

THE SESSION.

From present appearances the business of the session will be got through in a week or ten days at farthest, and our hard worked legislators will be released from their duties. It is but a rare thing in the history of Canada to have a session of Parliament in which so much work is crowded, and which has been so expeditiously accomplished. From the Premier down through all the grades of ministers and officials, the duties pertaining to each office have been promptly and efficiently performed. There was no waiting for ministerial measures, departmental reports, or returns. The work in each department has been properly systematized, and ministers see that their subordinates attend to their duties.

Not a few members have already gone home to look after their private business, and it is doubtful if they will return, the session being so nearly at an end. During its continuance the Government have lost none of their strength, nor, we believe, have they alienated a single supporter. There were not a few prophecies made by the Conservatives before the House met that the difficulties which would meet the Administration in maturing their measures would tend to weaken their strength, and that not a few followers would fall away from the ranks disappointed or offended. Nothing of the kind has happened. There has been no trouble in the Cabinet. Questions of the first magnitude have been discussed, and a policy in regard to them agreed on without difficulty, or any difference of feeling to mar the harmony of the Council. The Government measures have received a very large support; and even the amended tariff—about which there was such a difference of opinion—and which in some respects did not give satisfaction to many Reformers—was carried by a sweeping majority. The Opposition divided the House twice on the tariff. The first amendment was in reference to the duties on home-grown tobacco, for which only 61 voted—108 being for the Government. The next was an amendment for the remission of the duties on tea and coffee for which 16 voted, and 81 voted for the tariff as recommended by the Government. With regard to the bill for the construction of the Pacific Railway, we anticipate no opposition. The scheme is the only practical one—its demonstration by Mr. Mackenzie in his able speech last week—and any member who would propose another or speak in favour of the one recommended by the old Government would be laughed at as a man not in his senses.

The fact is that the present Opposition are utterly demoralized. Sir John Macdonald does not even think it worth while to attend the sittings, or to question the policy of the Government; and though it is not possible to keep Dr. Tupper quiet, yet his opposition is of the weakest kind, and his attacks fall powerless on the firm and unbroken ranks of the Government supporters. The Ministry are as strong now as they were in March, when the House met; their administrative talent has been fully and fairly tested. They have been found equal to the work, and thereby earned the respect and confidence of the House and the country.

The Pacific Railway Bill. Through the attention of Mr. Sirtin we have received an early copy of the Pacific Railway Bill, founded on the resolutions of which we have already given the substance. The Bill provides for the construction of the road as the finances of the country will permit, and in this respect differs altogether from the old Bill, which limited its construction to a fixed period, within which it would have been impossible to build the road. The Bill provides a second time on Tuesday night, and with the exception of an unfriendly speech from Dr. Tupper, it met with scarcely any opposition.

The North West Committee's Investigations. We have from time to time given as much of the evidence as has been published of those witnesses who have been examined by the Committee on the troubles which occurred in the North West. Although this evidence has only been given in part, we now know enough to substantiate the fact that the late Government did indirectly, and that one of their own number—Sir Geo. E. Cartier—did directly promise an amnesty to Riel and the others engaged in the revolt. Mr. Putney, the Deputy Minister of Militia, was examined the other day, and he stated that in 1870, when Sir Geo. E. Cartier was acting Premier, in the absence of Sir John Macdonald, he positively guaranteed to Father Richot everything he might demand. The deceased Minister on several occasions afterwards told Mr. Putney that he had promised to obtain a general amnesty, and referring to the murder of Scott said that was a difficulty in the way, but it could ultimately be got over. Thus we have at last obtained full and clear testimony that an amnesty had been promised. With reference to Sir John Macdonald's share in the work, we have it also in evidence that if he did not go so far as Sir Geo. E. Cartier, he said he would do all he could with the Imperial Government for Riel, and in this sense may be said to have made Riel's cause his own.

Ex-Governor Archibald also lets us into some secrets regarding Cartier's election for Provencher in 1872. He was instructed by Sir John to obtain a seat for Cartier, but that he was to keep it secret that Riel retired in Cartier's favour. These and other revelations are most damaging to the character of the late Government, and show to what shifts they were put in order to retain power, and what despicable means were employed in order to shield a murderer, and even obtain, if possible—a pardon for him.

A CHIEF IN FRANCE.—The Duke de Broglie, after being a year in power, has met with defeat in the French Assembly from a coalition of the same character as raised him to power. The subject of the constitution was the cause of his defeat, which was brought about by a coalition of Bonapartists and Legitimists. M. Goulard, one of Thiers' old ministers, is trying to form a Government, but has not yet succeeded. The probable effect of this crisis will be to perpetuate the Republic, and lessen still more the chances of the re-establishment of a Monarchy.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Legislative Assembly of this Province has been dissolved, and a new election will take place in June. This step has been taken in order finally to settle the much vexed school question.

The Parliamentary printing has been awarded to McLean, Roger & Co., of the Ottawa Times, and should they fail to fulfill the terms of contract it shall go to I. B. Taylor. The contract for binding was granted to Grison, Freshette & Co., of Ottawa, and should they fail then it shall go to James Hope, of Ottawa. The contract for paper was given to Mr. Barber of Georgetown, Ont.

Fergus Correspondence. The tavern keepers are trying to evade the Saturday night law by closing at 7 o'clock, and then opening their gin later in the evening. Mr. Inspector Gilmour had better attend to his business or he will have to pay a heavy fine.

The seeding is nearly through, and the fine showers of Saturday and Sunday will do much good. Preparations are being made for games and horse racing on the Queen's birthday. The ladies of St. Andrew's Church hold a bazaar, and close the day by a grand concert.

The communion was dispensed in the Presbyterian Churches here last Sunday. A large number of people came out, notwithstanding the heavy rain.

Quite an excitement is created here by the bill to re-allocate the County to its old plan. This bill puts the Tory camp into consternation.

Surveyors are now engaged on the proposed route of the Credit Valley Railway, and it is expected that work will be shortly commenced.

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The village is very quiet at present. The farmers are almost through with their seeding. We have had nothing to excite any excitement for over a week. Last week we were very near having a law case, but it was settled before it came to Court; but one of our business men had a very narrow escape from being sent to "limbo." Perhaps it will be to him and others a lesson not soon to be forgotten. The grass has come on very quickly this week, since the rain. Mr. John L. Kirk, of the firm of Kirk & Clarke, continues to be very ill, and is very weak. Mr. Blain, of Clifford, preached in Chalmers' Church last Sabbath evening to a large congregation.

BIRTHS.

HIGHBOTHAM.—At River View Cottage, Guelph, on the 19th inst., the wife of N. Highbotham, Esq., M.P., of a daughter.

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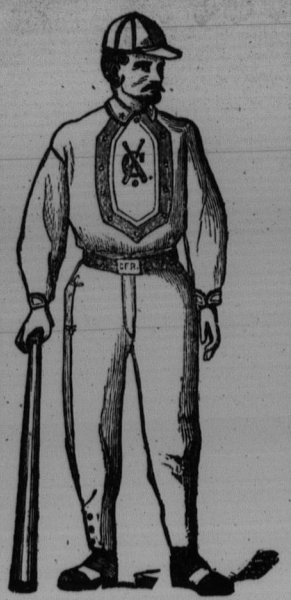
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