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THE COMING SESSION.

In a little over two weeks we shall have the announcement of the gov ernment programme for the third session of the present parliament. Down to this stage the eighth parliament has not been fruitful in measures. The government came in with a variety of promises of reform, but as yet the ministers have not found much to change except in matters of administrattion, where the changes have mainly been in the interest of a few favorites. The tariff of tast session did not, to any appreciable extent, redeem the pledges of the party, and there is now a strong agitation among influential supporters of the government to unio some of the few radical changes that question again if it can possibly be helped. The experience of last year, when the tariff bill, as brought down, was withdrawn and brought back again with one hundred changes, and when the amendments were again amended and re-amended, affords an

awful lesson.
The measures promised in speech from the throne at the begin-ning of last session included a franchise bill. It was introduced and withdrawn after several days' debate n the course of which the premier clared that the bill would be forced rough if it took all summer. Anthich was not even introduced. There were also certain measures relating to the sivil service which were drooped. The bill of fare included the Dram-mond counties deal, which was deleasted in the senate, and the fest nship service act, which was ted, but has not as yet given any suit. The Crow's Nest bill, the taroff, and the railway subsidies bill represent the effective government gislation of last year, if the latter

can be called effective. The franchise bill and the plebiscite will no doubt be on this session's prothe same as that of last year, it will be registed. The measure of last year was not a franchise bill at all, but an not of abandonment. It proposed to hand over the control of the federal election list to eight separate tocal legislatures, each authorized to prepare a system of the own, and to decide what classes of men should be entitled to vote for members of the central parliament. There is no more reason for the provincial legislature to fix the federal franchise than for the federal parliament to lay down the terms on which the members of the local legislature should be elected. At the same time it will not be wise for the opposition to contend for the perpetuation of the existing system. The points for which the contention may well be made are, federal control; simplicity, cheapness and uniformity; and the inclusion of all who are now entitled to vote. These features can be obtained by a simple manhood residence franchise, with registration. Such is the principle which this jourmal has supported, and we shall be glad to see parliament adopt it.

Whatever different opinions may prewall about problibition, there can be mo question that the government is hound in honor to submit the question squarely to the people of Canada. There is only one fair way to put the question, and that is to state it simply and plainly, unencumbered by any other issues. It is understood that at one tilme last year the ministers had about decided to add to the question another, in which the people would be asked to say whether they were arepared for direct taxation. If the sovernment proposes to adopt the princliple of government by plebiscite any question of tariff or revenue policy may be submitted to popular vote. Sir Wilfrid can ask the people to vote on the question of suffrage. Mr. Blair may ask them to vote "yes" and "no" on the Drummond railway question Mr. Fielding may submit the alter mative of protection and free trade. But we may expect that the honest imbers of the two houses will insist on the presentation of the prohibition issue in its simplest form. We have the impression that the practical visdom of this course has been borne in before this time on the ministers them-

If there is to be no direct amendment to the tariff bill, we have the pledge made by Mr. Fielding in England that the government will give Great Britain and the low tariff colonies a preference over foreign councomplete change in the preference flause of the tariff law. As it stands the law gives preferential terms not n the basis of nationality but on the ground of reciprocal tariff advantages. This principle, which Mr. Fielding Mr. Paterson and Sir Richard Cartwright commended so highly a few months ago, is now, according to the inance minister, to be abandoned al-

While in England Mr. Fielding tecame much impressed with the importance of enacting for Canada am insolvency law. It is possible that such a measure may be introluced. The framework of it may be found in a bill which occupied the senate during a great part of a recent session No doubt the new bill, if introduced at all, will be handed over to the senate to be dealt with, though there is rea son to fear that Mr. Mills will be a good deal at sea with it. On the whole, it is hardly probable that an insolvency law will emerge from pardament this year.

