### DOMINION HOUSE.

Major Gascoigne Writes Sir Wilfrid Laurier Respecting Sir C. Tupper's Charges.

The General Denies, in Toto, the Assertions and Insinuations of His Critic.

> Ottawa, May 31.-A letter from Gen. Gascoigne, the consideration of the superannuation bill and supply formed the programme of the House of Commons yesterday. The hour of adjournment was not reached until the early hours

were reported in the press on the following day, but the reports which I saw appeared to me to be only the expression of
Sir Charles's own opinion, and, though
these were terribly severe, yet undoubtedly
he was perfectly within his right to make
them, if he saw fit, in the house. I was
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very grateful to see that neither you, nor my own immediate minister, endorsed these opinions, but, on the contrary, protested against them, and, therefore, I saw no reason to complain, as I recognized that a public official is open to any criticism.

But a copy of Hansard has now reached me, and in it I see certain statements of facts reported, which, if not contradicted, will stand against me for all time, and which are not only untrue, but are damaging to my personal character.

The statements I refer to are on page 5064. Sir Charles is reported to have said that he had it "on the authority of the most eminent counsel of Canada that if the civil action threatened against me had been brought, an adverse verdict, would have been obtained, with the result that I would have been driven out of the imperial service altogether." How far any counsel, however, is justified in deciding an untried action is open to question, but what I altogether emphatically deny is that any verdict, even an adverse one, would have caused my expulsion from the imperial service.

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This is altogether untrue, as you yourself are aware. My resignation was sent in after the threatened civil action was unconditionally and unreservedly withdrawn; it had no bearing or reference to that action whatever; indeed, I had spoken to the Horse Guards in England fully twelve months ago as to the possibility of my applying to resign, and I emphatically repeat that my resignation had no bearing or reference whatever to that civil action. I sent in my resignation on purely personal grounds; I am on the best of terms with my minister; and both he and you, sir, yourself, were kind enough to express regreat at my resignation. If uncontradicted, and viewed in the light of the exceedingly severe criticisms which preceded and follow these misstatements, it would appear on the official records of the house that to escape the consequence of a civil action, which would have expelled me from the Imperial service, I was allowed to resign my appointment in this country, the very vagueness of the unmentioned charge to be brought against me by this civil process would saily, in after years, intensify the unknown nature of the crime which it would appear I had committed and to escape the consequences of which I had been mercifully allowed to resign.

I am ignorant as to the procedure of parliament, but I feel confident that when you read this letter and compare my statements with those reported in Hansard, and see for yourself the conclusion which in after years could be arrived at I these misstatements are uncontradicted, you yourself the conclusion which in after years could be arrived at I these misstatements are uncontradicted, you yourself to the conclusion which in after years could be arrived at I these misstatements are uncontradicted, you yourself you read this letter and compare my statements are uncontrad

utmost confidence, in your hands. Believe the, yours faithfully, N. G. GASCOIGNE. Maj.-Gen. Commanding Canadian Militia.

The house went into committee on Mr. Prefontaine's bill to incorporate the Lake Champlain and River St. Lawrence Ship Canal company, which provides for a canal between the River St. Lawrence and Lake Champlain. Mr. Foster objected to the bill because it had not been reprinted after many amendments in the aittee on railways and canals. Mr. Haggart criticised the scheme ad-

Mr. Charlton opposed the bill. They should not dispose of such, a valuable franchise. It should remain with the government and be dealt with in any negotiations with the United States. They should not put into private hands works of national importance. He moved that the committee rise.

