FREDERICTON, N. B., March 22.-The house met at three o'clock. The house went into committee or the bill respecting life and accident in

surance. Hon. Mr. Pugsley said quite a num ber of changes were desirable and it was thought better to frame a new bill which will apply to contracts already existing as well as those to be made in the future. The leading idea of the bill is that insurance belongs to the man who insures and he may change the beneficiary where no consideration has passed. Another provision is that suits may be brought against the company in the province regardless of where the head office of the company may be The application of the insured is no longer to be considered part of the contract and the statements in it that are not correct shall not void the policy unless the court considers it material to the contract. Another provision of the bill is that if a policy has been effected and premiums paid by the insured with intent to defraud his creditors, the creditor shall be entitled to receive out of the sum secured an amount equal to the premiums paid. Mr. Hazen-I understand this bill will be retroactive and I feel that it is a very serious matter to legislate to change a contract made in good faith.

The speaker left the chair at 7.30 and the house resumed at 8 o'clock. The order of the day being called Hon. Mr. Tweedie explained the provision made for meeting the debentures soon to fall due. The sum of \$3,100 was spent on exhibitions. Son doubts are expressed as to the wisdom of this expenditure.

Looking at the St. John exhibition where the receipts amounted to about \$32,000, it seems to me that too much money was expended on salaries in proportion to the amounts given for prizes. In some places complaints have been made that exhibitions are degenerating into mere shows. For the agent general in London we paid the sum of \$1,000. This gentleman expends much more than that on visitors from this province who go to London. We propose to increase the amount of his allowance this year to \$2,000.

We have now an application before us from Commissioner Coombs of the Salvation Army, who proposes to bring out working men and servants-girls of good character. They are thrifty people who wish to better their condition and also people with some capital. The army is able to locate these people and take care of them through its agencies, and the total cost to the province will not exceed \$3 a head. We are considering the advisability of adopting this proposition to a limited extent. We think the experiment is well worth trying. But if we wish have emigration we must industries so that the

people can obtain employment when they come here. If the industries which are to be developed by the Grand Falls water power reach our expectation they will prove a powerful emigration agency, for wherever there is employment labor will follow. I think that the dominion government should pay more attention to these eastern provinces and allot a portion of the emigration expenditure to them instead of sending all the emigrants to the Northwest. We expended \$2,000 on the ple than any other in the dominion. The result is disastrous to public spirit, for the people expect the government to do ounted to \$910.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie-We propose give it the usual grant. Most of the deaf and dumb children are there now and the school is reported to be in a

The expenditure on education was \$205,745. The government could not aid St. Joseph's and Mt. Allison colleges because they are not part of the education system of the province. Hon, Mr. Tweedie went into the

items of expenditure in detail. The matter of the advance of \$30,000 to the New Brunswick Railway and Coal Co. will come up later and I will teachers a few years ago. be prepared to justify the action of the government to the fullest extent. We could not afford to allow this important enterprise to drop. I feel satisfied that this road will be taken over he winter port of St. John.

The premier pointed out that Mr. Wainwright was surprised at the good condition of the road and contended that it soon would pay handsomely. Mr. Flemming moved the adjournment of the debate. The house ad-

dourned at 10.30.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 23. The department of agriculture was the first to come up at the public accounts committee this morning. The travelling expenses of Mr. Peters, de puty minister, amounting to \$295.76, of which an account was submitted, was passed. The opposition then asked for the bill of Mr. Farris' travelling expenses of \$600 and was met with the usual reply that the ministers of the

departments did not render such bills.

but that their word was always taken. When the items under the head of "Butter and Cheese Factories" were reached, Mr. Smith strongly condemned the action of the department in giving bonuses to factories without Mr. Morrison said he noticed that J. F. Tilley received a salary of \$1,200 besides \$868.72 for expenses.

The rest of the items under the agricultural head were passed with more or less criticism.