The indications are that some of the most exciting scenes of the coming session will be willnessed in the rail way committee of the commons. The ession of the parliamentary term will not be allowed to pass without a great exploiting of railway schemes. The Kootenay, the Klondyke and all the west are now the paradise of the promoter. Last year were made. It is not probable that a great number of conflicting railway the government will open up the tariff projects were before the committee while many others were promoted which some of the western members conceived to be hostile to public interst. The liberal revolt in Quebec is complicated with questions of railway charts and subsidies, and we look for a resumption of hostilities over an application for incorporation or for special privileges. Sorer hearts are sometimes made over these matters of business than over questions of principle. The coming session will probably be one in which Mr. Blair and Mr Tarte will enjoy rare opportunities.

> THE CHRALOTTE ELECTION: Mr. J. D. Chipman is authorized to ake his seat as one of the members for Charlotte, though the people of that county do not appear to have had much to do with the matter. The new nember semes to have been in the first instance the choice of the government, whose selection was ratified by majority vote of certain delegates for St. Stephen and Milltown. The election may be claimed as an exhibition of confidence in the ability of the ministers to make choice of a member for Charlotte. How much farther it is a sign of confidence it would be farmer has prospered in the same exthe safe promise to support Mr. Emnerson in all good measures, which ledge would probably be taken by any member of either party. He reerves to himself the right to go with the conservative party in case provincial politics should be conducted on party lines. It is not quite clear whether the leader of the opposition would have Mr. Chipman's support in stablishing such a line of political policy, though that point will perhaps be settled before the next session is over. If the new member for Charlotte had marked out for himself some clearer course and not left it so much to-others to decide his future he would have made a stronger impression in starting out in his career as a membe of the legislature. Mr. Chipman is a nan of large business influence and of good repute in his county and throughout the province. He ought to have come into public life with a

### under better auspices. A TEMEPERANCE GAIN.

learer declaration of principles and

The report of the license inspecto for Ontario for 1897 is described as the most favorable from the temperance andpoint ever presented. The Globe, dealing with the subject, points out that the total number of license squed was 3.160, compared wih 3.191 in 1896, and 3,560 in 1889. In 1884 there were 4,201, and in 1874 the numbe was 6,185. The 3,160 of last year inbeer and wine licenses. The decrease in ordinary licenses since 1889 is 464. In 187 of the 812 municipalities no lienses at all were issued: in 261, only one or not more than two. In 673 municipalities, or 82 per cent., no shop icenses were issued. In 1889 the comnitments to jail for drunkenness were 4,797; in 1897 only 1,716. Of the latter 1,200 were in the six counties containing the cities of Toronto, Hamilton Ottawa, Kingston, London and Brant-

ST. JOHN NOT IN IT.

The Sun has received from the minister of the interior a copy of a handsomely printed and illustrated "official hendbook of the dominion of Canada." It is a splendid volume of 115 pages, on thick toned paper, containng scores of engravings and giving much information to immigrants. In order to start the colonist right he is nformed that "Quebec and Halifax are the principal ports of entry in Canada for colonists, and the government at these points maintains

r care immediately on arrival.

If they are provided with through tickets before sailing which "is strongly advised, their steams 'tickets are exchanged at these sta-'tions." This is at page 29. Turning to page 30, the enquirer learns that the Canadian Pacific ratiway also offers a special rate to emigrants from Quebec, Montreal or Halifax to Manitoba or other points in the .west." On page 33 the enquirer finds a large type, double column catechism. It begins with the question:

"Where shall I arrive in Canada?" "Answer-At Quebec, between 1st May and 12th November, or at Halifax between 12th November and 1st May or thereabouts."

The next question and answer instruct the stranger what he shall do when he lands at Quebec. Then comes the question:

"And if I errive in winter?" "Answer-You will find the s kind of accommmodation and the same officials at Halifax." St. John is not mentioned in any or

Premier Emmerson told the farm ers at Hillsboro the other day that the discussion of his wheat policy would do good and that people would grow wheat next year who had not thought of it before. The farmers of the province should congratulate themselves on having two such experienced and timely advisors as the premier and his commissioner for acrimulture whose merest suggestions have power to make the wilderness a grain field. Possibly it will not be necessary to utilize those old threshing machines in the manufacture of cheese, after all.

