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Riss Government May be Figuring on Pol: I al Advantage.

That is Mr. Whitney's Suspicion Grants to Volunteers-Ibe Surpius Again

Toronto, March 23. — In that innocent-looking bill before the Legislature, entitled "The Provincial Draining Aid Act." the Opposition scents a sinister object, and they made their suspicions known yesterday.
"It is plain to the ordinary casual observer," said Mr. Whitney, "that the sole object of legislation of this kind is to debuuch the electorate. A bill with a more vicious principle at the

with a more vicious principle at the with a more victous principle at the bottom of it has never been introduced into this House. Without any such legislation, the Government had," Mr. Whitney continued, "aided municipal drainage schemes in the past, and consequently there was no need for this measure. It was just an invitation to the municipalities, just before the general elections. to just before the general elections, to come to the Government and obtain aid, they in return aiding the Govern-

ment at the polls."
Mr. Preston, South Brant, with the Grand River specially in mind, ask-ed the Government to appoint a commission to enquire into the possibility of preventing floods by storing the water or by straightening the courses of the rivers, and also investigate the liability and responsibility for floods. Premier Ross said it was a very meritorious bill, and the Government's sincere intention was the reclaiming of three or four million acres of swamp lands in the Province. Much good and been done in the past by occasion-il grants, and it was now proposed o adopt a comprehensive scheme to place the whole system of drainage within the reach of municipalities. A sinister motive might just as easily be found in every act of the Legislature, whether public or private, but the Government had no such motive in this bill. The Premier promised to give Mr. Preston's suggestion consid-

FOR THE SOLDIERS. Mr. Gibson's bills for preserving to members of the Canadian contingent in South Africa their rights of fran-chise in Ontario, and to authorize mun-

chise in Ontario, and to authorize municipal grants for the benefit of Canadians on military service in South Africa, were read a second time.

Mr. Gibson grasped the occasion to speak of the spiendid work of our soldiers, and of the generous public response to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, which remarks were endorsed by Mr. which remarks were endorsed by Mr.

Whitney.
On the motion to go into committee of supply, Col. Matheson went minutely into the question of the school funds in the hands of the Dominion, and showed that they could not be used to meet provincial debts.

LEFT 'EM STRANDED.

How Baltimore Sie wart Took the Derost Footballers to St. Louis.

St Louis March 28 -The troubles of the Detroit football players who were stranded here owing to the disappearance of their manager, A. W. Stewart, who, it is alleged, had transportation for the party, came to an end to-day. Shortly after noon Presi dent Gillispie of the St. Louis asso

We have jost track of Stewart enfirely and have given up hunting for General Passenger Agent Crane of the Wabash has furnished the De-

A. W. "Baltimore" Ste A. W. "Baltimore" Stewart, who took the Detroit foot ball players to St. Louis, has a poor reputation among local football players. Some years ago he took a bunch of them to Baltimore and got into a similar mudile. Last fall he had a like experience in Chicago, and about four year age he got into trouble in Detroit, owing to a worthless check that he used. It is said that before he left from his room mate.

"ABORTED" CONFERENCE. Meeting at The Hague so Called in the Belglin Senite.

Brussels, March 28.-In the senat o-day Monsignor Kossonin, referring to the date peace conference at Hague said it could be regarded as ing aborted because it had been followed by the South African war, "in which numerous lives have been sacrificed for gold,

Montefiore Levi then protested against the attacks made by the Belgian press on Great Britain.

The minister of foreign affairs, M. de Favreau, said he concurred in this protest. "The press," he added, "forgets what England has done for our country, which owes it a debt of pro-found gratitude. I deeply regret

LIKES HIS ROBINS WHITE.

"The robins are here making th days merry with their music, but for beauty they don't compare with the white robins of South America any more that does the sparrow with the peacock, or a St. Thomas girl with a Chatham lady." So spoke James Etches. "Some ten, years ago I saw one in Chatham township while gunning for game. Its plumage was of snowy whiteness and I wouldn't have known that it was a robin only its whistle attracted me. The music was similar to a red-breast's, but louder and much to a red-breast's, but louder and much sweeter. An investigation on my part found the singer perched on the top of a large elm. He was so far away that I was afraid I would miss him. Well I waited around the whole afternoon attently following that bird. At one time I would be too close and afraid of biowing it to pieces, at another time I would be too far away, and the bird finally got lost so that I couldn't find it. Thus I missed getting that exceedingly pretty bird. The white robin is a native of South America, and this one must have got its compass mixed and come porth by mistake."