The contingencies of the several de partmental offices were examined, the postage and telephone expenses amounting to a very neat sum, but these seem to be matters upon which the committee has little restriction.

Coming to the charges under the head of executive council, the item of coach hire lead to an interesting discussio The total amount charged is \$693.95. from \$10,000 to \$40,000 every year, the would be no election provided Mr. This is an expense entirely outside of debt of the province increases every Jones would agreet his offer. the travelling expenses of the minis- year from \$99,000 to \$210,000, and last | Mr. Smith-The offer was not to us

government place their coaching on It would be of extreme interest to the their monthly visits under this head.
Of the sum Mr. Edwards received for does with the surplus claimed from the year \$486.25, and there is still a year to year.
balance due. An examination of Mr. We find that \$30,000 was advanced to Edward's accounts showed an interest- the Central Railway last year, and ing state of affairs. Mr. Edwards has had \$200,000 in bonds guaranteed. The

been accustomed to receive amounts utility of this is a great question to right along and at the end of the year many competent men in the province. there is an itemized bill made up. I shall show that instead of a \$15,000 This bill contains charges for a hire on an average every other day in the ficit of \$150,000. year. The attorney general's items fig- Under the dead of executive governured up to \$61, and the deputy provin-\$35. The latter, who was present, said that at the outside he did not London, \$4,579; total, \$9,120. think it would be over \$10. Mr. Tibbitts was called, but he said that the ing of the bills, and he could not re-member just when hiring was done for ling expenses, \$315. Hon. H. A. Mc-

such occasions he employed a coach. From the remarks made by the members of the committee it was evident that they were all of one opinion cutive, \$693. A grand total of \$24,066. and that is that the question of coach hire, so called, required looking after, every working day of the year and is and Mr. Osman suggested that the exclusive of the amounts paid as hoscommittee recommend in their report that the bills in the future be rendered monthly and then there might be some way of getting at the facts just how these expenses were incurred and place the responsibility where it belonged.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 23. -The house met at three o'clock. The preliminary business was quickly disposed of and the orders of the day called, when Mr. Flemming said: I do not propose to detain the house at any great length, as the subjects of the provincial finances has been pretty well discussed. Hon. members must have noticed the changes in the line of the prime minister's address. The glowing charm with which he began his speech was almost convincing, but towards the close he became petulant and boastful. Much has been said in this house about the development of the Grand Falls water power. The members of the government boast as though they had created the falls and contributed that great natural resource to the province. They derive

consolation from the fact that a company which has been given great privileges at the falls have made the necessary deposit as required by law. I shall be very glad to see this enterprise carried to a successful issue. The premier took much credit to himself that he required the report of the auditor general to be published within two months after the close of the fiscal year. If the report were intelligible to the ordinary mind this would undoubtedly be a good thing, but as a matter of fact the auditor general's report is so intricate that the members of the government themselves can scarcely glean therefrom the true state of the province's finances. The premier's reference to the bye-elections was particularly belligerent. I shall not discuss the question except to refer briefly to those in Westmorland and Carleton. I should not have adverted to this at all had the premier

not in a moment of anger attacked us last night. We in Carleton county would have been glad to have allowed the solicitor general to have taken his honors un-Champlain tercentenary. Some peo- opposed, to show our esteem of him as ple objected to this, and I had my own doubts on the subject. I think that of in the country. But because we did ont six near the clerk's desk. I the country box of commerce, which never containwhen people desire to get up a celebra- this we are accused of cowardice by that as this is the first opportunity that was in my hands. These misstate- ed and never could contain a quart of should help themselves. This the premier who says that we dare not province gives more money to the peo- put up a fight. Generosity seems lost on the premier and the gentlemen opposite, and I can tell him here and now that we will not treat him nor everything. People the government so generously another time. I am ready to meet the governgood public spirited citizen is worth ment in a fair fight at any time and more than all the government can give. tell the premier and the government The expenditure on account of the deaf | that whenever the constituency of Carand dumb institution, Fredericton, am- leton is again open it will be no walkover for the government candidate. In Mr. Hazen-What about the St. John | the future we in that county will give