Mr. Monk reminded the house that

Mr. Mullock moved the second reading of the bill to repeal the civil service superannuation act and to provide a sche for the retirement of worn-out officers of the civil service. Heretofore when an officer died he lost everything and his family got no advantage from his con-tributions. This bill provided that in case of death the amount to his credit in the retirement fund shall be paid to his legal representatives. It also trans-ferred a certain class now in the service, and for less than ten years, from the provisions of the present act to the new one, and in respect to new appointees to provide for the creation of a fund by reserving five per cent. out of the salary of each civil servant, his contributions to be funded, and interest allowed on the deductions from his salary at the rate of five per cent. Mr. Mullock gave notice that in committee he would move an amendment allowing all officers who have been in the service longer than ten years, even where they have not contributed to the superannuation fund for as long as ten years, to be exempt from this bill. Under the present act a gratnity of one Under the present act a gratuity of on month's pay for each year of his sei vice is payable to a servant who is re-tired under the ten years' period. It is proposed under the new bill not to make it compulsory on him to come in under this bill, but to give him an option to draw this gratuity. Under the new bill the funded amount carried to the credit of each servant will be his, and in the event of death his family's, and will bear

five per cent. interest.

Es drawing attention to the deficiencies of the existing act. Mr. Mulock stated easily and thoroughly. that of eight hundred and forty-two officials refired from any cause during the twenty years preceding 1896 in the post-office department, only a hundred and sixty-seven had been superannuated. The

ther consideration postponed.

The remainder of the sitting was spent in supply on the estimates for the Intercolonial railway. The house adjourned at 2.40 this morning.

IN THE SENATE.

The Franchise bill was read a second time after an animated discussion and the promise that an important amendment will be moved in committee. The sanouncement was made by Sir Mackenzie Bowell that the bill will not be opposed, but an effort will be made to make it workship and many relatable. make it workable and more palatable. Senator Miller will, at a later stage, move an amendment giving the right of appeal from the decision of the revising officers to the county judge in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba.

Ottawa, June 1.-The time of the house commons yesterday afternoon was largeoccupied with a discussion of the pro posed scheme to construct a ship canal this morning. General Gascoigne's letter reads as follows;

Ottawa, May 24, 1898.

Dear Sir Wilfrid Laurier:—On May 5th Sir Charles Tupper made some very severe reflections on myself in parliament. These were reported in the press on the following day, but the reports which I saw appeared to me to be only the expression of sir Charles's own opinion, and, though the content of the sitting in supply on the estimates.

This Morning's Session. When the house assembled this morning the report of the Drummond County ra'lway investigating committee was presented and ordered to be printed.

Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere's bill to amend the weights and measures act was given its final reading. By this legislation the weight of a bag of potatoes is fixed at 80 pounds.

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On motion to go into supply, Mr. Monk (Jacques Cartier), called attention to the treatment which had been meted out to the shirt, collar and cuff industry under the present tariff. Mr. Monk claimed that the duty on raw material is the same as that placed upon the finished product. The cotton manufacturers have every advantage, while the kindred industry called into existence under the late government is being driven to the wall. It has been compelled to reduce the wages paid to operatives, and is having a hard fight to make both ends meet. The importation of colored cotton by the trade is upwards of a million dollars, and in addition to this half a million dollars' worth of Canadian cotton is used.

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The finance minister reported that at this late stage of the session it would be difficult to reopen the tariff question. The case of the collar and cuff manufacturers had already been fully laid before the government. That they are placed at some disadvantage in comparison with other industries, there is no question. These difficulties, bowever, seem to be magnified, and there did not appear to him any reason why the shirt men should not still make reasonable profits in their business. The government had last session attempted a measure in relief of the shirt manufacturers in allowing them to bring in their cotton at a reduction of ten per cent., but this plan did not seem to work out, and appeared to favor the larger manufacturers, and was afterwards dropped. He was sorty that there did not appear to be any relief possible. Mr. Foster charged that Sir W!lfrid Laurier had made a specific promise before the last election of favorable treatment to the shirt industry:

A Sad Case.

