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THIRTEENTH YEAR.

THE OPPOSITION SCORED.

CRITICISING THE MILITIA DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

Brigade Majors are to be Wiped Out—
Commandants of Militia to be
Extra Duty—and the Army is to be
the Watchword of Hon. Mr. Patterson, Minister of Militia.

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—The Opposition scored a point this afternoon in its criticism of the estimates of the Militia Department. Hon. J. C. Patterson has just taken charge of that part of the public service, and while he has had the courage to publish General Herbert's drastic reports and intentions, he has not the courage to publish the estimates of the Militia Department, which he has made the target of a good temperd criticism by Messrs. Davis, Lister, McMillen and Laurier, who succeeded in making it appear that substantial improvements could be made.

Mr. Patterson admitted that it was his intention to administer the department irrespective of party, and to get rid of all superfluous officers and employees in the pay of the department.

The brigade majors are to be wiped out, commandants of schools are to be given the duty of Deputy Adjutants-General, and wherever efficiency can be increased or economy attained without loss of efficiency it is to be done.

Mr. Patterson showed that there was nothing in the report to indicate that the condition of the property and buildings used by the militia was such as to require a system of repairing these buildings should be observed.

Colonel Denison contended, notwithstanding the criticism of some, that the militia was steadily improving.

After recess Sir Adam Caron warmly defended his administration of the Militia Department, and was severely criticised by Mr. Lister and others.

Superintendence Act.
On motion that the House go into committee on Hon. Mr. Foster's resolution providing for a change in the Superintendence Act, Hon. Mr. Laurier said that he did not propose to discuss the matter at his present stage, but later on, probably on the next day, he would move an amendment dealing with the whole of superintendence, which he considered was altogether too heavy a tax.

The Budget speech on Tuesday.
In reply to Sir Robert Borden, Hon. Mr. Foster said he expected to make his budget speech on Tuesday night, which is an unusually early period for the budget speech, but will promise to thoroughly examine into the whole question during the recess and propose such changes as are considered necessary.

Returned to Coal Oil.
On the motion to go into committee on Sir Richard Cartwright's motion to correct a statement made during the debate on coal oil yesterday. He said it was not true that the Liberals were in power had increased the tax on coal oil. The duty on coal oil was fixed in 1868, when there was a double tax placed on it, a customs duty of 15 cents a gallon, and an excise tax of five cents a gallon. In 1877 the Liberal Government had abolished the excise tax and reduced the customs duty to six cents a gallon.

Resist for the Deluged.
Before the orders of the day were called, C. O'Brien asked leave to bring a resolution that the Government had been directed to the floods in Queensland, and especially to the disaster which had befallen the people of that province, and that the Hon. Commissioner should be requested to ascertain from the Agent-General for Queensland, and, if so, what would be the best method of relief.

Sir John Thompson said that in a few days further details of the disaster would be received and then the Government would say what action, if any, was necessary.

The Supreme Court Vacancy.
Hon. Mr. Laurier called attention to the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench, and thought that it ought to be filled, especially as the term of the court was about to commence, and one of the judges was said to be in ill-health.

Sir John Thompson denied that there had been any undue delay in the filling of the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench, and said that the court would be filled before the meeting of the court.

Hon. Mr. Davies called attention to the absence from duty for over two years of Judge McDonald of Nova Scotia, and said that if he was unable to perform his duties he ought to be superannuated.

Sir John Thompson said that no complaint had ever been made by either the bench, the bar or the public of Nova Scotia with reference to the absence of Judge McDonald. Personally he was opposed to the continuance on the bench of a judge after he was unable to perform his duties.

Mr. Davies said that he would take the opinion of the bar and the public of Nova Scotia into consideration, and that he would supply and the balance of the afternoon and evening session was occupied with a discussion of the militia estimates.

Retains Brought Down.
Hon. John Costigan, Secretary of State, to-day laid on the public of Nova Scotia copies of papers in the Manitoba school case. The return merely covered the petition which requested service March 15, 1892, which have been already published.

On March 17 last Hon. Mr. Laurier moved for a return of all correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Canadian Government concerning the defence of Esquimaux. To-day Hon. John Costigan, Secretary of State, laid on the table the return to the address, which simply contained a letter, dated Oct. 12, 1892, from Col. Panet, Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence, in which he states that there are no papers which are not of a confidential character.

At the request of Hon. Mr. Laurier, Hon. Mr. Anger, Minister of Agriculture, has authorized Mr. J. C. Chapais, Assistant Dairy Commissioner, to proceed to Manitoba and deliver a series of lectures on butter-making.

Wants To Be Posted.
Mr. Rider will ask the Government on Monday whether it is aware that in consequence of the lower rate of postage prevailing in the United States large numbers of Canadian letters destined to Canada and other points are mailed in the United States post offices along the border, thereby causing a considerable loss of postal revenue to Canada, and if so, what remedy does the Government propose; and has the Government any intention of reducing the present rate of postage on ordinary letters?