them all the fight they want. In regard to the question of education, it is one thing to talk glowing generalities and another to do something of importance to better the sys-As a matter of fact, the expenditure last year on education was \$9,000 less than the year before. It is offered in explanation that 400 country schools were closed. That is not cre-

ditable to the government. The premier suggests that the county fund be increased. I would suggest that the government restore the 10 per cent. it took away from the

good deal of trouble with the govern- much for his colleague, whom I regret is the proper place for such items. nient at Ottawa to secure the rights is not in his place. When I returned of the province and he tells us of the to Woodstock after my appointment free in his criticism of lawyers. We great courage the government have he was there endeavoring to expect that. The only question we by the G. T. P. and will be a feeder for exhibited in pressing the claims of work up opposition to me. I am have to ask are, was it right to press the province. A glance at the audi- told that he was at a meeting our claim on the representation tor general's report will show that hon. of the leaders of the opposition who ter? and if so, who was better qualified members of the government can afford | decided that I was not to be opposed. to be courageous and I have no doubt Then he went to McAdam Junction they will continue to be courageous so with two of his friends to meet the same is true in regard to the fishery long as the provincial revenue holds leader of the opposition, and had a matter.

picture of the premier, which was a there was a reception in honor of the fairly good likeness, and a statement | marriage of a gentleman in that town that the country has a surplus of \$15,- Mr. Smith was there and took occasion 000, which is entirely incorrect. Since to congratulate me publicly on the fact that fournal received about \$30,000 that I had received the appointment from the provincial treasury quite re- of solicitor general. I have been incently, we all understand the joke. On formed that after that reception was page 5 of the auditor's report we find over he retired, to consult with some the net debt of the province given as of his friends, to see whether some-\$3,415,634.62 at the end of the past fis- thing could not be done to oppose cal year, as compared with a net debt of \$3,213,946.03 the previous year and report. \$3,074,140.93 in 1902. This shows an increase in 1908 of \$137,805.10, and an in- man will deny that Mr. Simms' nomicrease of \$201,688.59 last year over the nation paper was handed to Mr. Boyer year previous. Last year was notable, in the hon. gentleman's store. too, as producing the largest revenue guarantee that such institutions would the province every enjoyed, yet not- but I know that I was asked to sign be satisfactorily run. Continuing to withstanding this buoyant and immense it and I refused and tried to prevent the items of salaries under this head, revenue, we find this government pil- Mr. Simms from running. ing up the debt. Going back over the financial reports, we find that the net ceive the hon gentleman's assurance on debt of the province has increased dur- this point and to have my mind cleared ing the ten years from 1893 to 1902 at up in regard to it. With reference to an average rate of \$91,856. In 1903 the my own nomination papers, I may say debt was piled up some \$137,805, while that they were handed in to the sheriff last year, 1904, the sum of \$201,688 was by me the night before the nomination. added to the debt of the province. Mr Simms came down the same even-These figures are alarming. They are mg, but he did not reach the Court worthy of thought by gentlemen on House until 11 o'clock the next day.

The government claim a surplus of to the Court House he said that there ters, though the bills showed that as year the government paid the bank any money on either side during the far as Fredericton was concerned the \$15,000 interest on overdrawn account.

