

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., MAY 19, 1900

Extent of Our Steel Highways--What They Earned and What Was Spent on Them Last Year--The Government Roads.

Ottawa, May 15--(Special)--The number of railways in actual operation in the Dominion, including the two government lines, the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island railways, during the past year 1899, were 153. Some of these are operated or leased, making the total number of controlling companies 84, not including the government railways. The number of miles of railway in operation was 17,250, and the number of miles operated was 17,338, an increase during the year of 488. Besides these there are 2 miles of sidings. Of the completed 17,180 miles were laid with steel rails, 562 miles of which were double track. The total cost of the railways was \$2,431,528 compared with \$2,431,528 the previous year, leaving the net increase of \$2,431,528. The total cost of the railways was \$2,431,528 compared with \$2,431,528 the previous year, leaving the net increase of \$2,431,528.

Advance Addresses Presented Boers and a Big Time Promised--Sixty-Nine Mayors Have Invited Them.

New York, May 15--The steamship Maasdam, with the Boer envoys from the South African republics to the United States, arrived here today from Rotterdam. The envoys, Messrs. Abraham Fischer, J. M. A. Womersley and C. H. Wessels were met by a committee which went down the bay to greet them, and later were greeted by a larger body of Boer sympathizers gathered on the pier at Hoboken where the Maasdam docked. The mayor of Hoboken extended a welcome to them, and the party then took carriage for the Hotel Manhattan in this city. When the committee which went down the bay arrived at the ship there were introduced to them, and then ex-Judge Van Hooker recited the following address: "We are a committee of citizens of New York who sympathize with your country in its struggle for liberty and independence and who wish to make your visit to the City of New York a pleasant one. We should like a welcome does not lie in the words of words used, but in deeds. We believe that the American people will also extend to you a hearty welcome. For ours is a cause that is dear to their hearts. We are fighting for our country. As soon as they come to understand our cause they will, I believe, cheer the welcome you have just given us. The Maasdam was crowded with Boer envoys, and the ship was surrounded by a large number of people. The Boer envoys were met by a large number of people, and the ship was surrounded by a large number of people. The Boer envoys were met by a large number of people, and the ship was surrounded by a large number of people.

Manzer Kitchen's Clothes Caught in a Belt in the Maritime Pulp Mill, and He Was Whirled to His Death--Body Badly Mutilated.

Glatham, May 15--A dreadful accident occurred at the Maritime pulp mill this afternoon. While Manzer Kitchen, about 23 years old and son of Mr. Nathaniel Kitchen, was oiling some machinery, his clothing caught in the shaft. He was whirled around, his head and feet striking the ceiling and the floor and was instantly killed. The body was terribly mutilated. An inquest was held and the verdict was that the deceased met his death through the fault of nobody, while performing his duty. Mr. Kitchen was a young man of sterling qualities and many friends mourn his sad death.



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HEADQUARTERS For Wall Paper and Window Blinds.

All the latest spring patterns in Wall Paper. Window Blinds at a big bargain. Special attention given to out of town orders. A. McARTHUR, 548 Main Street.

Clark, of Montana, Who Had Been Reported Against, Resigned, and the Governor Re-appointed Him.

Washington, May 15--Mr. Clark of Montana, fairly swept the Senate with a notice today by a formal announcement that he had resigned as senator to the governor of Montana. The announcement came without previous notice and probably not a half dozen persons in Washington knew that it was to be made. Mr. Clark struck just at the instant the iron was hottest. Mr. Chandler, chairman of the committee, just after the routine of disapproval notice that at 1 o'clock he would call up for consideration the resolution unanimously reported from the committee to the Senate. A spirited contest over the resolution was expected. Every senator in the city was at his desk. Mr. Clark went over until noon and then returned to his office. He was met by a large number of people, and the ship was surrounded by a large number of people.

Ontario Legislation Has Prohibited Its Exportation.

Toronto, May 15--The Ontario government has passed an order in council for prohibiting the export of tan bark out of the province. This is in accordance with the request of a delegation of the Farmers' Association which, during the recent session of the legislature, urged this step on the government. The tan bark is used for the manufacture of leather and is an extremely scarce article. The order is retroactive from May 1. The Farmers' Association has been successful in its request, and the export of tan bark is now prohibited.

Lord Roberts' Difficulty.