Mr. Bell, of Pictou, drew to the attention of the government an exceedingly sad case of alleged criminal hardship inflicted on two young men named Macdonaid and Fraser, workmen upon the Crow's Nest Pass railway, resulting in the'r death. The case, as explained by Mr. Bell, was that these young men, who came from his own county, died like dogs through the cruelty, brutality and neglect of some party, whom he wished to be brought to justice. They were attacked, it seems, with diphtheria and compelled to travel 110 miles in an open conveyance during one of the most violent storms of last winter, and then left in a box car, where they were found by Dr. Meade, of Pincher Creek, at the very point of death. The car was so filled with smoke from a little box stoye that the doctor could hardly make his way in. Rellificame too late, for death followed soon. "There seems no doubt," said Mr. Bell. "that these men were really murdered, and if anyone is responsible for the case, he should be brought to justice."

As the outcome of this case, the father of one of the boys died soon after. But the real point of the sad story was thistlat Dr. Meade, referred to above, was not permitted to hold an inquest, but was prohibited from doing so by order of Judge Rouleau. In conclusion Mr. Bell made a plea that the justice department give its attention to the matter.

Catarrh Cured for 25 cents.

Catarrh Cured for 25 cents. A Sad Case. Mr. Bell, of Pictou, drew to the attention

Catarrh Cured for 25 cents. I suffered from catarrh for years, and have found Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure the best that I have used, and gladly mmend it to sufferers. Yours truly, HARRY STONE, Rainham Centre, Ont.

IF THEY VISIT NELSON.

that the committee rise.

Mr. Monk reminded the house that there were provisions in the bill by which the government can at any time take over and acquire the work, which, too, was not to be commenced until a proclamation was issued by the governor-in-council. This was a project of great importance to Montreal, which, under it would get its coal cheaper.

It is announced that Premier Turner and Attorney-General Eberts will hold a political meeting in Nelson shortly. Should they do so they will have a chance of explaining to the people of continuous the continuous co it, would get its coal cheaper.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved that the committee rise and get leave to sit again.

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Mr. Davin moved the adjournment of the house to bring up the case of a Northwest mounted policeman named Spencer, which had some connection with his services in the rebellion, and an inquiry before Col. Herchmer in 1887. Sir Wilfrid Laurier postponed the discussion of the matter until the estimates came up.

Superannuation of Civil Servants.

Mr. Mullock moved the second reading of the bill to repeal the civil service sunof 3,522 voters in southwest Kootenay and Rossland ridings. Premier Turner and Attorney-General Eberts had these figures before them when they so framed their redistribution bill, and when they submitted such a bill they said it was the best which could be expected in doc. The submitted such a bill they said it was the best which could be expected under the circumstances. What were those circumstances? Was Kootenay denied its proper representation because Kootenay could not be depended upon to return government supporters? Has politics so blunted the sensibilities of Premier Turner that he could not see the rest in the could not see the rest in the sensibilities. ner that he could not see the rank injustice of such a measure? Is the franchise a thing which can be extended to the electors or withheld at the will of the electors or withheld at the will of the party in power? Is the right of the subject to participate in the government of this province to be determined by his

Sensational Charges Made Against C.P.R. in Connection With Crow's Nest Pass Railway

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Promises a Thorough Investigation Into the Whole Matter.

Ottawa, June 7.-In the house to-day there was another discussion on the alleged abuse of laborers on the Crow's Nest Pass railway. Mr. Robertson, of Toronto, accused the directors of the C. P. R. of sending to their death two young Nova Scotians, who died in a box | the gunboat. car like dogs. He wanted to have the directors summoned to the bar of the house, so that the children of the country would not be murdered in that way. Sir Richard Cartwright suggested that Mr. Robertson would commence with Mr. Osler, who sat beside him, and who was a director of the Canadian Pacific railway. Mr. Oliver charged Deputy Minister of Justice Newcombe with not putting the wheels of justice in motion when he brought the case to his atention. Sir

The minister of justice stated yesterday no application had been received from the United States government for the deportation of Carranza and Dubose. He added, however, that informal despatches had been exchanged regarding their status in Canada. The premier said he was not aware that either possessed creentials which had been recognized by the Imperial government.