many competent men in the province surplus, the province has really a de-

ment we have a truly remarkable cial secretary's to \$59.75, while Mr. Far- showing. The statement is something ris was responsible for a bill for over like this: Hon. F. J. Sweeney, \$660; Hon. Wm. Pugsley, \$2,100; travelling seemed very much amazed at the account for which he was charged, and ties, \$1,540; expenses to Ottawa and

salary \$2,100

Premier Tweedie,

travelling expenses, \$1,105; salary as receiver general looked after the pay- surveyor general, \$860. Hon. A. T him, but he could say he had to go Keown, \$441. Hon, C. H. Labillois, down to Government House to see the salary, \$1,700; travelling expenses, \$1, governor on official business, and on 433. Hon. L. P. Farris, salary, \$1,700; travelling expenses, \$600. Sessional indemnity of six members of government, This is equal to over \$80 a day for pital commissioners or the travelling expenses of the executive. The members of the executive cost this province over \$80 a day last year for each working day, and yet when the poor farmers of Carleton Co., whose crops had been ruined by storms two years in succession applied for relief to assist them to procure seeds, the paltry sum of \$150 was all that was sent them, and I am glad to say that the farmers had spirit enough to unanimously vote to send the money back.

which was done. Mr. Flemming referred to this decrease in the production of cheese and wheat and concluded his speech as fol-

lows: Last evening the premier threw across the floors of this house chalenges to the members of the opposition to repeat in the house statements we make in the country school houses. will tell the hon. member that any statement I make in the country regarding public affairs I am prepared o stand by in this house or elsewhere. state what I believe to be the truth regarding provincial matters and at any time. If the premier is desirous hearing me make these statements in the country school houses let him come to Carleton county when next there is an election. I am ready to meet him on any platform and to state to the people in his presence as I have done in this house today, what I believe to be true in regard to the way affairs are being conducted under his administration.

Hon. Mr. Jones moved the adjourn ment of the debate. Hon. Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill in addition to and in amendment of

the school act. House adjourned at 10 o'clock. FREDERICTON, March 24.-The house met at three o'clock. After the preliminary business was finished the order of the day was called and Hon. W. P. Jones, solicitor general, took up

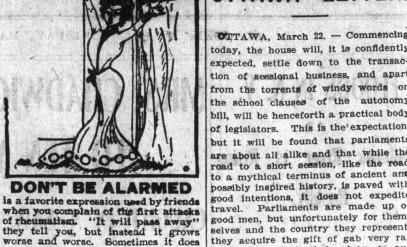
the discussion of the budget. The order of the day being called, Hon, Mr. Jones said-Before entering into a consideration of the financial aflike to refer at some length to the reterday was pleased to make certain re- witness to Simms' nomination paper. ferences to myself personally and I said to the sheriff and also to the dethank him for them, but I understand puty, after the sheriff had refused his that when the question of opposing me paper, that that was just what was referred to him, his opinion was they that I should be opposed if I could be not desire any election. ton Co. I had assurances from leading The premier seems to be having a Simms, I fear that I cannot say as among the receipts for the year. That

conference with him, and he was told Two striking things appear in the that I was not to be opposed. On the ment. St. John Telegraph of yesterday: a Tuesday night preceding the election

> Mr. Smith-There is no truth in that Hon, Mr. Jones-Perhaps the gentle Mr. Smith-I don't know about that,

Hon. Mr. Jones-I am glad to re the opposite side of the house. Under the present administration, with a ing with his counsel in the meantime. large increase in revenue, yet the debt I have been told by a reputable citiis going up at a tremendous rate. | zen of Woodstock that before he went

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Hon. Mr. Jones-How could money be used when the offer was that there should be no election if I agreed to his terms? This statement has been published and Mr. Simms has not denied that he made it. Mr. Smith-No one can say that Mr.

Simms offered to let Mr. Jones go in without a contest. Hon. Mr. Jones-You seem to thoroughly conversant with all Mr. Simms' movements and ideas. I court the fullest investigation into all the circumstances connected with this matter and if it can be shown that I was aware of any unfair methods in connection with this election I will not only resign my seat, but my position in the government. Simms has stated the names of certain persons as being the only individuals in the court froom when he arrived, but there were several others present whom he has not named. I had arrived at the court

