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PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW.

DOMINION.—The budget debate has been continued all the week, and promises to be a source of discussion for some time to come.

Perhaps the most important measures introduced were Sir John Thompson's bills to amend the electoral franchise act; to amend the Dominion elections act and to amend the controverted elections act. These bills are the result of the reference of a great number of bills on each subject introduced by private members to a special committee for consolidation.

The first mentioned bill contains the provisions of Mr. Wood's (Brockville) bill excluding from the franchise persons who have ceased to be British subjects.

The second bill provides for the gazetting of members in the order in which returns from elections are received.

The third bill provides that election petitions shall, as in England, be tried by two judges instead of one. The time for petitioning shall count not from the date of gazetting, but from declaration day.

It is also provided that where illegal acts of a trivial nature are committed by agents contrary to the request of the candidate, and where the judge is satisfied that the result of the election is not affected, and that the candidate was in no way in collusion, the election shall not be voided.

It has been decided to print the evidence taken daily in the public accounts committee in reference to the irregularities in the interior department.

Mr. Laurier and Liberals generally are anxious about the whereabouts of Mr. Senecal, Supt. of Government printing, as it is rumored there are grave irregularities in his department.

Sir John Thompson stated that Senecal was away on leave of absence, and that his leave had not been exceeded.

On Monday afternoon the Nova Scotia members had a set-to over the railway question.

Cameron of Inverness moved for the correspondence relating to railway construction by the Inverness and Richmond Railway Company, and attacked the Local Government for chartering rival lines and endeavoring to injure his influence in the county. He advocated the construction of the branch from Orangedale to Broad Cove as a public work, and also a subsidy for a road from Hawkesbury to the Cove, stating that they would prove paying investments.

Fraser of Guysboro objected to Cameron's attack on the Local Government behind their backs, and asserted that the Local Government had provided a subsidy for the Inverness railway and would undertake to pay it when a capable company was ready to do the work and the route was determined.

Cameron retorted that he made his reflections on the Local Government knowing that there was present a former member who could defend them.

Forbes of Queens and White of Shelburne had a tiff over the Annapolis and Atlantic Railway, but it is doubtful if their eloquence will secure any subsidies this session.

Four divorce bills from the Senate were passed through committee and second and third readings, and Clarke Wallace moved the second reading of the bill amending the act for the suppression of combines.

Mr. Fraser brought up a question that should soon be settled in the affirmative, viz., an increase in the salary of County Court Judge Johnston, as he is certainly the hardest worked Judge in the Provinces, and his present salary of \$2,400 is ridiculously small.

The Tarte-McGreavy scandal before the Committee of Privileges and elections is daily growing in interest. Valin, ex-M. P., and Chabot's testimony for the prosecution, has been taken, and it is evident that Thomas McGreavy has violated the independence of Parliament Act in receiving \$10,000 a year subsidy for a steamer employed by the Government. Valin's testimony, if uncontradicted, is a serious link in the chain of evidence connecting Langevin with the hoodling operations, but until he has been heard in defence, we shall refrain from comment. On the examination of Connolly, the book-keeper of Larkin, Connolly & Co., Osler adduced much evidence, proving that the Government had been systematically robbed by the bribery of inspectors, that entries in the books had been erased and changed, and that one of these had been an illegal payment of \$1000 to Hon. Peter Mitchell. From this investigation and the investigation of other committees it has been clearly proved that the

Government has been defrauded out of large sums, and it is to be hoped the guilty parties may be discovered and punished.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office, or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount inclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

Premier Mercier has arrived home from Europe.

New Glasgow has another newspaper, *The Reporter*.

The steamer *Beta*, from Havana, arrived about 1 o'clock Thursday morning.

H. M. S. *Tourmaline*, Commander Rainier, arrived Wednesday evening from Bermuda.

The Dominion Brewers' Association has decided to increase the price of malt liquors.

Charles Seafois was killed while walking on the Intercolonial Railway near Westchester station.

The contest by the Studley Quoit Club for the Dufferin medal will take place on Saturday afternoon.

Samuel Chute, of Berwick, picked and shipped last week over five thousand boxes of strawberries.

General Sir John Ross paid a visit to one of the warships Wednesday evening and received the usual salute.

There were nine applicants for the sanitary engineership of Halifax, but all were rejected by the Board of Works.

A practical outcome of the N. E. A. Convention in Toronto was the organization of a Dominion Teachers' Association.

William Kinnear, an old resident of Sackville, N.B., was gored to death by a bull Wednesday afternoon, says a despatch to the *Chronicle*.

John Burns fell 100 feet into Niagara River from the old suspension bridge at Queenstown Heights. He lives to tell of a wonderful escape.

The annual church parade of the Halifax Garrison Artillery took place on last Sunday, the men attending St. George's and St. Patrick's according to their religion.

The Victoria, B. C., correspondent of the *Globe* telegraphs that the first batch of 4,700 sealskins was shipped. They are expected to bring \$100,000 on the London market.

Wednesday evening a boiler maker named Evans, living on Albermarle Street, between Prince and Sackville, tried to commit suicide by hanging, but was cut down by a neighbor in time to save his life.

President Vanhorn, of the C. P. R., called, by the *Majestic* from New York. The nature of his visit to England seems secret, though it is said to be an important move in the railway problem of the day.

Quite a number of city doctors have gone over to St. John to take part in the first meeting of the Maritime Medical Association. The Halifax doctors who are to read papers are Dr. Slayter, Dr. Farrell, Dr. D. A. Campbell and Dr. E. A. Kirkpatrick.

The Canadians competing in the rifle contests at Bisley are winning many money prizes. They have won all the prizes in the London Corporation match save one. Davidson won the Corporation Cup and McMeeking won the Prince of Wales prize.

Sackville, July 22.—At the meeting of the board of regents of Mt. Allison University, David Allison, L.L.D., was unanimously appointed to the Presidency. It is thirteen years since Dr. Allison resigned to accept the office of Chief Superintendent of Education.

W. W. Clarke, of the W. & A. Railway, most nobly rescued Chas. Goldsmith, of Boston, from drowning on Thursday night. The steamer *W. H. Weatherspoon* was returning from a picnic to Digby when Goldsmith fell overboard in Digby Gut. In spite of the imminent danger, owing to the tremendous tide running and the darkness, Clarke leaped over, and after swimming some distance reached Goldsmith and supported him on his back until both were rescued by the steamer.