Senator Macdonald will move a resoluion asking parliament to vote \$11,000 er mile for a railway from a British Columbia port to Teslin.

In the house on Saturday there was a debate on the abolition of Hansard, many

members thinking it is responsible for prolonging the session. Mr. Landerkin. in one of his happy speeches, showed that Messrs. Foster, Davin and Sproule occupied one-third of the whole Han-sard last year. Mr. Foster spoke over times and filled nearly 400 pages Mr. Davin made a good second and Mr. Sproule crme third. For this session Mr. Foster again led, with Mr. Davin second, Mr. Sproule third, and Mr. Clancy fourth, following closely. Next session a committee may be appointed to exquire into the matter. pointed to enquire into the matter.

Mr. Mulock stated in the house that special stamps for immediate delive would be issued about the 1st of July.

LE ROI ADJOURNED. A Technicality Holds the Deal Up Until

Rossland, B.C., June 3.-The Le Roi deal remains unchanged. The company had its statutory meeting this evening to act upon the offer of the British America corporation to purchase the mine for \$3,000,000, but an adjournment taken on a legal technicality until June 27, when the stockholders will again get together in this city. The delay arose over the trusteeship of the pooled Le Roi stock, which includes 427,000 shares out of the total 500,000 shares. The

but you see he gets the best of care and will no doubt pull through all right. He wont go into Dawson until navigation opens, which will not be for a couple of weeks. As for myself, I have got enough packing papers overland, and will make the next attempt by way of

If we sell one bottle of Chamberlain's If we sell one bottle of Unamberlain's Cough Remedy, we seldom fail to sell the same person more, when it is again needed. Indeed, it has become the family medicine of this town, for coughs and medicine of this town, for coughs and colds, and we recomend it because of its established merits.—Jos. E. Harned, Proprietor Oakland Pharmacy, Oakland, Md. Sold by Langley & Hendersoff Bros., Victoria and Vancouver.

A CLEVER ESCAPE. the American Ship R. R. Thomas Hoodwinked the Spaniards.

R. M. S. Victoria bring news that the American sailing ship R. R. Thomas, about which there was some anxiety, arrived in Hongkong on the 5th inst., safe and sound. It had been thought possible that the Spaniards, although they had given her permission to leave Manila, might have captured her by virtue of their declaration by which they "reserved the rights of privateering, and the captain indeed reports that when she left Manila harbor a Spanish gunboat hung about and followed her. Captain Blanchard of the R. R. Thomas consequently avoided the use of lights and, as soon as course, and gave the gunboat the slip. Meanwhile the gunboat was seen going ahead by the people on the R. R. Thomas, with all her lights burning. The Thomas had afterwards apparently stood on her course and no more was seen of

HE ADMIRES VICTORIA.

There is a very pleasant description of Victoria in a recent letter from the Toronto Globe's special correspondent in British Colubia. After gently hinting that the "sun does not rise quite as soon. as at Toronto, and that the merchants show a tendency to humor it in that respect, as well as to avoid the "rush" which characterises business life in the Wilfrid Laurier promised a thorough in- States and the Eastern provinces," the

> It is noteworthy that Victoria is a wealthy city, that a great many of her merchants are comfortably well off, and that the road to success seems to have been found by an unusual proportion of her citizens. Many of the residents, too, are wealthy Englishmen attracted by the ideal climate—the even, moist warmth and clear sky of the Pacific slope, without the protracted rainy season of the mainland. I have heard, and not in booming boastfulness, of men who have regained health on the island after many unfortunate sojournings in established health resorts. The houses, small and great, plain and ornamental, have their tastefully arranged flower gardens and general profusion of floral adornment. On some streets, were it not for the fences which everywhere attest the distinctly English sentiment of the place, it would not be unlike a ramble through a great conservatory. It is common to see little houses of three or four rooms with verandahs covered close with ivy and gardens formed by well-trimmed boxwood hedges and variegated with a floral growth that would require the persuasion of an artificial heat and atmosphere in Eastern Canada.