some time before Mr. Simms and was sitting in the barristers' room. Bible to which reference has been made was there at the time, for I used it to swear the deputy sheriff to an affidavit. When Mr. Simms came into the bar risters' room I left it and went into the court room and remained there. The Bible was in the barristers' room when I left it. I have it from Mr. Foster, the deputy sheriff, that Simms told him shortly before twelve that he did not

know whether he would run or not. It was after 12 o'clock before Simms presented himself with his nomination papers and I know that an investigation will establish this fact. But while this is true I felt that it would be best not to allow him to have a grievance, and I advised the sheriff to accept the nomination papers. The sheriff refused. Simms says that I examined fairs of the province, in reply to the his nomination papers and that I was hon, member from Carleton, I would sitting at the clerk's desk with two others. It can be easily proved that I nothing of the kind and that it was has been afforded of dealing with this ments on the part of Simms show that berries. Mr. Taylor wanted the minsubject, it is due to myself, to the he was hardly conscious of what he ister to delay the bill until a practical members of the government and the was doing. I never saw a man in a members of this house, that I should greater state of excitement. With restate fully what occurred in connection gard to the Bible or what became of it with the Carleton election so far as I know absolutely nothing about it. I a barrel, but Hon. Mr. Fisher declined the output will be increased to any the facts came under my own observa- did not know where it was then and to await the test. Fisher evidently tion. This is the more necessary as it I do not know now. It is believed on had no faith in his own boxes. is a matter in regard to which false all sides in Carleton county that reports have been published. The hon. Simms did not wish to run. I am inmember from Carleton who spoke yes- formed that Mr. Boyer, who was the

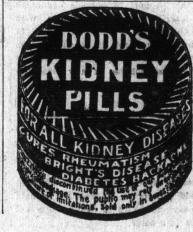
wanted for did defeated, but if not that there should sheriff of Carleton is a respectable be no opposition. In other words, to man and he belongs to a respectable defeat me if they could do it. I may family, and he has many friends who say that when my appointment as a believe in him. The people who know member of the government was made the sheriff and know Mr. Simms pay known it was well received in Carle- no attention to Mr. Simms' charges. Referring to the financial criticism of members of the opposition that they the hon, member for Carleton County would give me their support. And I (Fleming), I may say that considering would like to say here at the outset the weakness of his case his speech that I do not think that the hon. mem- showed great ability. He made a point ber who spoke yesterday had anything that the deficit of the Grand Falls to do with the candidature of Mr. Water Power company was placed

> My honorable friend has been very than the attorney general? I do not think his charge was excessive.

Hon, Mr. Jones moved the adjourn The house adjourned at 6 o'clock till Monday.

The Montreal Herald in its issue of March 22, published a picture of the Rev. J. A. Gordon, formerly pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, this city, who has recently been appointed to the responsible position of president of the Quebec provincial branch of the Lord's Day Alliance, the membership which is now more than 25,000.

The University Monthly for March ontains portraits and sketches of two distinguished graduates, the late H. G. C. Ketchum, C. E., and Professor William Ganong.



today, the house will, it is confidently expected, settle down to the transaction of sessional business, and apart from the torrents of windy words on the school clauses of the autonomy bill, will be henceforth a practical body of legislators. This is the expectation, but it will be found that parliaments are about all alike and that while the road to a short session, like the road o a mythical terminus of ancient and ossibly inspired history, is paved with good intentions, it does not expedite travel. Parliaments are made up of good men, but unfortunately for themselves and the country they represent, they acquire the gift of gab very rapidly and feel it their duty to put themselves on record in the pages of Hansard as vigorously standing up for the interests of their constituents. To abolish Hansard would be to greatly shorten the session. That may come some day, but not in the present generation.