Ottawa, May 15--(Special)--A fire by law affected the entire city of Hull has been adopted by the Hull city council. By its regulations all the dwellings, stores, factories, etc., erected in the manufacturing district in the future must be fire-proof. All sheds, stables and outbuildings, if built within fifty feet of a street must also be made fire-proof. The Hull city council has passed a resolution to the effect that the Hull Electric Railway was criminally negligent for the death of a child inasmuch as the car was not provided with a fender and owing to the fact that the fender was broken, the child was struck and killed. The Hull city council has passed a resolution to the effect that the Hull Electric Railway was criminally negligent for the death of a child inasmuch as the car was not provided with a fender and owing to the fact that the fender was broken, the child was struck and killed.

Death of a War Correspondent.

W. T. Maul, the South African correspondent of the London Graphic, who served with the British forces in the Sudan and who shared a bombproof with him at Ladysmith, in a letter to Mrs. Stevens has given the account of the death of that brilliant war correspondent. "On January 15 the doctors told me that there was no hope for Stevens. When they had gone I returned to his bed and sent out the nurses. I said, 'The doctors think you are very ill. I will call home. Do you wish me to be taken a message?' "Yes," said he, "write it out and read it to me!" "I wrote: 'Stevens dangerously ill.' "Do you mean that I am dying?" he asked. "They think it very serious," I answered. "Am I dying?" "Soon." "Yes." "He was looking straight into my eyes. After a while he dictated the message which I sent. Then he turned over and said with a shrug of his shoulders: "Well, this is a sideways ending to it--all-let's have another drink!" "I gave him some brandy and milk in a teaspoon. "But you are not drinking?" said he. "Then he seemed to rally and I called the nurses. I fell to sleep later. When they called me an hour later I saw at a glance that he was gone."--Collier's Weekly.

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To Begin Booming at Douglas - Spruce Logs and Wages High.

Fredericton, May 15--The Fredericton Boom Company are preparing to commence operations at the Douglas bays this week. Today Mr. Robert Aitken, contractor for the corporation drive, began work at Grand Falls and Woodstock. The Nashwaak drives are expected at Stanley tonight. Spruce logs are still advancing in price and are selling at \$11 a thousand feet. The mills have nearly all started here and the outlook for a good season's business is bright. Wages on the Canadian side are higher than on the American operators are paying and men who left for Hamilton and other places are returning home to work.

Woman and Children's Throats Cut.

Peoria, Ill., May 15--Mrs. Thomas Moser, wife of a farmer living three miles north of Trenton, Ill., and her four small children were found dead in their home today. All had apparently been dead since Sunday. Their throats were cut from ear to ear. Moser has disappeared but there is no evidence to his having committed the crime. Little other business of importance was transacted. The resolution relating to Mr. Clark went over until noon and then returned to his office. He was met by a large number of people, and the ship was surrounded by a large number of people.

Judge Vanwart's Examination - Officer Arrives for a Special Course.

Fredericton, May 15--The examination of Judge Vanwart was to have been continued again today, but was again adjourned. Mr. Barry, acting for the judge, read a telegram from Montreal stating that the judge was not to be in the city. Judge Wilson on adjourning stated if the defendant did not appear at the date agreed upon a rule nisi for an attachment would be issued. Capt. J. D. Chipman, of St. Stephen, arrived today to take a special course at the Military School.

Cleveland Yachting.

New York, May 15--Former President Cleveland, accompanied by E. C. Benedict, boarded the steam yacht Opeta today for a two week cruise in the West Indies, including a visit to Havana.

Lord and Lady Minto.

Toronto, May 14--Lord and Lady Minto will spend the Queen's birthday in Toronto. They will attend a review of the city troops and visiting regiments at the Queen's Park in the morning and the races in the afternoon.

England Guessing as to Canada's Representation in the Privy Council.

Montreal, May 15--(Special)--The Star's special cable from London says Hon. Joseph Chamberlain's proposal for a new imperial court of appeal in the place of the judicial committee of the privy council is well received. Colonial lawyers will doubtless be specially pleased at the prospect of a \$5,000 a year for seven years from the imperial treasury and a life tenure for the representative from each colony. Speculation is rife as to the probable Canadian member of the new court of appeal.

Stephen Crane Better.

Lodon, May 15--Stephen Crane, the American novelist, who has been in ill health for some time past, at West Place, Sussex, is now in better health. He was removed to Dover today in order to derive benefit from the change of air.

Increase in Pay.