Excavations recently made in Nevada revealed in the sandstone the distinct impress of a woman's foot 19 inches long, left there ages and ages ago. And yet they have been playing Chicago off as a modern city.

Troubles of a Minister.

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"GOING UP SALT RIVER"

Origin of the Phrase and Debates in Con ress About It.

In his collection of anecdotes and humorous bits from the speeches of public men, George S. Hilton revives, the story of "Salt River." This is the

It is well known that when a candi date for a political office, or a politi-cal party, has been defeated, he or it is said to have gone or been sent up Salt river. Brown & Strauss' "Dictionary of American Politics," published in 1888, in speaking of the term

"It is said that the phrase arose from a small stream of that name in Kentucky the navigation of which was very difficult, and the unpleasant-ness of a journey up that stream was thought fairly to represent the feelings of the politicians to whom the phrase

was applied." Page 460. But in 1895 the origin of the term or phrase was thus explained in a news-

paper article: Away back in the early forties au old office friend, who lived in Pike county, Mo., about the mouth of Salt river, ran for the Legislature and was defeated. He moved into the next county, further up the river, and once more announced himself as a candidate for the Legislature. Again he was defeated. Nothing daunted, he moved further up the river and once more announced himself as a candidate for the Legislature. Once more his constituents started him on his voyage further up the river in search of political elevation.

Many years afterward, when people made inquiries about the office seeker. the answer would invariably be: "He is still moving up Salt river and running for the Legislature."

There are a few people still living about Florida, Mo., who knew the map whose constant defeat has given birth to a phrase that will live long. Mitchell's Atlas, published in 1864 shows a "Salt River" in both Missouri and Kentucky, The one in Missouri flows through Monroe county, where Florida (Mark Twain's old home) is situated, into Pike county, where it empties into the Mississippi river. The one in Kentucky enters into the Ohio

river at or near West Point.

Here is Mr. Hilton's account of the debates in Congress over the mythicat Salt river politics: In July, 1852, David K. Carter, of

Ohio, a Democrat, offered in the House of Representatives the following amendment to a river and harbor appropriation bill then pending in that house: "For the improvement of the navigation of Salt river, \$5,000,000, to be expended before the 4th of March next, under the direction of the secretary of the treasury."

Mr. Carter then said: "Mr. Chairman, this amendment has been suggested to me-

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee-"I rise to a question of order.' Mr. Carter-"Does the gentleman deny the nationality of this river? (Laughter.)

Mr. Jones-"I had supposed that the friends of those who were to sail up that lriver would provide for its improvement (Renewed laughter.) Mr. Carter—"If my friend from Tennessee had noticed the particular phraseology of the amendment he would not have risen to a question of order. I provide in that amendment that the appropriation shall be expended under the direction of the secretary of the treasury, with a view of leaving it in the hands of its friends (laughter), presuming that he will not appropriate it. (Renewed laughter.) But there is no doubt about the nationality of that etream. It has been nationally navigated for a great many years. I have been up it myself recently. (Laughter.) I know something of its navigation, and from what lit-tle observation I have made I know that it has snags in it, and I do not wish to leave to those who have got to take the passage quite so hard a trip as I have had. I hope it will be voted early, with a view to providing an open navigation there in season, for somebody has got to occupy it. (Laughter.) The prospect now is that the gentlemen who are in favor, par excellence of improvement of rivers will ask them to come forward and vote for it. There can be no equivocation as to its nationality. It runs through all of the States and through all of the districts of the States. (Laughter.) It embraces a portion of all of the constituencies, and therefore, must of necessity be national, and if you depart from the works which ought to be legitimate-works upon the high seas of the nation-and go to expending the national treasure

upon rivers, I insist that this one shall have the first place.' The amendment was rejected. But in February, 1885, a Salt river amendment to a river and harbor bill met

with better success. Puzzled. "I want to get a ring for a lady,"

"Sweetheart or wife?" asked the clerk. "Both," replied the customer. "Say! Now I'm all at sea," said the

clerk. "If it was for a sweetheart, I'd show you something handsome in this case; if for a wife, I'd send you further down the aisle for something less expensive. But when a man combined the two-. Say, you'd better look over the entire stock. It's against all pre cedent and I'm not competent to give you any advice."—Chicago Post.

Hit Below the Belt. "You and young Chubbleigh don't speak to each other any more, Ethel. What is the matter?" What is the matter?"
"Nothing, only he told me one day
when we were at the park that I had
a swanlike neck, and I told him he had
a swanlike walk."—Chicago Tribune.

Remembered. "Whom did you marry, Billy?" "You always did like the ame
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