The senate yesterday took up the matter of railway passes and talked it over in a practical way. The ancient and honorables do not want any increased favors from railway and steamship lines, but they purpose that instead of having their dress suit cases filled to overflowing with annual free tickets from this line and that company they shall be permitted to travel free every where within the bounds of Canada on a certificate signed by the clerk of the senate. The dominion lords being appointed for life, feel that no wrong would be done in any way to the cor porations whose favors they use, but when it comes down to the house of commons the conditions are not on all fours. An M. P. is here today and back to private life tomorrow: hence it would not be right to endow him with a certificate of immunity for even twelve months, as if he were a dishonest man he might be tempted to travel on his pass for months after he had ceased to be a representative of the people. Judges of the supreme court ride free on almost everything but street cars and cabs. Then why should not the senators ride untaxed on the Pullmans and be served with free funches in the buffet cars? The principle is the same. What the railways give away to legislators is not, perhaps, for favors received, but with an eye to the future.

Squaring the circle is an old problem but it will not down. Mr. Henderson of Halton, Ontario, brought it up yesterday in connection with Hon. Mr. Fisher's bill to establish a legal box fended, and carried, the bill on the ground that the box's cubic space was exactly one-third of a barrel, but Mr. Henderson, who knows something about apples and other things, pointed out that apples being round in shape would pack closer in a barrel than in a square box. Taylor of Leeds and other speakers endorsed Henderson's contention that the Fisher apple box, while ostensibly one-third of a barrel, was test had been made at the central agricultural farm as to whether the contents of three of these boxes would fill R.A.P.

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DEATH OF CAPT. S. F. SCOTT. Former Resident of Vancouver Killed

(Vancouver World.) Word was received here yesterday the death, as the result of an accident,

at Victoria.

Limited, Niagara Falls, Ont.

of Captain Samuel F. Scott, a residen of this city some years ago. According to the advices received. Captain Scott was struck by a locomotive in Astoria on Wednesday and instantly killed. He attempted to cross the track in front of the locomotive and slipped, falling across the rails. Before he could regain his feet, the engine struck him, crushing his life out. At the time of his death Captain Scott was master of the gasoline schooner

shipping circles all along the coast, as well as in this city. Captain Locke, pilot of the C. P. R. steamer Princess Victoria, is a brotherin-law of the deceased, and came to this country with him as chief officer on the West Indian.

The deceased was well known

Captain S. F. Scott was born in the north end. He sailed out of St. John for quite a long time, his first square rigged vessel being the Belle Walters At one time he carried on a ship chandlery business in Fleetwood, England, He also resided for a time in Liverpool, and was commander of a steamship trading to the Mediterranean. Scott also resided for a time in India. He afterwards resided in England and bought a vessel, taking her out to the Pacific. He made his home for a time at Victoria, B. C. Capt. Scott was twice married. His wives were sisters, the Misses Lockes, of Halifax. The first wife died in India. A family and his second wife survive him. Two brothers reside in the United States.

ander St. Martin, a labor candidate

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EBEN PERKINS-WARNED.

Jesse James" Advises Him to Stop His Reform Work, --- A Mother Wants More of it Done.

Perkins started in to close up some of ences. Recently Mr. Perkins has been ment very thin. getting some letters. Several have contained warnings for him to desist, but the majority have been from women who have been troubled over the conduct of their husbands or sons. Two of the letters recently received by Mr. Perkins are as follows. The first was written on legal cap, typewritten, and, evidently done by some person who writes many letters. Mr. Perkins thinks that he knows where this letter came from.

The second is signed by a woman and Mr. Perkins knows that what she tells in regard to her son is the truth

Sir-Beware. You are travelling on rather slippery ground, and unless you give up your damn nonsense we will make it very hot for your actions may suit the United States, and it is a terrible den. Another place where you belong, but are not suitpackage for apples, 10 x 11 x 20 inches, able for this city. We write this to try and have these dens cleaned out, warn you that unless you make a as I am afraid of my boy again. change, be prepared for what you will Yours truly.

The role of a reformer brings with | get. It would be a different thing if it some excitements, and since Eben it were a temperate man who was making this trouble, but your private the places which he thinks should not little bottle on a certain barroom shelf be running, he has had a few experi- on the main street makes your argu-JESSE JAMES.