In connection with the contract warded by the government for the substitution of electric light for gas in the parliament buildings at Ottawa, and for fire protection, the Toronto Globe enters a mild protest against the practice of letting such contracts without tender. "It creates," says the Globe, "an undesirable precedent for practice that may be abused." It also shivers another plank of the grit platform, but this does not come with the shock of a great surprise.

The retiring president of the Winnieg grain exchange, in reviewing the rast season's trade, said at the annual meeting last week that the Manitob farmers had an average quantity of wheat for which they received nearly double the current price for the preceding three years. He felt, he said, he could truthfully declare "that there is no place in America where the of Manitoba and the adjoining terri-

The following item is deemed of sufficient importance to be given a place n the New York Herald: "No new eaks or breaks were discovered ves terday in dry dock No. 3 at the navy vard" The American nation is to be congratulated.

In his annual report on the asylum for the insane Dr. Clark of Toronto discusses causes of insanity, and in the course of his remarks observes that much injury is being done b overwork in schools.

MR. ROBBINS DEATH

(Springhill, N. S., Observer.) The death occurred at noon Sat-urday of Alexander Robbins, an old and well known resident of Springhill Though in poor health for the past came as a sudden surprise to his re latives and friends. On Saturday morning he showed a stight disposition to drowsiness, and though his medical attendants were at once summoned and everything possible done Mr. Robbins sank gradually, and before even the members of his family who were away from home, could be summoned he had passed painlessly way. Mr. Robbins was very widely throughout the county, and vas universally esteemed for his kindly generous disposition. A stannel ervative all his life, he took the most lively interest in political ques-tions until his death. Among the dif-ferent denominations much sympathy was expressed for the bereaved family. Four sons and three daughters sur vive him, one of whom is Miss Mary St. John Progress. Mrs. Robbins died five years ago, and a son, James Robhins, was killed in the explosion here in 1891. To the remaining members of the family universal sympathy is ex-

Sad Experience-"I had the worst experience of luck in the Klon-dyke," said the returned gold-seeker, Didn't you find any gold?" asked his friend. "Oh, yes,' I found gold. But every time I had three of a kind I was dead sure to run against a full

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## BOSTON LETTER.

Six Murders in the State Within Seven Days.

Tuberculosis in Maine-A \$250,000 Fee-Bram Case for March.

The Gigantic Trust-Lumber Trade Dull-Fish Market a Little Better.

(From our own Correspondent.) BOSTON, Jan. 15.-Those who deight in reading the accounts of murders in the newspapers had nothing to complain of this week. There have been no less than six persons murder ed in this state within the past seven days, and in the neighboring state of Rhole Island an old man is being triel on a charge of murdering one member of a family which was wiped out of existence one night last sum mer. About a week ago, a farmer, his wife and daughter were killed in their home at Brookfield, this state. All three were killed with an axe. A farm hand, who has been missing since, is suspected. The usual weekly murder occurred in this city.

although some branches report trade dull. The wool business, of which Boston is the centre, has been good, due to the strong demand from the them having been shut down while the Wilson tariff was in operation, under which wool was admitted free of duty. Business in the cotton mill centres is very dull, owing to the genis more or less affected thereby. Strikes in Providence, Lynn and else where have also hurt business The following provincialists were in

the city this week: H. A. Austin, Vigo Pederson, J. E. Knight, John Kling, P. McGoldrick, Elizabeth McGoldrick. St. John; George F. Gregory, M. A. Tweeddale, Fredericton; Fred Moore, Woodstock; R. McMinch, Hillsboro George S. Boak, J. H. Johnson, A. E. Donovan, Halifax; T. I. Sears. Wolf-

Josiah Fowler of St. John was in the city this week, attending the an nual reunion of the 44th Mass. Regiment, in which he served in the war of the rebellion. Mona Q. Sprague, formerly of St. John, died in East Cambridge Jan, 12.

