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Ottawa Weekly Letter.

THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT.

Parliament has resumed its duties after the Easter recess. Its first business was to take up the second reading of the redistribution bill. Mr. R. L. Borden pointed out that it differed entirely from the measure introduced by Mr. Gladstone in the British Commons in 1884. The leader of the Opposition suggested that in the interests of fair play the special committee into whose hands the bill has been placed should consist of an equal number of members from both parties. The government refused to entertain the proposition, and Hon. C. E. Fitzpatrick, Hon. James Sutherland, Messrs. Hyman, Davis, R. L. Borden, Monk and Haggart were named to prepare schedules on which the redistribution will be based.

Grave doubts were expressed as to the ability of the government to reduce the representation of Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The question will be referred to the Supreme Court for decision.

The construction of the Georgian Bay Canal was again discussed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier expressed himself as favorable to the opening up of part of the waterway.

Mr. E. F. Clarke asked for the appointment of an official to enquire into railway wrecks, which have been so frequent of late. Hon. A. G. Blair promised to give the matter his serious consideration.

The opposition protested against the delay of the government in bringing down budgetary measures.

The budget speech delivered by Hon. W. S. Fielding contained many important announcements. Tolls on Canadian canals are abolished for two years. A tariff which will increase duties on German imports by one third went into force on Friday morning.

A duty of seven dollars a ton on steel rails will be imposed when Canadian mills can supply the market with a first class article. Some measure of relief granted the lead and binder twine industries. Mr. Fielding again repeated his threat to abolish the British preference, and negotiations may be reopened for reciprocity with the United States.

The term has been extended for the free importation of best sugar machinery.

Mr. R. L. Borden followed and severely criticized the opportunism of the government.

HOW THE EXPENDITURE GOES.

In 1896 the taxation revenues of Canada, represented by customs and excises, were \$27,759,295; in 1897 it was \$18,390,111. There was an increase of \$15,629,828 in the amount annually collected from the people as a whole for the administration of national affairs.

In 1898 the total revenues, including both taxes and receipts, was \$38,618,590; in 1899 it was \$53,060,790. There was an increase in six years in the total annual income of \$25,301,495.

The net figure of the liabilities of the country at the close of the fiscal year 1896 was \$268,497,432. At the close of the fiscal year 1902 it was \$71,829,093. The increase in six years was \$13,331,657. It has involved an increase in the interest charge of \$473,506 a year.

The leading items in the expense list in two years, as taken from the Public Accounts, compare as follows:

Public debt, interest	\$10,502,459	\$10,975,935
Administration of Justice	758,270	949,229
Civil Government	1,896,628	1,497,389
Fisheries	427,250	545,894
Immigration	132,199	494,541
Quarantine	95,547	264,737
Land	886,454	1,057,139
Indian	904,678	991,432
Sea and coast service	466,057	696,311
Mail and steamship subsidies	534,916	624,956
Militia	1,138,713	2,060,978
Miscellaneous	172,383	1,146,129
Munited Posts	533,014	945,215
Canals and river service	181,451	496,199
Penitentiaries	335,227	438,072
Public Works	1,299,703	4,231,293
Superannuation	311,231	338,764

STOP INDISCRIMINATE IMMIGRATION.

The landing of the Barr colony in Canada marks an epoch in our history. It has opened the eyes of Canadians to the vast possibilities of the West, if that great country is peopled by desirable races. The influx of immigrants coming from the British Isles are of our own flesh and blood. They are able to appreciate the advantages of good government, good education, and good morals. Through their influence Canada can become a nation whose worth to the empire cannot be overestimated. With the fame of the great grain producing belt on the lips of all civilized nations we can afford to rest on our laurels and choose the material we desire for settlers. Unfortunately the government do not take this view of the case, and with the high class settlers of the British Isles are coming the impoverished people of foreign lands, who have nothing in common with Canadians. Many of these immigrants are decreed as great cost, and unfitted for suburban life, they overcrowd our cities and demoralize our society. The Nestorians, a sect discovered in Russia, will shortly join the Doukhobors with whom we have had sad experience. The introduction of this strange type is largely experimental, and may result in new disaster. The government can afford to dispense with their presence and devote its attention to the good immigrant such as Great Britain is now supplying. We have a heritage to preserve, and public opinion calls for a more severe examination of the qualifications of new settlers. The whole importation of persons of doubtful origin should be ended promptly, and the future of this country made all that it is possible to make it.

