MATTERS AT OTTAWA.

The general business of the sessio makes but slow progress at the capital.

The Government have, it is true, introduced a number of bills, but they hem. Nearly all the measures yet adian acts, which are being modifled to suit the altered state of ou fied to suit the altered state of our political system. There is scarcely a single measure yet introduced by private members. The field for private dabbling with the laws of our country will in the future be principally confined to the Local Legislatures, and thus the amount of business which legitimately belongs to the Commons will be comparatively small. Such being the case many of the members are beginning to think that a great reare beginning to think that a great reduction in the general expenditure of the House ought to be made—the business not being more than a third what it used to be in the days of the old Canadian Parliament. It is therefore sheer extravagance to retain the full staff of officials which was formerly required. The Senate Contingen Committee have shown a good example in the way of economy, but we are afraid the friends of extravagance are too numerous to afford us much hope that a reform in this important branch of our government will be effected The French members almost to a man oppose all retrenchment, and they are cked by such obsequious tools from Ontario as James Beaty, Hurdon and other mongrel politicians

The Intercolonial Railway route is still the rock ahead on which the ministry may be shattered. We are credibly informed that Mr. Tilley will undoubtedly resign if the North Shore route is ultimately adopted. He could not hold his head up in St. John if he remained a day in the Cabinet after such a course has been pursued against the interests of his country. Mr. Mitchell, the other minister for New Brunswick, is a resident of the Merimachi district, and is therefore inter ested in the North Shore route. He is very impetuous, and keeps the Cabinet in hot water all the time. The Lower Canada Members go in a body for the North Shore line. This route will run for about 160 miles in Lower Canada, before it touches New Bruns wick, while if the Central, or Frontier routes are adopted, they would only run a short distance till they got to the old Province line. This will explain why so many petitions have been pre sented from Quebec in favour of the North Shore route. If that line is adopted it would open up a long stretch of their poor country, and the money spent in the construction of the road would be a perfect windfall to its half starved population. In our opinion the policy of Upper Canadians should be to advocate the route that can be made for least money, having the con ditions which will secure the British Loan and direct communication with the sea at St. John for heavy freight, and also Halifax for through pas

The legislation in the early part of the session, which was so unpopular in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, has no doubt fostered the repeal move ment in the first mentioned Province, and has even given rise to such a feeling in the latter Province. It is the to take place now in New Brunswick C LOVES, general belief that if an election was as large a majority would be polled in favor of Repeal as there was in Nova Intercolonial Railway does not take a central course through that Province it will not be possible to peaceably rule it any longer. It is true that the northern counties are in favor of the Robinson route, but the great majority—and the representatives of the most wealthy sections—are totally opposed to it. The mission of Dr. Tupper is also a most unfortunate move. Even many of the leading Conservatives privately denounce the appointment as a great blunder. The appointment of Mr. Gray as the Arbitrator for the Dominion is also unfortunate. He is possessed of considerable debating ability, that is, he is wordy and very pompous, but he is evidently destitute of what one would call practical ability. In fact we feel that the Province of Ontario has a very poor chance for fair play in the arbitration. northern counties are in favor of the

THE REASON:—In an article in the Mineree on the military organization of the Dominion, the writer states that the reason why so few volunteer among the French Canadians is that they are not permitted to wear their own national uniform. The English uniform is to them only an emblem of conquest, but with the Zouave uniform, while not less devoted and loyal to England, they would become inspired with the martial spirit of their ancestors, and emulous of the glory achieved by them in arms. He instances the Highland regiment as an example of the enthusiasm created by a permission to wear the national costume, and recommends that a battalion of Zouaves be included in the regular army of the Dominion.

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.as — Dunk — At Guelph, on the 28th ult, by the Rev. John Hogg, Mr. Elisha Boles of Nassagaweya, to Miss Mary And Dunn of Puslinch.

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McGillivray, printer, in the 19th years his age.
[The funeral will take place from the resi dence of Mr. Maund, Paisley Street, to-mor towy (Thursday) afternoon at 30-clock.—Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend without further notice.]

rnor—At Puslinch, on Monday ever 30th inst., after a short illness, Miss Munroe, aged 22 years.

Munroc, aged 22 years, (LINS—In Drayton, on Monday last, the 23rd ult, 'Sarah, the beloved wife of Mr. James Echlin, Undertaker, aged 45 years scen—At Elora, on Monday last, the 23rd ult, Maria, only daughter of Captain Leech, aged 13 years. LMAGE At Clifford, on the 28rd ult., Thomas Smith, youngest son of Mr. J. H. Dolmage, aged fourteen months.

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