1895 for his comparison bewas the last of the seven ept the year 1898. If he had ention to the year 1897 he that that year the cost while last year it was \$300 did he not say that we dedit for the reduction from year? He picks out the ar for his comparison, which

sley went on to reply to made by Mr. Hazen in his speech, but had not finished when the house decided to 10.30 o'clock.

se met at 3 o'clock. Hon. Mr. in reply to enquiry by Mr. id the cost of repairing oint bridge, Kings Co., durast fiscal year was \$700. In that \$128.20 was paid to the for opening and closing the the work was not put up at der, as in the opinion of the , owing to the character of so. The work was done unision of John W. Chaloner. and was carried on by

Labillois, in reply to Mr. ld the cost of building piers nnebeccasis river during the year for the steamer Adino as as follows : Pier at Titus' 92.29; Rothesay, \$309.06; Moss Chifton, \$308.29; Long 50; McCormack's, \$258.42; 6. The work was not put



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up at public tender. The reason it was the proprietor of the steamer Adino Paddock employed Mr. Tapley to construct the pier at Titus' landing, to the cost of which he was to contribute \$100 and the work was performed so satisfactorily and with such expedition that it was thought best, as there was urgent necessity for the immediate construction of the piers for the accommodation of the public in connection with the steamer, to arrange with Mr. Tap-ley to build others. Mr. Tapley had the necessary scows fitted with steam hoisting gear specially suited to the building of such piers and the lifting and placing in them of heavy stone to secure the piers, and it was done as cheaply as it could have been performed by tender and with much less delay. The work was done under direction of the proprietor of the steamer. Hon. Mr., Dunn, in reply to Mr Hazen, said nine counties are included in the areas mentioned in the licenses issued to the N. B. Petroleum Co., as follows, viz.: Westmorland, Kent, Albert, Northumberland, Kings, Queens, Sunbury, Gloncester, Restigouche. Expenditure has been made in Westmorland and Albert, in sinking wells and by prospecting in the other counties

Replying to Mr. Hazen, Hon. Mr Tweedie said that no appointment had yet been made to the office of recorder for York county. The work was being performed by the deputy of the late registrar, and an appointment will be

nade in a few days.
Replying to Mr. Melanson's enquiry with reference to the bonusing of J. D. Irving's flour mill at Buctouche Hon. Mr. Farris said nothing had been given and nothing had been asked. Replying to Mr. Melanson, Hon. Mr. Tweedie said that the usual arrangements had been made this year as formerly for translating the debates of the house and having them published n the Evangeline and Courier.

Replying to Mr. Melanson, Hon. Mr. Tweedle said that the sum of \$203 had been paid to the Courier last year for printing, including the debates. Nothing had been paid to the Acadian.

In reply to Mr. Robertson, Hon. Mr. Tweedle said it was not the intention of the government to ask the legislature for an appropriation to assist Capt. Bernier in his North Pole expefull sympathy with Capt. Bernier, and while it might consider the advisability of impressing upon the dominion government the importance of assisting him, they felt that the matter of granting aid was entirely within the province of the dominion government. Mr. Appleby introduced a bill to in-

corporate the M. Welch Telephone Co.; also a bill to change the name of James Levi Hamm; Hon, Mr. Labillois, a bill to exempt Alphonse Sormany from section 9 of the medical act of

Mr. Robertson introduced a bill relating to the public library of St. John, and Mr. O'Brien (Northumberland) a bill incorporating the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu, Chatham.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie presented the report of the Hartland Bridge Co. to Jan. 31st, 1901; also the expenses of the royal reception in October, 1901; also the financial statement of the town of