Miles McInnes, a native of Halifax, died here recently, aged 65 years. Wil-Reade Matthews, a Nova Scotian, died in this city Jan. 10, aged 56. The Maine cattle comm port that the number of cattle killed under their direction last year for rculosis was 415, against 202 in 1996. The commissioners say that they are not searching for the disease, and are killing only those cattle the owners of which make request that the animals be slaughtered. This state of affairs is due to the fact that the comoners have no funds, and Dr. George H. Bailey, chairman of the board, says that the members of the present commission will not care continue in office unless the legisla ture sees fit to appropriate enough to carry on the work in a business like

A. C. Burrage, a Boston lawyer, received as his fee for services in nego-tiating the sale of the Standard Oil properties in Boston to the Whitney yndicate the sum of \$250,000. The Whitney syndicate by co-operation of Standard Oil now controls the Boston gas fields as well as the coal mines at Cape Breton. The Standard Oil Company, as is well known, is the most powerful corporation on the continent. The leading directors are John D. Rockefeller and Walliam Rockefeller, two of the wealthlest men in the

United States.

It is now thought that the celebrated Bram case will not be tried before March 15. The delay is due principally to the fact that the barkentine Herbert Fuller, the vessel upon which the mur ders were committed, will be unable to reach here before that time She was not here at the first trial, but both the prosecution and the defence considered that it would be advisable to have her in port this time. One reason why the presence of the craft is desired is so that an experiment can be made before a jury, for the purpose of ascertaining beyond any doubt whether a man at the whee could see another in the captain's cabin through the small window. It will be emembered that the seaman Brown, who was said to be at the wheel at the time of the murders, testified that he saw the mate, Thomas Bram, strike several blows with an axe. Brown swore that he saw Bram in he cabin by means of the window, and that he (Brown) did not leave the wheel at the time. The defence me tained that a man could not be s listinctly under the conditions named Bram will have the same lawyers at second trial, and Mr. Cotter, his the state. The prosecution will be un der the disadvantage of having a new district attorney to handle the case. It is said that the defence has learned more of the career of the man Brown since the last trial. Brown's right name is Westerburg, and at one time be was confined in an asylum at Rotterdam. The defence attempted to shift the crime onto his shoulders at the trial. It is understood that the defence will examine another witness who was on the Fuller at the time, more rigidly than before. All those who were on board the vessel when she reached Hallfax, with the exception of the student Monks, are still here in custoly of the United States. The principal event of national in terest this week was the election of Mark Hanna to the United States sen ate. Mr. Hanna's election disc at least one half of the republicans who appreciate that his triumph means the loss of thousands of votes in many states. Whichever way the contest went, it is the general opinion that the republicans will lose Ohio at the next election. Hanna, who is

etimes known as the American

Warwick, is the old man of the sea in

politics, and although it is ad

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years does not meet with the approval of the better class of republ The exports of flour, meal, etc., to the provinces by water this week wer as follows: 600 barrels flour, 200 sacks do., 100 sacks middlings, to Mahond Bay, per schooner Abana; 125 barrels flour, 40 bags wheat, 30 bags barley, 20 bags bran, to Yarmouth, per steamer Boston: 150 barrels flour 375 barrels cornmeal, to Lunenburg and Liverpool, per schooner Bessie A.; 300 barrels flour, 700 barrels cornmeal, 100 bags do., 60 bags wheat, to Clementsport and Annapolis, per schooner Emma E. Potter.

The lumber trade continues rather dull, with the general demand limited. The cedar shingle market has been relieved by the closing of the Oregon shingle mills. They will not open until Feb. 1, when an attempt will be made to advance prices. New Brunswick shingles are selling fairly well, Spruce is selling slowly. Prices are follows.

