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THE MECHANICS LIEN BILL

Our evening contemporary in his issue of Wednesday has an article on this subject, which does the Hon. Mr. Davin an injustice, nor is it complimentary to Mr. Bole. The bill imported from Oregon by Mr. Davin is referred to as "Mr. Bole's bill," but that gentleman will certainly not like to be accused of "drawing up a bill, the 'leading feature' of which was its absurdity and 'the governing principle' the destruction of the laborer's rights. If the promoter of the bill had not tied the hands of Mr. Bole with the extraordinary adjuration that the bill should be passed "without alteration or amendment," that gentleman would have been at liberty to put the bill in such a form as it would not have been the laughing stock of the country. Whatever may have been the promise to support the bill, there certainly was a reservation of the right to amend, and the Hon. Mr. Davin in amending it so as to avoid stultifying themselves; but so no amendment would be accepted by the introducer, the only alternative was to kill the bill, "touch-me-not," and substitute a page giving the greatest possible benefit to the laboring man, which the Hon. Mr. Davin did. True, the importer of the bill, but thereby loses a little expected glory, but the interests of the laboring man and the public generally are more important than the acquiring of notoriety by any individual. It would require too much space to point out the numerous defects of the first bill, but it is sufficient to say that its passage would have practically deprived the laborer of all liens, and that it would have been ridiculed by the judges, and have caused disaster to the laboring man; while the bill introduced by Mr. Davin is simple and comprehensive, and the honor of the House, and the honor of the member who introduced it, would be fully maintained, and the American continent.

MR. BEAUVEN'S AMENDMENT

One can easily imagine with what virtuous indignation and what withering sarcasm the leader of the Opposition would have denounced the amendment to the school law, brought in by himself yesterday, in the House of Commons. It is a simple and effective amendment, and it is a great injury, as it affects the rights of franchise, and at the same time would cause endless trouble and confusion. Mr. Beaven's principal suggestion was that the elections for trustees be held at the same time, in the same place, and in the same manner as the elections for members of the city council, the voters being the same in both cases. Now anyone can see at a glance, as was pointed out by the Hon. Mr. Beaven, that this would inevitably result in educational questions assuming a political bias, civic and school matters being brought into the arena on a party basis. Instead of keeping so important a subject as education out of the reach of partisan politics, Mr. Beaven's amendment would have precipitated such a union of the two in the public mind as would not have failed to result in a party basis. But even a more serious objection was the fact that by its passage the women would be disfranchised. It is to the ladies that we largely look for an engrossing interest in the success of our schools, and it is a matter of serious concern that the women should be disfranchised. The Hon. Mr. Beaven's idea as to a change of day for the election of school trustees was carried out the result would have been "confusion worse confounded." The scholastic year now ends at midsummer and the election of school trustees is then held; the result of Mr. Beaven's proposed change would be, as the Minister of Education pointed out, a lack of uniformity—the Victoria elections being held in almost every instance, the Hon. Mr. Humphreys. The Government and their supporters were anxious to carry on the business in a statesmanlike manner but were met by the obstructionist policy of the gentleman to the left of the Speaker, who, in the absence of closure, might very properly in future be applied to them, could, and did, carry out their designs to any extent they desired. Mr. Semlin in moving his amendment yesterday only added another to the many aggressive blunders made by the Opposition during the session. That party which came into the House a solid 8 has dwindled down to 4 and is now so completely demoralized that its influence as a political power is gone. In the closing hours of the Session the Government stand in a stronger position than they ever did in the country, while in the assembly the vote of 15 to 8 on the amendment of the senior member for Yale testifies to the fact that they enjoy the respect and esteem of a very large majority of the people's representatives. The magnificent speech of the setting Attorney-General, which we regret considerations of space prevent our publishing in full, was the crowning event of the

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL DEFERRED

The Local Government Bill Defeated on the Second Reading by a Vote of 282 to 156.

