

PARLIAMENTARY UNION.

The adjourned debate on Imperial Federation vs. Canadian Independence was continued at the last regular meeting of the Parliamentary Debating Society.

Mr. Lewis did not think that the time had arrived for the question to be considered in a practical light. He would prefer seeing Canada remain as she was, and said that anything at all was better than annexation to the States.

Mr. Falconer, ex-Minister of Finance, made an eloquent speech, which took him nearly 53 minutes to deliver. He pointed out the unfortunate position which Canada would occupy if she became politically allied with the United States. She would have to aid in the maintenance of the fleet and in pensioning the army of veterans that eat up yearly about \$90,000,000 of the revenue. Independence was out of the question. By Imperial Federation Canada would form a part of the greatest empire the world has ever seen, and would share in her glories, her riches and her traditions. The leading men in Canada, such as Mr. Mowat, Alex. Mackenzie, and Principal Grant, all were strong advocates of this policy.

Messrs. Halton and Hampson made speeches in advocacy of Imperial Federation, and the latter gentleman then moved the previous question.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday, February 22, 1892.

Adjourned debate on Resolution moved by Mr. Hampson in favor of Imperial Federation.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Hampson to ask the Minister of Finance:—

When he intends to place the financial policy of the Government before this House and introduce the estimates for the coming year.

Mr. Vidler to move the following Resolution:—

That the Motion that "the question be now put" may at any time be withheld from the House by the Speaker, if he shall deem there is yet room for debate.

The Honorable Mr. Hunter to move the following Resolution:—

That the Minister of Justice, the Postmaster-General, the Honorable the Member for Spring Ridge, the Honor-

able the Member for Muskoka, and the Mover be a Committee to draft a Standing Order of Procedure to be followed by this House, and report the same for the consideration of this House

Mr. Bowes to move the following Resolution:—

That at least one week's notice must be given of a Motion impeaching the Ruling of the Chair.

Mr. Bowes to move the following Resolution:—

That this House deeply regrets that in a Motion of want of confidence the Government withheld from the House their grounds for staying in power.

The Honorable Mr. Hunter to move the following Resolution:—

That whenever upon a division of this House any three members shall demand the yeas and nays, the Clerk of the House shall call the roll of the members and read out the names and response of each member voting upon the question, which shall be recorded by two tellers to be nominated for that purpose by Mr. Speaker, who shall, after comparison of the tellers' lists, announce the result to the House.

The Honorable Mr. Barker to ask leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of providing for full jurisdiction in matters of Divorce in the Supreme Courts of those Provinces of the Dominion of Canada not yet possessed of such jurisdiction.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

To the Editor of the Victoria Home Journal:

SIR,—I see by your issue of the 13th inst. you ask several questions about the military volunteer organization of this city. Now, in reply I would like to say that for some time past things have seemed a little stagnant, but, happily, they are looking much brighter; that the officers and men are doing their best to bring the batteries to their full strength, and expect to have on parade at the annual inspection in the spring a brigade which will be a credit to all concerned. There is one thing that is a great drawback to this work, and that is the way in which certain of the citizens of our city look and speak when they meet any of the members of the brigade in uniform on their way to and from drill. Now let me ask you in all fairness that if you cannot see your way to help us, that at

least you will not throw obstacles in the way by sneering at the boys when they pass in uniform. History has shown us that the volunteers of this our Dominion of Canada can do and always have done their duty when called upon, even at a sacrifice of their pecuniary interests. So come now, boys, take hold and join us, and let us show the people that we have as good a brigade here as anywhere in the Dominion.

I would also like to mention that the matter of an entertainment at the opening of the new drill shed has already been broached and that the boys are beginning to work it up. Thanking you for your space, I remain,

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