WAR ON THE TO. NTORS.

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or more so-called pile remedies without
any lasting benefit. One box of Dr.
Agnan's Quintagent cured me." This Agnew's Ointment cured me." remedy cures eczema when all else fails. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall

theoretical miner, having picked up his education in that line among the hills. That his judgment is sound, and his mining Klondike equally trustworthy, is exemplified by the success which is attending his faith in the Lenora and adjoining claims. The company, which is made up of British capitalists, have hitherto been very reticent in speaking of their property, and have discouraged any information going abroad regarding it. They were enabled to do so more effectually from the fact that they have



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gers of Turnerism.

A crisis in the history of the province will be reached within six weeks. The general elections will decide whether the province is to be redeemed from the taral-dom of Turnerism, or is to be retarded hitherto been very reticent in speaking of their property, and have discouraged any information going abroad regarding it. They were enabled to do so more effectually from the fact that they have never had any stock to sell. But the property has now reached a stage when its richness can no longer be disguised, and if proper measures are taken by the government to afford the enterprising men on Mount Sickler shipping facilities, the results will, according to Mr. Smith, startle the world, and especially the inhabitants of Varcouver island.

WEAK LEADERS.

An Up Country Opinion of the Turner Government.

The party supporting the government in the coming contest are handleapped, because its leaders are lacking in every quality that inspires confidence. Their records are against them. The premier is a weaking. He is naturally honest, but lacks sufficient force of character to dominate those around him. He is the victim of his colleagues in the cabinet. He lacks every quality necessary to properly govern the province at the present time. The president of the council as an automaton, the shalarled machine of the Dunsmuirs.

Fernandina, Fla., write: "Everyone who buys a bottle of Chamberlain's Remedies comes back and says it is the best medi-ine he has ever used." 25 and 50 cents cine he has ever used. per bottle at Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancou-

# CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

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The Foreshore Protection -The Fort Street ment By-La

Ald. Wilson was the from last night's meeting ouncil, which, commence time, was prolonged un o'clock. The most import rived at during the eveni city engineer be instruct water from Elk lake into structed fifter beds. Son were witnessed between Ald. Phillips, the latter secure the appointment of mittee, which his worshi of order as being an intr mayor's prerogative:

Fifteen minutes were of ing the record of the tweeters of the tweeters.

B. H. T. Drake, regist the mayor and aldermen the mayor and aldermen. aving the same before only fair in justice to that the chief had explainted medical men had told no immediate danger and form him that Mrs. Mar he took a sudden and she took a sudden and for the worse, and it was deposition to be taken a knew it was likely she regard to the clause refe of wood-sawing machine the provincial legislatur beyond the power of the city council to prohibit a could the city council de the liberty to run on the referred to a committee man seconded the motion man seconded the motion thought it was very absucity council suggestion things as the provincial; ship and several of the aed that the object in se presentment to the coun-might attend to anythi-within the scope of their a similar cop; was sent authorities. Ald. Hum an amendment that the rand filed, Ald. Hall se amendment carried.

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missioner for report. Interported collections durant May of \$98.10, include stalls. The returning port of the result of \$15,000 filter beds loan and filed. Tenders for tric light were referred agent and electric light stated that Sewell Sin the necessary certificate cure his admission to fi being in accordance wi of last week, the repor The street commi that the sanitary inspe to report on bad di street, and the report w the report of the cemet garding the construction wall at Ross Bay came to contain a recomm face of the wall be A motion that the repo just about to be put gregor entered a protes ermen to reflect upon ture of the work they He quoted from figure that the cost would be if the city's finances d that a larger appropr made this year could be take about fourteen y the work. Not only the work at Ross Ba done but also a consid the Dallas road. making use of the logs ed in good work in r could be done at about cost, and moved in co whole matter be refe committee to report.
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