Dear Sir-I thought you might be the right person to see about some card games which are going oh every night, and particularly on Sunday after noons. My son has learned to drink rum through them and to gamble, and has often come home and abused me when I talked to him about it. I don't think he goes with them now, but I am afraid he might start in again. A young man gave me the addresses of some places he visited. One is on Church street, and this place is open every night. The other is on Princess street just above Canterbury, and a lot of Jews go there every Sunday afternoon and gamble for large stakes. This is near Ryan's, on Charlotte street. Do

BOSTON MARKETS.

Spruce Lumber is Scarce and no **Prospects That Output Will be**

BOSTON, March 24.-Not only is the present supply of spruce lumber inadequate to the growing and urgent de mand, but there are no prospects that considerable extent for quite a while The comparatively few winter mills are running to extreme capacity, with orders far ahead: and, if any special and immediate want can be filled at nce, the price is apt to be \$1 above the regular rate. The season in Maine is unusually cold and backward, and the prospect is that it will be very late in April before the spring mills get started up so that lumber ship-

ments can be made by water. Reports from Maine state that al the important lumber camps of the Kennebec system have closed. The Kennebec cut will fall short of that of New Zealand, is at the Royal. the previous winter by a strong quarter. The larger storage basins are in

better condition this year than ever for holding water, and there will be no necessity of taking chances with the early freshet, but the logs can safely be held back until the water begins to fall. The quotations: Spruce lumber-10 and 12 inch di-

mension, \$21; 9 inch and under dimension, \$19; 10 and 12 inch randon lengths, 10 feet and up, \$20.50; 2x3, 2x4 2x5, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 feet and up. \$17 to 17.50; all other random lengths, 9 in and under, 10 feet up, \$18 to 18.50; merchantable board, 5 inch and up, \$16.50 to 17; matched board, \$19 to 21; eastern hemlock board, 12, 14, 16 feet \$16: Vermont hemlock board, 12, 14, 16 feet, \$15.50; bundled furring, clipped to same length, p. 1 s, \$17.

Shingles-Cedar ex., \$3.15 to 3.25; do. clear, \$2.65 to 2.75; do., 2nds, \$2.15 to 2.30; do., clear white, \$205 to 2.10; do. ex. No. 1, \$1.65. Lath, spruce-1 1-2 in., \$3.25; 1 5-8 in.

\$3.40. Clapboards-Spruce, 4 feet ex., \$40 to 42: do., clears, \$38 to 40: do., 2nd clears,

\$45 to 50; 2nd clears, \$40 to 45.

Trade in salt and cured figh continues quiet, but in fresh there is an and by this method the cost to the enormous business doing. The Lenten season was formerly highly profitable ordinary contract method. to salt fish handlers, but the modern Travelling by railway refrigerator system enables fish dealers to send their products to all sections of the country.' Salt cod are still scarce. Salt mackered are very firm, especially for large fish, which are scarce, and higher from first hands. Large No. 3 Nova Scotia fish have advanced and other sizes are scarce and firm. Large 3s. are worth \$14.50 to \$16; large No. 2, \$17 to 18, and medium shore No. 2, \$16.50 to 18. Codfish are firm and quiet at unchanged prices. Nova Scotia herring are scarce and firm at \$7 to 7.50 for large split and \$5.50 to 6 for round shore. Live lobsters are firm at 30c. for live and 35 for boiled. Fresh fish are in fair supply at the following prices: Market cod, 3 to 4c. per lb.; large cod, to 5c.; steak, 6c.; Georges haddock, 3c.; white eastern halibut, 15c.; gray, 12c.; western salmon, 10c.; eels, Premier Gouin of Quebec will in the finnan haddles, 7 to 8c.; shad, buck, coming by-election be opposed by Alex-ander St. Martin, a labor candidate. 45c., roe, \$1; frozen herring, \$2.50 to 3 per 100 count.

FROM NEW ZEALAND.