Newcastle for 1901. Mr. Purdy introduced a bill relating to the St. John water supply system. Hon. Mr. Tweedie, in the absence of the chairman of the corporations committee, presented the report of that lating to the board of trustees of the Century church and manse building

fund of the Presbyterian church in Mr. Lawson introduced a bill amending the act incorporating Perth Centre

for water and fire purposes. The house went into committee, in consideration of bill No. 38, amending the Liquor Act of 1898; of bill No. 41, providing for the adoption of Atlantic Standard time, and bill No. 10, to abolish priority among execution creditors. Bill No. 38, which relates to the parish of Beresford, and which was explained the other day, was considered section by section and agreed to. In reference to the bill relating to

the adoption of Atlantic Standard time, the Hon. Mr. Tweedle said that he had the other day received a telegram from the minister of railways stating that the question of adopting Atlantic Standard time in the province was under consideration. time is one hour faster than Eastern Standard time, and there is a strong movement in the province for its adoption, the inconvenience caused by having no regular system of time having been experienced by the travelling public and others. The I. C. R. and C. P. R. being willing to adopt Atlantic Standard, it was desirable to make it uniform in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, hence the introduction of tihs bill. The bill will not come into force until proclaimed by the governor in council.—The bill was agreed to.

The bill to abolish priority among execution creditors was explained by Hon. Mr. Pugsley. The object in doing away with priority was this: The present law is causing discredit to the business community, and outside business houses are backward about giving credit to our merchants because of the state of our present law, under which a debtor may allow a creditor to proceed against him and get judgment, thus debarring other creditors. The present bill is a complement of the bill of 1895, and under its provisions, where a debtor allows a creditor to proceed against him and get judgment, other creditors who have claims may hand them into the same sheriff and are entitled to be paid pro rata. A similar law is operated satisfactorily in Ontario. But this act goes further than the Ontario act, inasmuch as it provides that proof of claims, whether they be overdue or not, may be handed in to the sheriff and come in for

just the same share as the claim of an execution creditor. Mr. Hazen congratulated the attorney general on the introduction of this measure, which would be received with favor by the business community of St. John and elsewhere, and which would have the effect of doing away with the suspicion that exists among outside merchants in regard to our business men, because under the present act a merchant on the ground might be able to receive payment for the fall amount of his claim, while A Clear Skin and A Bright Eye

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Mr. Hazen gave notice of enquiry with reference to the Central railway On motion of Mr. Appleby, the house went into committee on the bill to incorporate the Carleton County Operative Fire Insurance Association. Mr. Appleby explained that the bill incorporated a large number of business men of Woodstock into a mutual insurance company. It had been recommended by the committee on corporations.

Hon. Mr. Hill did not intend to oppose the bill, but he considered such legislation dangerous, and believed it When a great fire occurred such asso ciations usually paid nothing to any-

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OTTAWA LETTER. Mr. Blair Losing the Respect

of His Own Party,

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Mr Pettinger Lets Out That Twice as Many Ties as Were Needed and an Enormous Extra Stock of Coal Were Bought in Election Year

OTTAWA, March 20 .- From eleven in the morning until six in the afternoon yesterday was Intercolonial day. In the public accounts committee Mr. Pottinger continued his testimony, and in the chamber a majority of the members, supporting a majority of the committee on the appeal of Mr. Blair, established a new precedent by refusing to allow a witness to be called who had been asked for by members prosecuting the enquiry. The thing never happened before. But it is liable to happen many times in the future lished and the new method of blocking enquiry has been introduced.

Mr. Pottinger says on the witness stand that at the end of last June he had on hand 800,424 railway ties, which he valued at \$221,745. This is the biggest stock that the Intercolon-ial ever had at the close of a year. It represents two years' supply at the ordinary rate of use. It is nearly double the quantity used last year. The reason for this extraordinary surplus was explained some days ago The management bought between two and three times as many ties in election year as the usual quantity. The only reason one can see for this extraordinary purchase is the fact that it was election year, and that the rice was five cents per tie higher than it had been in any previous season The I. C. R. got twice as many ties of approved wood as was required altogether, and then took a half a year's supply of spruce, which is a kind of good that Mr. Pottinger swears he did not like. In that way was stored up this mighty collection of timber at prices fifty per cent. higher than another railroad in New Brunswick is bill, the committee separated until 7.30 paying today for tamarac and Prin-

Mr. Blair took pains in every branch of the enquiry to ask Mr. Pottinger whether the minister required him to make purchases or told him from house by Mr. Borden, Mr. Blair has an intense way of conducting examinations. Mr. Haggart remarks that he also has an intense way of dismissing employes who displease him. Perhaps it would not be very safe for Intercolonial employes to give an-swers unsatisfactory to the minister, cision, to deal with the very men who would be selected by Mr. Blair if he were making a choice among his personal and political friends. There are other ways of managing these things than by direct communication between minister and management, and it is possible for Mr. Pottinger to carry out the minister's wishes without written instructions concerning them. Howeyer, Mr. Blair was interviewed conerning the spruce ties.

