

PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW.

April and Easter and the close of the session of the Provincial Parliament are all clearly associated, but this year the association is disrupted; April alone remaining true to itself, while Easter backs away into March, and the Legislators begin, instead of end their labors in this month. This may not be amiss, as the long and inviting spring days, and the desire of the members to return to their homes in time to participate in the spring business, may check frothiness, and tend to make the debates short, sharp and decisive. Hon. M. J. Power has again been elected Speaker of the House of Assembly. At the opening of the Legislature, His Honor Lieut-Governor Daly was pleased to make the customary speech; in which after referring to the pleasure that it gave him to meet the members of both branches of the Legislature, His Honor spoke briefly of the visit of Lord Stanley to this Province, referred to the mineral wealth of Nova Scotia, deplored the strike at Springhill, regretted the terrible accident at same place, hinted that more money would be expended upon roads and bridges, gave the mining schools certificates of competency, suggested the enlargement of the Victoria General Hospital, stated that the Dominion Government would be asked to refund to the Province, all monies expended upon certain railways by the Province, foreshadowed a change in the franchise act, indicated a proposed saving on interest account, and finally intimated that some changes would be made in the towns' incorporation act.

The Address in reply to the Lieut-Governor's Speech is always more or less a formal affair, and is in fact the speech itself with variations. The adoption of the Address was moved by Mr. McKinnon of Inverness, and seconded by Mr. Comeau, the member for Digby, who is credited with being the most youthful member in the House. Mr. Cahan, member for Shelburne, who has been elected leader of the Opposition, took up the speech, clause by clause, word by word, and letter by letter; and judging by his remarks, and his keen criticism, Premier Fielding will find in him a foeman worthy of his steel. The Hon. Provincial Secretary in closing the debate, complimented the mover and seconder of the address, and then good-humoredly disposed of Mr. Cahan's criticism, by declaring that Mr. Cahan's remarks were out of order and his statements irrelevant to the matter in hand.

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.

The steamer *Halifax* has resumed her regular trips to the Hub

An investigation into the Militia difficulties was held in Halifax this week.

Sir Alexander Galt has declined to enter the Cabinet on account of ill health.

The wife of Patrick Murphy, Fredericton, committed suicide by hanging herself with her handkerchief on Monday.

McPherson, liberal, has been elected in Cape Breton, Chisholm, liberal, in Antigonish, and Drysdale, liberal, in Hants.

The *Bellerophon* is expected to arrive here early in June. The warships *Pelican*, *Emerald* and *Partridge* are expected on April 14th.

About 150 Salvation Army soldiers, sent by General Booth, are expected to pass through Halifax on their way to the Northwest to day or tomorrow.

Winnipeg is to have an electric street railway replacing the horses used in the present system. The civic census places the population of Winnipeg at 27,000.

The Postmaster general's annual report for 1890 shows a deficit of \$717,080. The total revenue was \$3,223,614 while the expenditure reached \$3,940,695.

It is announced that Sir John Thompson will move to refer the McGreevy scandal to the committee on privileges and elections so soon as Parliament meets.

A bill has been passed in the N. B. Legislative Assembly to abolish the Legislative Council. It remains to be seen whether the Council will vote itself out of existence.

Captain James Hubley, of the schooner *British Queen*, fell into the harbor between the schooner *E. W. Forrest*, and Levi Harts wharf on Wednesday morning at 2 o'clock and was drowned.

The Halifax CRITIC has been enlarged to twenty pages. An interesting feature of THE CRITIC is its mining news and articles on kindred subjects of local and provincial interest.—*Eastern Echo*.

McMillan's New Brunswick and P.E. Island, Agricultural and Nautical Almanac for 1891 is out. All business men will find it a useful adjunct to their library of reference. For sale by all booksellers.

Sir Charles Tupper has been in Washington, returned to Ottawa and is off to Washington again, accompanied by the ministers of Justice and Finance. Something ought to be the outcome of the Washington negotiations.

Gentlemen looking for new summer ties, scarfs, bows, four in hands etc, will do well to examine the stock of F. C. Elliot, opposite the Halifax club. He has in stock the newest shades in Dent's and Fount's gloves, making the largest and best stock of gentlemen's furnishing goods ever shown in this city.

We call special attention to the quality of Flower and Vegetable Seeds advertised in another column by Buckley Bros. As they import their Seeds direct from the best Seeds men in the world, they are sure to give satisfaction.

The people of Bay St. George have cabled to Lord Knutsford that they will loyally accept the decision of the arbitrators regarding French rights in Newfoundland. The bad feeling against Britain seems to be active only in St. John's.