Arthur Downes Does Not Like the Government

there.

Employment is **Restricted** Under the

Present Laws-Railroad Trav-

elling is Cheap. Arthur Downes, an English gentleman, who has spent sixteen profitable years in the sheep farming business in

Speaking to the Sun, Mr. Downes socialistic to suit him. Neither the employer or the employed were in a satisfactory position, although of course, the laws are being made ostensibly in the interests of the latter. "Under the stringent laws now in

force," said Mr. Downes, "employment restricted. An arbitration board, which is a branch of the supreme court, fixes the rate of wages that must be paid for each class of work and also regulates the number of hours to be worked, and decides whether payment by the piece or a flat rate shall prevail.

Mr. Downes said the climate of New Zealand was all that could be desired, and the country is in a generally prosperous condition at the present time although deeply in debt. Government ownership of railways he thought was partly satisfactory, although graft was rampant.

The public works of the country. such as railroads are constructed by what is known as the co-operative labor system. For instance, if a railroad is to be built, instead of awarding the contract to one individual or company, \$36 to 38; pine extras, \$50 to 55; clears, the work is given out in little parcels to six or a dozen men. These men are supplied with tools by the government country is much greater than by the Travelling by railway can be done very cheaply in New Zealand. As an instance of this Mr. Downes said that an expenditure of \$40 would permit one to ride over all the government rail

WEAVER'S It purifies the Blood and cures

ways of the country for six months

Mr. Downes will sail for London by

Boils. Humors. Salt Rheum Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., Montreal.

PARLIAI

OTTAWA. March cleavage between the opposition was unn by Borden yesterday himself on the rock o Fielding was put u den, and he did so creditable to a state droitness that a tains by long practi ice, under the cloak as the opposition con net to handle the sch ada's safety and pe ed in keeping Laurie his zeal Fielding slo Dr. Sproule of East ed the debate this a to show that the fi the premier took wid in their arguments. ed the legal points made a common-se presentation of his c He spoke first of the Mr. Fielding last nig ton of his speech, i ability of the oppos thing but a Protest This had sounded to the nature of a thre to have been done holding his liberal rather than foresha in the event of the All he (Dr. Sproule that Mr. Fielding ha the people of Canad not put any trust i sense, good judgm generosity and enli dians. (Conservati ernments were the ings of the country, visdom of the peop that the people of to any such task. credit the intellige Roman Catholics or a way as to insinua not be equal to the had been the first of say that the autor ligious measure. thought it was a r bill for the purpos Territories the sam themselves, to legis their own needs and government genera province in con at the present time. Fielding had said th ed into a religious was the fact, who

it the opposition? ed the feeling ald tarian or national li silent spectators of the bill, which pro onious feelings. had been the first avail himself of make an impassion introduction of the fining himself as the measure, he elements of passion religious struggles as far back as confe all pressed into ser of impressing upon cessity for passing was a passionate f try today the gov sponsible. Dr. Sproule held

when he was follo Brant, the "Big Th inet. Mr. Pater Fielding's tracks, instead of argun quently applauded ing every time he bellowed like a bull Dr. Sproule in speech read the fo ply to a request ing the school and

autonomy bill, made est legal firms in "The right of the ment to impose provinces about to with the subject of arate schools, is, question. This v consideration than

yet to give it, and

settled by judicial "I am asked, ho parliament is cons mpose any such r it exists otherwis opinion in the neg only with the que gation. What the to do or should d any power which not within the p Such a restriction exist, or may be under the provisio B. N. A. Act, 1867 of their applicati now to be formed plies it would seen ment of our parl fect, and if not, so far as I am awa necessary. Upon the opinion that apply to the provi established. Its 1 pear to be intento, the then provin

> about to be made appear to me to actment." Monk, who foll scored Fielding ceptance of the autonomy bill a son's argument liament could in tions it desired sent or prospe 25,000,000 acres which it wanted he asked, ignore

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