Mr. Pottinger says that he did not enquire the price of ties to other railways, and he does not know what they pay. He has already explained that he does not know the life of a railway tie, or the difference between one tie and another as to its value. Of course Mr. Pottinger is not an engineer, but he must have some knowledge of the length of time ties have remained on his own railroad and how often they are replaced.

There is a man who does know, and his name is Peter Archibald, but Mr. Blair will not allow him to come, because he is not an officer of the road. Apparently it is not a man who knows that Mr. Blair wants. He prefers a man whom he can control and bulldose and who does not say too much. Mr. Pottinger is not quite sure of a good many things. He does not know exactly whether it was on his initiawas suspended from his duties as inspector of ties. Nor does he know whether as assistant inspector of lumber he performs new duties or takes the place of some one else. Fortunately for the railway, the general evidence in the committee.

What happened to ties happened also about coal. A year and a half ago the coal in stock was 15,000 tons, which appears to have been about the usual supply. Last July there was on hand 29,000 tons, which was an extraordinarily large supply, probably more than in its history. The reason that the vantage to all concerned. seems to have been that in election year ties were dear and scarce. Exled to the extra purchase of coal.

tinger under examination by the minister and others: In May, 1900, and on through the summer there were signs of a strike in the coal mines, but the railway did not take advantage of the then moderate prices and lay in a stock to provide against danger. In December the strike was imminent, and one coal company notified the de-partment that it would not be able to fill its contract. Mr. Pottinger could not say that he had like information from other concerns. He could not find any such statement from the Cape Breton coal producers and was not sure about Springhill. He came to Ottawa, and while here, of course without communicating with Mr. Blair, he ascertained the price of coal in the United States. The storekeeper at Moncton went into negotiation and finally accepted 69 000 tons from Pennmake a difference in cost, but the presented the report of that tee, recommending the bill reto the board of trustees of the finally accepted 69,000 tons from Pennsylvania and Virginia. At that time the supply on the Intercolonial was very low, but somehow it appears that it was kept up by purchase from Nova Scotia, because it was not until Nova Scotia, because it was not until the middle of the winter that the first as was done by the Grand Trunk with coal arrived from the States, and then the replacement of the Victoria bridge the strikes were all arranged and the The minister says it is only taking Small reason why they should not, for the price had advanced \$1 or \$2 a ton and the sale of coal to the railway had become a bonanza.

> Mr. Palmer, the storekeeper, went to St. John and made an arrangement there about American coal. Mr. Pottinger gave no directions. The min-ister gave no directions. But the storekeeper, with that clear intuition which characterizes Mr. Blair's officers, went straight to the goal. He bought coal from Mr. Likely, or he Mr. Likely. Mr. Pottinger does not on capital account, and he has no reaquite understand what relation the St. son to quarrel with the action of par-John dealer had in the transaction. He caused it to be freighted by the Messrs. Thomson, partly by chartering vessels from them and partly by tinger was not very clear whether tive, or that of Mr. Russell, or of Mr. Likely made those arrangements mentary action. But parliament votes some one else, that Mr. McManus was or the storekeeper. Somehow they made an inspector of lumber after he got themselves made, always without so far the minister is responsible. any suggestion from the minister of railways. This coal was not needed, because the Nova Scotia coal came in date on the exclusion of Mr. Archivery rapidly, filling all the sheds and bald's evidence has been furnished. causing quantities to be piled out of But this additional may be said. Sevwere 60,000 tons on hand in excess of this committee. Mr. Blair has asked manager is a much better informed were 60,000 tons on hand in excess of this committee. Mr. Blair has asked son's Nerviline, equal in medicinal man than would be supposed from his the whole quantity bought from the for a number of them. He made his walue to five times the quantity of any States. At the suggestion of Mr. motions in the same way that Mr. Blair, Mr. Pottinger concluded yester- Haggart and Mr. Bell made their moday that if he had it all to do over tion for Mr. Archibald's attendance. again he would do the same thing. Mr. Clarke wanted to know what the effect of the importation was upon the Nova Scotia miners, whether gave them more work or not, and the that this method of suppressing evithe railroad had at any previous July strike to an end and was of great ad-

