GOSSIP OF THE CAPITAL.

HON. MR. ABBOTT A CLEVER LEADER FOR THE SENATE.

It is Thought That Mr. Blake Will Not Return to the Leadership of the Opposition—The House Will Prorogue Early in June Probably.

OTTAWA, May 19.—So far as politics are concerned, leaving out O'Brien and his companion and the concomitants thereunto belonging, as N. F. Davin, Esq., would say, the tale of the Deserted Village might be retold of the Capital to-day. Abandoned by friends and deserted by allies, Ottawa the beautiful, Mecca of the politician and stamping ground of the railway and trade delegation, has for the nonce, owing to the holiday of the faithful Commons, resolved itself into its original fragments and resumed its ordinary and normal condition of political desuetudinosity. For be it known unto all men, that aside from the sittings of Parliament there is less politics to the square acre in Ottawa than in any other back township in Ontario. The which probably arises from the fact that, when Parliament is sitting, everything but politics is left over to take its chance in the dim and misty hence.

'Tis true that the wise and beneficent Senate, to show its untrammeled independence from Tory thraldom, has refused to adjourn until to-morrow—to-day being a legal holiday they could not sit—but the slight interest ordinarily taken in the doings of the gray-haired fathers is not sufficient to relieve the general stagnation, especially since they have decided to sit with closed doors while hearing divorce cases. So it may be written that Ottawa has hung its political harp on a green bay tree and refuses to budge for the space of a week.

Speaking of the Senate brings up the fact that under the new leadership the old body is likely to advance itself in public estimation. Hon. J. J. C. Abbott has gone to work as though to the manor born. He understands thoroughly the intricacies of parliamentary procedure, he appears to have a thorough knowledge of the general run of public questions, and with Hon. Frank Smith to prompt him on the present condition of Government matters, the details of which he has not yet had time to master, he has been able, or at least gives promise of being able, to infuse new life into the old folks and make the Senate what it should be—an integral part of our legislative constitution. It is a specimen of Sir John's luck, that at the time when the Upper Chamber so sadly needed a leader through the retirement of Sir Alexander Campbell, with a motion on the order paper to abolish the Senate altogether, such a man as Mr. Abbott, freed from connection with the C.P.R., freed from all political entanglements and overwhelmingly endorsed by a great commercial city such as Montreal, should have been found ready to his hand. In forty years Fortune has not shown greater favor to the veteran Conservative leader.

One effect of the week's holiday is to keep at home for the time being the Toronto municipal delegation. It is a feature of Toronto municipal delegations that they usually remain contentedly at home until the time in which good might be done, if good is intended to be done, is gone. This year the Toronto civic authorities have but little to ask for, but that little would have stood a hundred per cent. better show of being reached if the delegation had gone to the seat of government three weeks ago. It is understood that outside of mere departmental matters the only thing that will be asked the Government will be in regard to the Island breakwater. The council propose to submit a by-law to the people to raise the $100,000 that Toronto long ago promised to expend upon that work, and they intend asking the Government to guarantee that if the $100,000 is expended the Dominion will furnish the funds necessary to complete the work. The proposition is a fair one enough, but the Government will have trouble in giving that assurance without placing a large sum for the purpose in the supplementary estimates, and at this late stage of the session it is a question if every dollar at the disposal of the Department of Public Works is not already allotted. The difficulty may be avoided, but there is no disguising the fact that your city fathers have seriously imperiled the city's interests in this matter, simply through the usual neglect in waiting until everybody else has asked before asking for themselves.

And even in matters that are purely departmental this delay may prove injurious. Heads of departments have been worried to death with deputations for two months past, and it is asking too much from human nature, even when endowed with a portfolio, to expect that consideration at the end of a session which is willingly granted at the commencement. In April Ministers were but too willing to do all that lay in their power to second the wishes of delegations, in June Ministers are too burdened with their parliamentary duties to give that attention to the representations of lagging, dilatory delegations that possibly they deserve. All of which is a lesson to the Toronto people that unto him who asks early in the session there is a chance of something being given, while he who tarries until the House is adjourned stands a mighty poor chance in the vineyard.

It is getting to be an open secret that both sides are striving towards an early adjournment. This is a new Parliament, the Government has been sustained, the most enthusiastic Grit no longer hopes for the defeat of the Administration before the ordinary life of the Parliament has elapsed, it is too early for the parties to begin to manufacture policy and place themselves upon record, the weather is too hot to hold long discussions over dead issues, and, in short, if nothing new turns up, prorogation may be expected as early as June 13. Of course what may turn up to lengthen the session no man can tell, but this is certain, that the date mentioned has been decided upon by both parties as about the proper time to leave for home.

Several important questions are yet to be discussed. Motions are on the paper for the abolition of the Franchise Act, the abolition of the Senate and the adoption of manhood suffrage. Added to these are the disallowance question, the bills redistributing the public departments, the amendments to the Scott Act, the appearance of Returning Officer Dunn before the bar of the House and other matters of greater or less importance. But it is not probable that any of the above questions will occupy the attention of the House beyond a single sitting, and, though the estimates may take some time, there is no reason why the middle of June should not see the members on their way home.

A general source of remark here has been the amount of work that Sir Charles Tupper has gone through in the last two weeks. The representative from Cumberland is a man of iron, but even iron has a limit to its capability of strain, which was seen in the past day or two when the Finance Minister turned almost savagely upon his followers and forbade general discussion until the tariff resolutions had been concurred in. The admirable conduct of the Opposition under these circumstances was worthy of all praise. Mr. Mills aided the Minister in every possible way, criticising where necessary, offering advice where he thought it was needed, but always doing his best to expedite the important business in hand. That he was not always able to control his followers was not to be wondered at. This much is to be said for him, that he had less difficulty in keeping his men in line than had Sir Charles with the Ministerialists—except that he could not prevent them from declaring absolutely against the policy of Protection.