MASTERS THAT ARE SERVANTS.

The Gamey investigation, at Toronto, in the cynosure of political Canada. Mr. R. G. Gamey had given his evidence, and notwithstanding a vigorous cross-examination he reiterated every important statement he made in the Ontario legislature. As was expected, every possible obstruction is being offered to the introduction of new evidence by the prosecution. Frank Sullivan, who conducted the negotiations on behalf of the government, informed Mr. Gamey, in the presence of three witnesses, that he had Stratton where he wanted him and would make him pay up handsomely. Here is food for reflection! A clerk in the provincial public works department openly boasts that he has a minister of the crown under his thumb, and that through this minister he hopes to rob the public treasury of large sums of money. The clerk looks upon the deal as one of his privileges. He is the son of a man who is the chief engineer of the "machine," and his share of the cash handed to Mr. Gamey was \$2,000. This is what the Liberal party has done for the province of Ontario. They have made the master the tool of the servant, and the latter has made himself supreme. The pockets of the people are thus exploited in a most barefaced manner, and good government is dragged in the mire. It is a disgraceful story and one which must of necessity bring to all patriotic citizens the urgency for a speedy termination of "machines" rule.

HAVE WE TOO MANY MINISTERS.

It looks as if Sir Richard Cartwright knew thereof long ago, when he advocated a reduction in number of Cabinet Ministers. So far as he, himself, is concerned he has given no practical proof that he will allow his theories to effect his position as Minister of Trade and Commerce, and the salary voted for that office will without doubt continue to flow in the direction of Sir Richard's pocket. During the past year there has been no time when the full cabinet were attending to their duties. The number of absentees varied, but their work went on the same as if they were in Ottawa. Hon. Clifford Sifton has been away from the capital for months. Hon. Sidney Fisher is also doing his work at long range. In the absence of these great names, Sir William Mulock and Hon. W. S. Fielding, with little apparent inconvenience, are carrying on the business of the Interior and Agriculture departments. If this arrangement is so satisfactory, why pay the extra salaries? Last summer, while the ministers were at their annual to accomplish what thirteen are paid for doing. Either the ministers are neglecting their duties or their is a superfluity of cabinet. Which is it? The people who pay the stipends have a right to know. It is up to Sir Richard to prevent the systematic waste of public funds, or see to it that the work of the departments is more conscientiously carried on.

REMANENTS—Such bargains in Remnants of Coats, Cloths, Dress Goods, Flannels, Flannellets, etc., were never before given in Charlottetown as we are offering to clear lengths from 1 1/2 yds. to 10 yds. A lot of Ladies' Gloves and Mitts at half price. You should see them and share in them.—J. B. McDonald Co.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

READ the advertisement of Carter's seed Store in this issue.

Carter has been sent up to the Supreme Court for trial on a charge of "wilful murder."

COLONEL Domville, of New Brunswick, has been appointed to the Senate to succeed Hon. A. H. Gilmour, deceased.

GENERAL Baden Powell is at Ottawa travelling incognito as Colonel Stevenson. He is the guest of the Governor General.

Mrs. McNeill has been sent up to trial to the Supreme Court for the crime of concealment of birth of a child.

In this issue will be found an advertisement for tenders for painting the exterior and abutting the roof of St. Andrew's Church.

THE House of Commons stands adjourned from yesterday till to-morrow out of respect to the memory of Sir Oliver Mowat.

A PASSENGER and freight train collided on the Erie Railway near Redhouse, N. Y., yesterday morning, eight were killed and ten injured as a result.

MR. W. Mortimer Clark, K. C., of Toronto, has been appointed Lieutenant Governor of Ontario in place of Sir Oliver Mowat, deceased.

MR. George Simpson, M. L. A., was sworn in a member of the Executive Council of this Province, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Hon. Malcolm McDonald, Georgetown.

SYDNEY advices of yesterday say a field of ice of great thickness and a hundred and twenty miles long blocks the entrance to the St. Lawrence River from the Gulf. A fruit laden steamer from France for Montreal was unable to reach the mouth of the river on Monday night in consequence and had to return to Louisbourg.

