and is now put forward in the locality as a bribe, a wholesale bribe, to three counties. I cannot take part in an auction of the votes of Colchester, Cumberland, and Pictou. I never give a promise unless I am satisfied that it is right, and that I can redeem my word. It is possible that the course proposed to be taken as to this railway is justifiable, and if that be shown, I will support it on whichever side of the House I sit, or whichever way the people of the three counties may vote. But I have not before me at this time sufficient information as to the condition of the road, the cost of completion and the other important points involved, to enable me to form a judgment on the question, and therefore I cannot now conscientiously make the pledge which you tell me is so important in the interests of the Liberal cause.

"God help poor Canada.

"Yours truly, EDWARD BLAKE."

It is impossible not to admire the man who thus, without an apparent effort, so nobly resisted what to many men would have been a terrible temptation. It will be remembered to Mr Blake's honor that at a time when he was making every effort to secure a party triumph and when success seemed almost within his grasp, he refused to attempt to bribe constituencies with the people's money. There are, no doubt, some Liberals who will be disgusted to find that their leader deliberately threw away chances of obtaining support which, as it appears to to them, could be so easily and so cheaply secured. But the time is coming when even unreflecting Canadians of all parties will be convinced that support gained by wholesale bribery at the expense of the people of the Dominion is the reverse of cheap. When the time comes that not only individuals but constituencies require to be paid, and that too out of the public treasury, for voting for what they believe to be the right side, and when they vote on what they regard as the wrong side, when that side gives them the most money, then, in the words of Mr Blake, "God help poor Canada."

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In announcing a visit of her Majesty to Scotland, a Scottish paper said: Preparations are now being made for her reception, several tradesmen having received orders to be immediately executed at Balmoral.

Presbytery of Maitland.

This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Huron church, Ripley, on the 15th March, with a good attendance of the members, all the ministers being present, and many elders.

The Rev. A. G. Hartley, moderator, occupied the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

The following were appointed, by rotation, as commissioners to the general assembly, which is to meet in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in June next, viz: Revs. D. Davidson, Muir, Ballantyne, Ross, McRae and McDonald, and the representative elders of the following congregations: Wroxeter, Ashfield, Huron, Walton, Langside, and Knox church, Kincardine.

A committee consisting of Revs. R. Leask' J. Ross and J. L. Murray were appointed to revise the standing orders, and report at next meeting.

The remit of Assembly on co-operation with other churches in Mission fields was considered, and the following motion adopted:—That the matter be left with Presbytery and District meetings to make such arrangement as may be deemed best.

Revs. H. McQuarrie and J. H. Anderson were appointed in concert with the Kirk Session of vacant charges to arrange for the supply of such charges.

A committee to superintend the students, consisting of Revs. J. L Murray, J. McNabb, and R. Leask was appointed, Revs. J. A. Anderson and Mr J. Gordon were appointed a committee on bills and overtimes at Synod meeting, which is to be held at Chatham in April.

Mr McPherson gave in a satisfactory report of the disposal of the property of St. Andrew's church, Kincardine. Revs. R. Leask, D. G. Cameron, their Presbytery elders and Mr Harrison were appointed to consider the advisability of preparing an Atlas of the Presbytery and report at next meeting.

Reports of Sabbath school, state of Religion and Temperance were read by Messrs. Stevenson, Davidson and Murray, respectively.

These reports were seconded and adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the synod's convenors on these topics.

Mrs. Leask, secretary of the W. F. M. society, read an excellent report of the work of the society during the year. The Presbytery by resolution expressed their gratification at the evidence of success which has attended the society, and warmly commended the work in which are engaged. The remit of Assembly anent marriage with a decease wife's sister was approved of—which is to the effect that church discipline shall not be exercised when such marriages are contracted.

Dr. Burns, of Halifax, was nominated for the moderatorship of next general Assembly.

A commission of Presbytery was appointed to visit Walton on a case of reference and report.

Applications for aid from the augmentation fund from the following congregations were favorably entertained, viz:—Dungannon, Langside, Chalmer's church, Kincardine, Belgrave, and Pine River. A special meeting of Presbytery will be held at Chatham during the setting of Synod.

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Bachelor—A wild goose that tame geese envy.

Benevolence—A service that the receiver should remember and the bestower forget.

Child—The future in the present.

Coquette—A mirror that receives all images, but preserves none.

Consistency—A church without a mortgage on it.

Conversation—The idle man's business and the business man's recreation.

Crying—A woman's weakness and a child's strength.

Death—The dealer that sweeps in the bone chips.

Debt—The example set by a government to its people.

Family—Matrimony doing penance.

Fashion—A decree that enhances beauty, but makes homliness the more conspicuous.

Heart—The abyss of reason.

Heiress—A capital wife.

Hope—The bridge between our longings and fruition, beneath which flow the waters of disappointment.

Inconsistency—A woman's prerogative; for which we never blame her unless we are its victims.

Ink—The black sea upon which thought rides at anchor.

Jealousy—The homage paid by inferiority to merit.

Justice—Truth in action.

Law—A trap baited with promise of profit or revenge.

Lawyers—The heirs of intestates.

Love—A frozen deep; before you venture see if it will bear.

Lovers—The miss-guided.

Luxury—The labor of the wealthy.

Mankind—Pieces in a game of chess, played by destiny.

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