A member of the Cabinet is authority for the statement that the Dominion Government has agreed to defray all expenses incurred in connection with the litigation now pending in the courts for the purpose of determining whether the bill abolishing separate schools in Manitoba is constitutional.

The enforcement of the Newfoundland bait laws against Canadian vessels, while permitting American vessels to purchase bait, is most unfair, and shows a spirit very antagonistic to Canada. The prospect of Newfoundland ever becoming a part of the Dominion has dwindled away to a vanishing point.

Minister Tupper says that in preventing Canadian fishing vessels obtaining bait in their waters the Newfoundlanders are guilty of a gross breach of faith towards the Imperial government, as the latter only allows the Newfoundland act to go into effect on condition that it should not be enforced against Canadians.

Sir Charles Tupper made an attack upon the G. T. Railway Company for its action in the late election campaign. A telegram recently received states that the directors of the G. T. R. company have endorsed the action of Sir Henry Tyler and manager Sergeant and condemned Sir Charles' attack upon the company.

At a meeting of the ratepayers of Dartmouth on Thursday evening of last week, the proposal to grant \$2,500 to complete the new Greenvale School was postponed for four months. The money will, therefore, not be forthcoming. Great discontent is expressed with the school house, which is faulty in many particulars.

One of the pupils of the Collegiate School, at Windsor, was accidentally shot on Saturday last. He was out fishing, and feeling a bite he dropped his gun, which he had in his hand. It discharged its contents into his leg, and he shortly afterwards bled to death. The youth's name was Radden, and he was about 18 years of age.

The French steamer *Cachar* arrived in port on Thursday of last week in a disabled condition, having broken her rudder. She was steered in by the steamer *Clintonia*, Capt. Bullman, from Savannah for Bremen, with a cargo of cotton. The *Cachar* is at Pickford and Black's wharf where she will probably receive a new rudder without entering the dry dock. A coffer-dam will be used.

The proprietors of the great Tantramar marsh at Sackville, contemplate to tide about 1,000 acres this summer. It is proposed to dig three canals from different starting points. The probable cost is estimated all the way from \$10,000 to \$30,000, but if it cost the highest estimate, \$30 per acre, it would then be a profitable undertaking as considerable of the marsh is now producing a very inferior crop of hay.

The trade and labor associations of Halifax have appointed a committee of seven, six from the trade and one from the labor association to select and report upon a site for a building to be used for association purposes. They have formerly been meeting at 200 Barrington street, but as they have funds on hand sufficient to erect a building with hall and committee room for themselves they have decided to do so. Should a suitable site be chosen there will probably be a couple of shops on the ground floor. The committee appointed has full power to make contracts and transact all the business in connection with the building and they intend to push the matter at once.

A CREDIT TO CANADIAN JOURNALISM.—Those persons who have not seen the *Dominion Illustrated* since it has been so much enlarged and improved should secure a sample copy at once. Both from the literary and artistic point of view the *Illustrated* is a credit to Canadian journalism. The prize competition which has been inaugurated with the double purpose of conferring benefit on readers and publishers, consists in finding in current numbers of the journal the answers to thirty-six questions, six of which are published every month. The prizes aggregate over \$3,000 in value. They are 100 in all, the lowest being valued at \$5. The first is \$750 in gold. On receipt of 12 cents in stamps the publishers (the Sabiston Litho. & Pub. Co., Montreal), will send to any address a sample copy with full particulars.

The following are a few of the nice things that have been said about THE CRITIC recently:—

The Halifax CRITIC has been enlarged to twenty pages, and otherwise improved. Nothing slow about THE CRITIC.—*Gold Hunter*.

HAS BEEN ENLARGED.—The Halifax CRITIC has been enlarged to 20 pages. THE CRITIC is *par excellence*, the paper for those who are interested in mining industries of the Provinces.—*British American Citizen, Boston*.

The Halifax CRITIC now comes to us as a twenty-page paper. The matter of THE CRITIC is always good, and it is one among those of our exchanges which are always carefully perused.—*St. Croix Courier*.

THE CRITIC has been enlarged and otherwise improved of late, and with the other improvements which the Company intend making in the future, will place it among the leading papers of the Dominion. We wish the Company success in their enterprise, and hope it may receive the financial encouragement which is due to its efforts.—*Bridgetown Enterprise*.

The Halifax CRITIC, one of our most welcome exchanges, has been enlarged to twenty pages, and otherwise improved. It is a high class paper, free from "cheap and nasty" literature, and must prove valuable to the miner, the manufacturer, the merchant, and to the general reader. We wish it continued prosperity.—*Summerside Journal*.

Rioting at the Pittsburg, Pa. coal mines resulted in the death of several men.