THE estimates for the current year were tabled in the Legislature yesterday. The expenditure is set down at \$326,000, and the receipts at \$315,000. That anticipates a deficit of \$11,000. But the estimated expenditure is \$10,000 less than last year's expenditure, and the receipts \$9,000 less than received last year.

EDWARD Lynch, a well off farmer and blacksmith, of Greenwood, Lot 2, was found dead on the floor in his house on Thursday evening last. His wife died nearly a year ago and he had been living alone lately. He had no family. It is said he never recovered from the loss of his wife, died of a broken heart.

At a recent meeting of the C. M. E. A. Grand Council officers in Montreal, George V. McInerney, Esq. ex M. P., St. John N. B., was appointed Grand Trustee in place of the late P. J. O'Keefe, and John A. Murphy, Solicitor of Cayuga, Ont., was appointed Grand Secretary in place of the late Samuel B. Brown.

Sir Oliver Mowat, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario died at Government House, Toronto, on Sunday morning last. Sir Oliver was born at Kingston in 1830, and was therefore, in his 83rd year at the time of his death. He had been Premier of Ontario for ten years and four months; was Minister of Justice in the Laurier Government and Leader of the Senate from 1896 to 1897 when he became Lieutenant Governor of his native Province, continuing in that office till his death.

The Rev. Abram Stefan, a priest of the Greco-Melchite rite has just paid this city a brief visit. He arrived here Saturday evening and left via Summerside yesterday morning. He is a missionary who travels from place to place to afford Catholics from his and other eastern countries an opportunity of approaching the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist. While here he said Mass according to his rite, each day in the Cathedral, and the Syrian Catholics residing here went to Confession and approached Holy Communion. As is usual with eastern priests he wears a long beard.

The little village of St. Paul de Joliette, in Joliette county, some distance from Montreal, was the scene between Friday night and Saturday morning of a fatal fire. Sometime during the night the presbytery caught fire and the parish priest, Rev. Father Dupont, who was in the house with a servant, perished in the flames. The servant made his escape. Father Dupont, who was ill, evidently made an effort to escape, as his remains were found near the door of the presbytery. The presbytery was completely destroyed.

The 120-ton engine No 62 of the Sydney and Louisburg Railway, in charge of engineer J. S. Parsons and fireman Chas. Dickson, while speeding down grade at Mira Gut, 20 miles from Sydney, with a train of seventy empties the other day, plunged through an open draw bridge across the Mira River, resulting in the death of Parsons by drowning, and the slip up of traffic on the road and navigation of the river. Dickson jumped on the bridge just as the pony wheels of the engine were toppling over, and thus escaped unhurt.

By the Summer time table, now in force on the P. E. I. Railway, trains for the west leave Charlottetown at 8.25 a. m. and 3.25 p. m. Both these trains run through to Tignish. Another train for Emerald and Cape Traverse leaves Charlottetown at 5.10 p. m. Trains for the east leave Charlottetown at 6.50 a. m. and 4. p. m. Returning to Charlottetown the trains leave Souris at 6 a. m. and 1.55 p. m. and Georgetown at 6.35 a. m. and 2.25 p. m. The outward afternoon train for Souris and Georgetown which returns in the morning is an express and the morning eastern train outward and afternoon train inward is a freight train. Trains are due to arrive at Charlottetown from the west at 11 a. m. 2.10 p. m. and 9 p. m. The last passenger connection with the steamer at Summerside was her arrival at Charlottetown on time will depend on the movements of the boat.

Taylor's Bookstore is showing a magnificent line of Wall Papers, this being the first year handling wall paper the stock is all new, and those buying at Taylor's will be sure to get the latest up-to-date wall paper and the cheapest in the city.—Taylor's Bookstore, opp. front door Post Office.

IRISH LAND BILL APPROVED.

By an unanimous vote the Irish National Convention, which met in Dublin on Friday last, accepted in principle the Irish Land Bill introduced in the House of Commons by Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, and entrusted to J. Redmond and his party, the task of securing in the House of Commons several amendments in the various points of vital importance which the National Convention may consider as essential. The Convention should take and on Saturday Lord Dunraven Lord Mayor, Capt. Shaw Taylor, John Redmond, Wm. O'Brien and T. W. Russell met at a round table conference to discuss the landlord's and tenant's opinions on the Land Bill, and to arrive at a common basis of parliamentary action.

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