



## INDIA-RUBBER.

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## QUINTESENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

(BY OUR OWN VERY SHORT-HANDER.)

OTTAWA, May 16th.

BEING Saturday, House didn't sit. Members devoted attention to fixing up of lawn tennis, base ball and cricket grounds on Parliament Square.

May 17th.

Day spent in serious meditation—on question, What were we brought to Ottawa for?

May 18th.

Mr. McMullen introduced Bill to abolish Gen. Lauricism in mileage payments. Read first time.

Mr. Tupper introduced Bill to prevent passenger vessels carrying explosives—not including explosive captains. Read first time.

Mr. Edgar wanted to know when the papers *re* Tarte charges would be ready.

Sir H. Langevin said as fast as his feelings would permit, or something like that.

Mr. Brodeur asked if Government intended dismissing public employees who whooped 'er up in elections.

Sir John said such naughty people would be strictly investigated if caught at it.

Mr. Lister enquired, what about Sir Charles Tupper?

Sir John had business elsewhere.

Mr. German moved for papers to show up Government's crooked work in employing men on Welland canal just before election.

Sir John said the papers would show this was a cruelly unjust charge.

Mr. Hyman called for papers to show up ditto, ditto, in removal of camp of militia, District No. 1 from London to St. Thomas.

Sir A. Caron said this was a ditto, ditto charge, as papers would show.

Mr. Tupper's *modus vivendi* bill was read a third time.

Mr. Mills wanted explanation; whereupon Sir J. Thompson talked to him like a German avuncular relation.

May 19th.

Sir R. Cartwright made another grab for papers *re* reciprocity negotiations.

Sir J. Thompson once more stood him off. House in Committee of Supply.

Somerville to the fore on printing items. Tarte objected to item, salary for chief engineer. C. E. happens to be Perley and Perley happens to be baked into the McGreevy. Tarte. Great explosion ensued. Langevin summarily tried and executed before Priv. and Elec. Com. have begun the case.

Chief business done; Ives identified as member for Texas.

Cameron's bill for repeal of Franchise Act on carpet to-morrow.

May 20th.

Mr. Jamieson introduced resolution declaring that liquor traffic was no use and ought to be abolished.

Mr. O'Brien feared country wouldn't be able to get along without the blood-money.

Debate choked off at 6 o'clock. No vote taken.

Mr. Cameron moved second reading of his bill to wipe out Franchise Act. Red hot debate. Bill given six months hoist per toe of Sir J. Thompson.

First division of session. Government's majority 29.

## JOHNNY GET YOUR GUN!

THE city authorities when taking over the street railway retained Mr. Gunn, the manager. Of course they did. Supposing Gunn had been discharged would not that have been acting contrary to the advice of Mr. Blake—to refrain from resorting to violence? If Gunn had gone off the consequences might have been serious. Later on the report may be expected. It is to be hoped that Gunn won't allow the aldermen or the party heelers to load him up.

## THE OLD PROVERB.

JONES—"How could you listen to the pack of infernal stories that fellow was telling about you this morning? I would have let the young puppy know what I thought of him!"

SMITH—Well, so I did. I treated him like a dog—a sleeping dog. I let him lie.