Spruce-Random cargo lumber. to 12.50; frames by car, ten inches and under, \$13 to 14: 12 in., \$14 to 14.50: 14 in., \$15 to 16; yard random, \$12 to 13; coards, planed one side, \$11 to 12.50; coards, planed one side and matched, \$13 to 14; kiln dried floorings, \$20 to 24; No. 1, \$17 to 19; No. 2, \$15 to 16; air dried, \$14 to 17; extra clapboards \$30; clear, \$27 to 28; second clear, \$23 25; shingles, 15-8 in., \$2.10 to 2.15: io., 11-2 in., \$1.85 to 1.90.

Pine, hemlock, etc.-Eastern pine coarse No. 2, \$16 to 17; outs, \$9 to 9.50; matched boards, \$19 to 22; extra clapboards, \$35 to 40; clear, \$30 to 35; second clear, \$28 to 30: No. 1 eastern emlock, \$10.50 to 11.

tle better. Mackerel are firmer and stocks are much smaller. Barrel herring continue in small supply, with the arrivals small. Sardines, sters and cod are also firmer. resh fish are plentiful and easy. The obsters from Yarmouth on one trip this week. Prices are high and are likely to remain so for some time. Smelts are selling fairly well at about seven cents for the ordinary N. B. fish. Quotations at first hands are as

Fresh fish-Market cod, 21-2 to 3c. per lb.; large cod, 3 to 31-2c.; steak, 51-2c.; haddock, 11-2 to 23-4c.; hake, 2 to 21-2c.; pollock, 2 to 21-2c.; white halibut, 18c.; gray, 15c.; chicken, 15c.; frozen salmon, 11 to 12c.; eels, 9 to 10c.; herring, \$1.25 to 1.50 per 100; New Brunswick smelts, 6 to 7c.; extra, 9c.; natives, 14c.; lake trout, 10c.; live lobsters, 14c.; bolled do., 14c. Salt fish-Large No. 3 mackerel \$14

to 14.50 per bbl.; medium No. 2, \$17 to 18; large No. 2, \$19 to 20; Bay No. 1. \$21 to 23; shore No. 1, \$24 to 25; extra No. 1, \$28 to 30; large dry bank cod, \$4.50 to 5 per quintal; medium, \$4 to 4.25; large pickled bank, \$4.50 to 4.75; medium, \$3.50 to 3.75; large shore and Georges, \$6 to 6.50; medium, \$4 to 4.25; pollock, \$2.50; haddock, \$2.75 to 3; Nova Scotia split herring, \$5.50 to 6; Newfoundland, \$6; medium, \$4.75 to fancy Scatteri, \$8 to 8.50 round shore, \$4 to 4.50; medium scaled box herring, 13 to 15c.; No. 1 12 to 13c.; lengthwise, 12 to 14c.

Canned fish - American sardine quarter olls, \$2.85 to 3.25; three quar ter mustards, \$2.25 to 2.50: lobsters flats. \$3; uprights, \$2.75 to 2.90; mackerel, one pound ovals, \$1.40; 2 lb. do. \$2.25 to 2.50; 3 lb. do., \$2.75 to 3; Al aska salmon, \$1.25 to 1.30; Columb River salmon steak, \$1.50 to 1.70.

