

Dominion Parliament

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Mr. J. L. Richardson introduced a bill respecting the land grant of the Canadian Pacific Railway to declare that the period of exemption from taxation expires twenty years after the date of the original contract in 1881.

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Mr. Richardson (Lisgar) introduced a bill in amendment of the Countervailed Elections Act, the object of which is to prevent the "sawing off" of election protests.

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RAILWAY VOTES.

A return presented by the Minister of Railways shows that the subsidies voted to railways each year since 1896 have been as follows:

Canadian Divorce Laws.

Mr. B. M. Britton gives notice that he will move in parliament that the present law relating to divorce should be amended.

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London, March 5.—A prominent member of the House of Commons said to a representative of the Associated Press tonight: "The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, will probably introduce a duty on sugar in the forthcoming budget and will, perhaps, also add a countervailing duty."

A member of the middle ranks said: "The movement in favor of such a step is due, firstly, to the almost utter decay of England's refining industry; secondly, to the careful study of the successful United States sugar under the present system, and thirdly, to the dire necessity of the government to raise funds by other means than increasing the already enormous direct taxation."

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An Indian well known to the fish dealers was the discoverer. He makes his living by fishing, and usually employs his time in the Straits, catching at times a few dozen fish and then coming to Victoria in his unpretentious little dug-out to market them.

One day last week he was loitering about Discovery Island after Indian fashion, when he happened to locate in the mud by the sea shore what might have seemed to him at a casual glance to have been an ordinary clam, but which, on investigation, proved to be a very valuable variety of oyster. He took them home, and after a few days, and finding some more brought them in to Brown & Cooper, of this city.

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