Mr. Mills is really the leader of the Opposition at the present time. The star of Mr. Blake has fallen, and I am strongly of the opinion that the syndicate leadership of the party is only a makeshift until such time as a new leader can safely be announced. Who that leader will be, it is not now well to suggest.

The most noteworthy change in the newspaper field here is the disappearance of John T. Hawke from the gallery. Hawke, late editor of the Ottawa Free Press, staked everything in the last election and failed. How badly he failed very few people know. He was the leading spirit in the campaign in eastern Ontario, he fought the battle to the sword's hilt, promised great things to his party and involved his party in libel suits. He failed politically and the jury awarded damages against the Free Press in court. Hawke fell along with his theories, and has gone east, having purchased the Moncton Transcript. It is well. Down east they call a utensil for digging a spade, and libel suits are practically unknown.

HUNTING OSTRICHES.

Methods Employed by Arabs of the Desert to Catch the Big Birds.

From the Boston Herald.

With the Arabs of the desert the chase and capture of the ostrich is the most attractive and aristocratic of the many diversions in which they indulge. The first thing attended to when a hunt is contemplated is the preparation of the horses. They are entirely deprived of grass and fed on barley for seven or eight days before the intended hunt. They are allowed to drink only once a day, and that at sunset; at that time they are also washed. They take long exercises, and great attention is paid to the arrangement of the harness. The Arab says that after seven or eight days the stomach disappears, whilst the chest, the breast and croup remain in flesh. The animal is then in condition to endure fatigue. This training is called "teehaha." The harness used in this hunting is much lighter than that in ordinary use, especially the saddle and the stirrups, and the martingale is dispensed with. The bridle also undergoes many changes, the mountings and earlaps being taken away, as they are considered too heavy. The bit and frontlet are made of rope, without throatband; and the reins, though very strong, are extremely light.

The time most favorable for ostrich hunting is when there is the greatest heat. The higher the temperature the less is the ostrich able to defend itself. The Arab says that when a man stands upright and his shadow is only the length of his foot is the exact time to hunt. Each horseman is accompanied by a servant called "semmal." He is mounted on a camel carrying four goat skins filled with water, and barley for the horse, wheat flour for the rider, some dates, a kettle in which to cook the food, and everything which can possibly be required for the repairing of the harness in case of accident. The horseman wears a linen vest and trousers, and covers his neck and ears with a light material called "havuli," which is tied with a strip of camel hide. His feet are protected with sandals, and his legs by light gaiters, called "trabag." He has neither gun nor pistol, his only weapon being a wild olive or tamarind stick, five or six feet long, with a heavy knot at one end.

Before starting off the hunters ascertain where a large number of ostriches are to be found. They are generally met with in the places where there is a great deal of grass, and rain has recently fallen. The hunters commence their journey early in the morning. After one or two days' traveling, when they have arrived near the desired spot, and begin to see traces of their game they halt and camp. After settling, two intelligent slaves are sent out to reconnoitre. They carry a goat skin at their side and a little bread. They walk on until they find the ostriches, which are generally on elevated places. As soon as the game is in view one lies down to watch and the other returns to convey the information to the camp. The birds are found in troops, consisting often of as many as sixty. The horsemen, guided by the scout, travel cautiously toward the game. The nearer they approach the spot the greater is their caution, and when they reach the last ridge which hides them from the ostriches they dismount and creep forward to ascertain whether the birds are still there. If such is the case a moderate quantity of water is given to the horses, and each man mounts again and proceeds. The servants and camels follow a little distance behind, carrying with them corn and water.

The horsemen divide and form a circle around the ostriches at such a distance as not to be noticed by them. The servants halt when the horsemen separate, and as soon as they see their masters in position, they walk below their prey. The ostriches flee, but are met by the hunters, who at first only drive them back into the circle. They are made to run around the ring, and in this way their strength is exhausted. At the first sign of fatigue in the birds the horses dash in, and the flock separates. The affrighted birds open their wings, which is a sign of great exhaustion, and the hunter, now feeling sure of his prey, selects his bird and runs it down, and finishes it with a blow on the head with the olive stick.

The moment the bird falls the man quickly dismounts and cuts its throat, taking care to hold the head at some distance from the body, so as not to soil the plumage. It is said the male bird utters loud moans while dying, but the female dies in silence. When the ostrich is on the point of being taken by the hunter, if he does not wish to kill it he can easily drive it with the stick to where the camel is, if it is in such an exhausted condition. After the birds are bled to death they are carefully skinned, so that the feathers may not become injured, and the skin is stretched upon a tree or a horse, and salt is well rubbed into it. Then a fire is built and the fat of the bird is boiled for a long time. When it is very liquid it is poured into bottles made of the skin of the thigh and leg and strongly fastened at the bottom. The fat of one bird is generally sufficient to fill two of these cases, and it is said the fat would spoil in any other vessel. After the trying out process the flesh is prepared and eaten by the hunters, who dress it well with pepper and flour. While all this is going on the horses are carefully tended, watered and fed with corn, and the party remains quiet for forty-eight hours to rest the animals. After that they return to the camp or seek more game.

To the Arab the chase of the ostrich has a double attraction—that of pleasure and of profit. The price obtained for the skin well compensates for the expense. Not only do the rich enjoy the pursuit, but the poor, who know how to arrange for it as well. The usual plan is for the poor Arab to bargain with some one who is well to do for the use of his horse, camel, harness, and two-thirds of the necessary provisions. The borrower furnishes the remaining third, and the result of the chase is divided in the same proportioin.

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