## CAMPBELLTON.

Word Received of the Drowning of D. G. Mott, Brother of W. A. Mott, M. P. P.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Jan. 17.-Word was received tonight of the lrowning of David Gordon Mott, son of the late Wm. Mott. and brother of W. Albert Mott, M. P. P. for Restigouche county. He was born at Camp-beliton in 1863; removed to Boston about 1882, where he lived until 1885 since when he resided at Colon, Col-umbian republic, being for a number of years past master mechanic of the Pamama railroad. He was of sterling tegrity and natural genius. He narried Miss Mary Mowat, day of the late John Mowat of this pla who, with an infant son, survive him

BRITISH POSTAL RATE. The following notice to lostmasters is been sent out by the government ostmasters are informed that th proposed reduction in the postage rate m Canada to Great Britain and other parts of the Empire to 3 cents per ounce has been suspended, rend-ing a conference with the imperial and colonial authorities in regard to the subject of inter-imperial restage and in the meantime the old letter rat of 5 cents per 1-2 ounce continues in force. It is hoped that the postmas-ters will do all in their power to cause that letters may not be sent forward short-paid and so subjected to coilection of double the deficient postage of delivery.

VETERINARY DEPARTMENT

Conducted By J. W. Manchester V. S., St. John, N. B.

THE WEEKLY SUN takes pleasure in notifying its readers that it has perfected arrangements with J. W. Manchester, V. S., whereby all questions with respect to diseases of the lower animals will be answered by him, and treatment prescribed in those eases where it is asked for through the columns of THE SUN All enquiries must be addressed

VETERINARY DEPARTMENT. Weekly Sun, St. John, N. B.

Farmer.-I have a nine year old tallion rather cross, lately have had difficulty in putting on his bridle; he eemed swelled back of the ears. A few days ago he broke on on side is the trouble and what the cure? Ans. The trouble is poll evil, caused

blow or pressure of halter or bridle. The case would require a rather severe operation, as the openings discharging matter would have to be freely opened and dressed with caustic. You had better employ a good veherinarian: P. S.-I have a four year old and

very valuable horse which carries tongue out of side of mouth. Can I do anything to stop it? Ans.-You can get a bolting bit to remedy the trouble. It often effects a cure, especially in a young horse.

M. T. C.-Have a very fine driving mare, four years old, that went lame about two months ago. She has a lump on back of her hock joint, which gets warm after driving, but cools off if she rests for a few days. What is the trouble and what would you ad-

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took the distemper. Since then he has way; am afraid he is going to take the heaves. He is in good condition and feeds well. Please Ans.-Feed very little hay and that

at night, water often and feed plenty of good, sound oats. If bowels are costive give a little linseed oil every day; also give daily one ounce of Ounce coses of Lobelia Pulv. given daily might be beneficial.

NEW BRUNSWICK BOY HONDRED

(London Daily Mail, 1st. Jan.) The list of honors conferred by the Queen at the commencement of the new year was issued last night. In this list we find, among the promotions tions in and appointments to the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India the name of Thomas William Holderness of the India civil service, C. S

(Companion of the Star of India). Mr. Holderness was born in Richioucto, is 46 years of age, removed from there with his parents, many years aco, to England, where he was edu-cated; graduated from Oxford University, and afterwards passed his examination for the India civil service and is now resident at Simia. Mr. Holderness is a nephew of George McLeod of this city.

THE POLITICAL AXE

(Halifax Herald.)

Nathaniel Ashton, postmaster at dcum Secum, Guysboro county, has gned except that he was suspected of being a conservative. Last prov-incial general election he was threat-ened with dismissal by one of the grit ites if he voted. He did not ote, but he has been dismi

Captain James Hemlow, postme at Liscomb, in the same county, has also been dismissed. His only offence was that he did not support D. C. raser at the last election.

Richard Densmore, section foreman on the L. C. R. at Shubenacadle, and for 30 years an employe on that road, has been dismissed within the last few days. "Offensive partizanship" was charged against him after th general election, but was not proved Nor could it be proved, for De his duty and paid small attention to politics. His dismissal at this season is bitterly resented by his ne ubenacadie, quite irrespective politics.

> - THE WHERT. Starbuck the Winner.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. wenty mile bicycle race between Frank Starbuck and Edouard Taylore vas a disappointment. After going les Taylore fell and was so seriously injured he had to be carried from the track, and Sharbuck, who was 11-2 laps behind him, was declared the winner. CITY

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