A Civil Service Board.
Hon. Mr. Costigan gave notice to-night of an important resolution, which seems to indicate that the Government proposes to act on the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and appoint a permanent Civil Service Board. The resolution reads: "That it is expedient to amend the Civil Service Act and to provide for the appointment of a Civil Service Board, consisting of three members, two of whom shall be of the rank of Major-General, and one of whom shall be of the rank of Colonel."

THE NORDICA-SCALCHI CONCERT.

Commencing John Allen's Granddaughter.

Musician of the Toronto's History.

In all probability there has never been seen at one concert in Toronto such an "aggregation of talent" as the concert given to-night, at which were seen in the Pavilion last night. The artists were announced in four languages: Mrs. Lillian Nordica, Mrs. Sofia Scholch, Miss Louise Engel, Signora Campanini and Don Puente and Herr Emil Fischer.

The absolute novelty was Mrs. Nordica, an American prima donna, who as a child of five years of age was taken to the theatre by her grandfather, known as "Camp-Meeting" Allen, and who was found of singing in the "Water and Select Harmonies" and who, as a great singer, has been in every audience as large as that which crowded the Pavilion last night. There are always two constituencies, a small one which is just as keen as the other, and a larger one which looks on with indifference.

Both these constituencies were present to-night, and the result was a most successful evening. Mrs. Nordica's performance was the most difficult vocal effort she has ever made, and her singing was the most perfect and beautiful ever heard in this city.

The poetic quality in an artist's singing is apt to be overlooked in the enthusiasm of the audience. The voice of the artist is the most important element in the art of singing, and it is the voice which is the most difficult to master.

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HIS PEN WAS A MIGHTY ONE.

"MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT" IN HIS LAST SLEEP.

He Made His First Record in New York By Vanquishing Boss Tweed And His Gang of Thieves—Latterly He Coerced Literature and Politics and Coerced Well.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The death is announced to-day of Mr. Louis John Jennings, Conservative member of the House of Commons for Stockport. Mr. Jennings was the correspondent of The New York Herald and wrote under the name of "Member of Parliament."

Mr. Louis J. Jennings, whose death is announced to-day, was the author of several cable dispatches from London signed "A Member of Parliament." During the years 1882 to the Sultan of Muscat.

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WAGGED THE BIGGEST JAW.

McGill Defeats Toronto in the Intercollegiate Debate at Montreal—The Subject Was Woman Suffrage.

MONTRÉAL, Feb. 10.—The intercollegiate debate between McGill and Toronto Universities in the question of Woman Suffrage was won by the McGill representatives.

The speakers were W. P. Ball and F. R. Holman of Toronto for the suffrage and J. T. Brown and A. Graham of McGill in the negative.

Another Triumph in the Use of Electricity.
The water famine from which we have been suffering for some time past has been the cause of bringing very prominently before the public the many and great advantages of the new electric elevator, manufactured by Messrs. Otis Brothers & Co. of New York, which has lately been introduced by us into Canada.

As is well-known, the state of the city has during the winter been a very bad one, and the water has been plentifully supplied to the city by the waterworks, which have been running since the introduction of the new electric elevator, manufactured by Messrs. Otis Brothers & Co. of New York, which has lately been introduced by us into Canada.

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HOMESTEAD CASE.

Bergman, a Printer, Says His God Is Common Sense and Nature—Intended to Kill Trick.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 10.—The two anarchists, Henry Bauer and Carl Noid, were put on trial this morning, charged with being accessory before the fact to the shooting of H. C. Frick by Alexander Bergman in July last. The jury was completed at 11 o'clock, and Assistant District Attorney Goehring opened the case for the prosecution.

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UNCLE SAM WANTS HAWAII.

BUMPTIOUS BEN WILL RECEIVE THE DELEGATES.

Negotiations Will Be Formally Carried Out—The Delegates Are Hoping Them—Some Specimens Will Be Made—Eagle-Scram Some For Him, Too—The Cattle Schedule.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—All the members of the Cabinet were present at the meeting to-day, which lasted nearly an hour. The principal topic discussed was the action of Minister Stevens in establishing a protectorate over the Hawaiian Islands.

In view of the fact that the next steamer leaving San Francisco for Honolulu is scheduled for Tuesday, the 14th inst., it is not believed that any definite action will be taken approving or disapproving Minister Stevens' action until the day before the departure of the steamer for the Islands.

Secretary of State Foster was the first to leave the White House after the cabinet meeting. He indicated that the cabinet had plenty of time to act in a deliberate manner, and while the approval or disapproval of Mr. Stevens' action was necessary, yet in view of the impossibility of reaching him other than by mail communication, immediate action in the premises was not deemed necessary.

This afternoon's developments in the Hawaiian matter have been important and hopeful, if not confident, that to-morrow will see the practical, if not formal, conclusion of his labors.

This afternoon after office hours Secretary Foster held a conference with the commissioners at the State Department, which lasted until 6 o'clock. In the course of the proceedings the commissioners were informed that the course if the Hawaiian matter had been made for their reception by President Harrison to-morrow.

This announcement gave them great pleasure, as it marked the determination of the Administration to recognize them officially and to enter upon formal negotiations regarding the object of their mission.

The cattle schedule.
With a view of keeping Canadian pleuro-pneumonia out of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury has instructed collectors of customs on the northern frontier that they must not allow any