actly the same cause appears to have Pottinger, who is accurate if he is left in store cost three and four and is charged to construction account, as five dollars a ton. What was left the year before cost less than three dollars. What the department is now knows, has not happened before since bald is wanted "to coach the opposition." buying cost a fraction over three the completion of original construction," to give them information pribuying cost a fraction over three the completion of original control of district the completion of original cost a fraction over three the completion of original cost a fraction over three the completion of original cost a fraction over three three completion of original cost a fraction over three three completion of original cost a fraction over three three completion of original cost a fraction over three three completion of original cost and cost a fraction over three three completion of original cost a fraction over three three completion of original cost a fraction over three three completion of original cost and cost a fraction over three three completion of original cost and cost a fraction over three three completion or original cost and cost a fraction over three three completion or original cost and c The loss is really much larger, years before the change of govern- there is no harm in it and nothing new

This is the story as told by Mr. Pot-inger under examination by the min-This was all charged to maintenance, though 11 lbs. weight of rails might have been charged properly to capital. But Mr. Blair does not charge maintenance with any part of the cost, had many talks with Mr. Greenshields that is, his rails on the track are being worn out all the time without expense to the management, and he is tation with Dr. Devlin while the emerexpense to the management, and he is escaping altogether the loss through

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tweedledum. this matter, for he says that parliaimported it by the instrumentality of ment voted the money for these raise liament. There is something in this, and it may be the duty of parliament this year to see that the vote is made as it ought to be, so that Mr. Pottinpaying them a rate per ton. Mr. Pot-tinger was not very clear whether be obliged to fly in the face of parliathe money as Mr. Blair requests, and

A pretty full report of the house to doors. At the end of the year there eral witnesses have been summoned to In other years members have been allowed to call such witnesses as they deem necessary. It was not until Mr. Blair's appearance in the committee There was a little testimony about new rails and capital account. Mr. Pottinger, who is accurate if he is cautious, swore that the new rails now being laid down and those put down last year were charged to capital account. If the manner of the restive under the new process. Sir Wilfrid Laurier assumes a tone almost apologetic in speaking of it. Mr. Blair in the house shouts and declaims, asserting that the new rails now being laid down and those put down last year were charged to capital account. If the manner of the railroad and cannot testify about it. More than twice as much money was being laid down and those put down railroad and cannot testify about it. paid for coal that year as any other last year were charged to capital acyear, and this cannot be accounted for count, less the value of the old rails be no witnesses except those under his authority, and no witnesses under his authority, and no witnesses under his authority will, if he can help it,

Mr. Blair complains that Mr. Archi-

the matters of this enquiry. So is Mr. Schreiber. So are all the officers whom gency food investigation was going on, while Mr. Monk undoubtedly got what keeping down deficits or making surpluses, and the Intercolonial did not have it until Mr. Blair took charge.

Besides it looks bad to have the minister whose department is under investigation heading off evidence. It Nova Scotia coal producers proceeded money out of one pocket and putting is useless and not even misleading for to send in all the coal that they conit in another, or the difference between tracted for, and a good deal more. tweedledum and tweedledee. This may situation like this. Why should be not be so, but if he charges half a million dollars to capital that is really maintenance expenses, if makes a false statement when he claims to have a and coal, more about the character and deficit of only half a million when it is durability of railway ties, than any really a million. The difference be-tween a false statement and a true knows? All Mr. Blair's talk about one would be to some ministers, if not sples and soreheads is vain and friv-to Mr. Blair, a good deal more than clous. If he wants the facts known the difference between tweedledee and he will permit the prosecutors of the tweedledum.

Mr. Pottinger comes out all right in this matter, for he says that parliamade his motion and his address with admirable moderation and without an offensive reference. Mr. Blair, who is defending his department, and whose position in view of the facts brought out is such as to create a considerable suspicion, has placed himself in a worse position than he was before. He was not too strong in the respect even of his own party before this enquiry began. He does not make himself stronger by what Mr. Haggart described as his methods of dragooning the committee and the house.

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