THE POPE TO INSTRUCT THE IRISH CLERGY TO CONDEMN THE NATIONALISTS' METHODS

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INTERESTING DEBATES

London, April 25.—The "ologing" debate in parliament during the week, including lay language and tough session of day, has had general interest to the proceedings and inspired the liberals with many of the more conservative, and the St. James Gazette, both of which are well known, have expressed their regret that the ministers have blundered in permitting their policy to verify the charges made against them by the Nationalists. "We are extremely sorry that the Nationalists have been so good a page as the increased sentences given on appeal, which the Hon. Mr. Davin has admitted on all sides that the session of the commons has greatly damaged the position of the government."

WILL NEVER SURRENDER

The Italian government has decided to concentrate its naval force in the Mediterranean, and in pursuance of this resolution has ordered the South American squadron home preparatory to being sent to the waters washing the shores of Italy, France and Spain. Referring to the resolution of the Italian government, the Hon. Mr. Davin said that the Italian government has decided to concentrate its naval force in the Mediterranean, and in pursuance of this resolution has ordered the South American squadron home preparatory to being sent to the waters washing the shores of Italy, France and Spain. Referring to the resolution of the Italian government, the Hon. Mr. Davin said that the Italian government has decided to concentrate its naval force in the Mediterranean, and in pursuance of this resolution has ordered the South American squadron home preparatory to being sent to the waters washing the shores of Italy, France and Spain.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTES

In the House of Commons today, James L. Carey, member for North Kildare, moved the second reading of the Irish Land Bill, the principle of which he said, was to give to the people of Ireland the control of their own land, and to the government for advances made to the people.

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THE EMPEROR IMPROVING

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THE TIMES SPOKE.

By reference to our report of yesterday's session of the Legislative Assembly it will be seen that the Opposition organ...

THE LATE HON. THOS. WHITE.

A Touching Scene in the House of Commons.

The First Minister Overcome With Grief and Unable to Proceed. Hon. Mr. Laurier and Hon. Mr. Laurier's...

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

Englishmen Celebrate the Good Saint's Day in True British Style at the Banquet...

Every seat at the round table of the banquet was filled on Monday night at the annual dinner of the St. George's Society...

THE MNU.

Vegetable. Crab-Salad, Olives, Colery. First. Boiled Salmon, Anchovy Sauce, Roman Punch.

Beat with Yorkshire Pudding, Sucking Pig, Spring, etc. VEGETABLES. Asparagus, Peas, Tomatoes, Cauliflower, Potatoes...

Advertisement for CASORIA for Infants and Children. Contains text about the product's benefits and contact information.

Advertisement for BASEBALL CRICKET And Lawn Tennis Shoes at ERSKINE'S EMPORIUM. Includes address and contact details.

Advertisement for The Bottom has Dropped Out! REWARD! OFFERED TO THE PERSON OR PERSONS who will deliver to the custody of the Sheriff...

Advertisement for WE ADVERTISED TWENTY PER CENT OFF EVERYTHING AND WE HAVE DONE IT. Includes details about a stock sale.

Advertisement for A. GILMORE, MERCHANT TAILOR AND CLOTHIER, Johnson Street. Includes text about quality and service.

Advertisement for ST. ALICE HOTEL, Harrison Hot Springs, B.C. Includes details about room rates and services.

Advertisement for ANOTHER HOME INDUSTRY. TRY IT! Red Star Roller Flour. Includes details about the product and company.

Advertisement for TO CONTRACTORS. TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED UP TO APRIL 27, 1888. Includes details about a contract for a canal.

Advertisement for VALUABLE STOCK FARM. WITH IMPROVEMENTS, ETC. Includes details about the farm and its features.

Advertisement for THE CELEBRATED "Acme" Pulverizing Harrow, Clod Crusher and Leveler. Includes details about the product's performance.

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A TOUCHING

The graphic description in the Commons on the venerable Premier accorded respect to the late Hon. Mr. White was read with the greatest interest...

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