Altoona, Pa., May 15--The tract repair men of the Pennsylvania Railroad have been granted an increase in wages from \$12 to \$12.50 per day. The old wages were the work by hundreds to accept better paying positions.

The Venezuela Revolution.

Kingston, Ja., May 15--News received here from Trinidad says Gen. Hernandez, the revolutionist leader in Venezuela, is making progress against President Castro. The plan of the revolution against Castro was hatched in Trinidad, where prominent Venezuelans are now residing. Large orders have been sent for arms and munitions of war and important developments may soon be expected.

Audience Granted.

Rome, May 15--The pope today gave an audience to Archbishop Corrigan, of New York.

Commerce to Be Resumed.

London, May 15--The Queen today issued a proclamation permitting trading between the South African colonies and between the colonies and the Orange Free State now occupied by the British forces.

Lightning Burned Barns.

Skowhegan, Me., May 15--Lightning struck farm buildings owned and occupied by Frank L. Gage on the Noddigwood road south, this afternoon. Two barns, together with 40 tons of hay, four cows, 20 sheep and farming tools and the large frame house that has been a landmark in that part of the town were destroyed. Loss, \$5,000; insured for \$2,500.

What Men in High Places Say.

Doctors, Lawyers, Ministers, Educationalists, and Politicians Join Forces as One Man, And Put the Great Seal of Their Approval on Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder as the Greatest of Healers.

Personal Experience is the best evidence, and a man's own signature seals his faith. Hundreds of Canada's most illustrious sons are its heartiest endorsers. Perhaps no ailments to which flesh is heir brings men down to a more common level than catarrh and catarrhal affections. When it is rated that ninety in every hundred are subject in a lesser or greater degree to the ravages of this universal disease, the high, the low, the rich, the poor, must naturally come within its grasp. And it is not to be wondered at that such a galaxy of Canada's best men as have done so are willing, having themselves been sufferers, to "let their light shine" that others may be warned of the malady, and herald to the world the efficacy, the quick relief, the absolute cure they have proven to be in so splendid a compound as Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. Thus it is considered no breach of etiquette on the part of the professional men, no indignity on the "bench," nothing unparliamentary on the part of the lawmaker, and no discredit on the pulpit, to say the good honest things that many of these men in high places have attested to over their own signatures. Here are a few names of prominent Canadians who have used and are believers in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder: The Right Reverend Dr. Sweetman, Lord Bishop of Toronto; Rev. Dr. Lantry, of the Anglican Church; Rev. Dr. Withrow, editor of The Canadian Methodist Magazine; Rev. A. R. Chambers, Toronto; Rev. William Galbraith, Toronto; Hon. George Taylor, George H. McDonnell, M. P., Dr. Goddard, M. P., Robert Beth, M. P., Hqn. David Mills, M. P., H. Cargill, M. P., James H. Metcalfe, M. P., and a hundred more as prominent public-spirited men. Too many people have dallied with this dreaded disease, experimented with worthless, untried and irritating so-called cures, only to find disappointment and a deep setting of the malady which means years of misery if not checked. Why not trust the man's testimony whom you think worthy to represent you in the House of Parliament--the man you would trust as your spiritual adviser--the man you would trust the education of your son to--to be your adviser in the matter of your health. Take warning, and if there is a hint of the catarrh taint apply Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder without delay. It will save you suffering, heal you surely, absolutely and permanently, whether you have been a slave one month or fifty years. It relieves cold in the head in ten minutes. DR. AGNEW'S CURE FOR THE HEART gives relief in less than 30 minutes, and no heart trouble so hopeless it will not cure. DR. AGNEW'S OINTMENT heals "pimples" faces and other skin affections. Cures riles in from 3 to 5 nights. DR. AGNEW'S LIVER PILLS smallest and cheapest pill made--20 cents for 40 doses. Sold by E. C. Brown.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE. To the considerable number of contributors to the miscellaneous letters column to contain money remitted to this office to request our subscribers and agents to send money for the Telegraph to the post office order or registered letter, in such cases the remittance will be at our own risk.

FACTS FOR SUBSCRIBERS. No subscription names of a new subscriber will be entered until the money is received. Subscribers will be required to pay for their subscription in advance. If they do not, the office will not be held responsible for the non-payment of the paper. There is no legal discontinuance of a subscription until all that is due for it is paid.

THE NEW IMPERIAL COURT OF APPEAL. Although the judicial committee of the privy council has always been looked upon as an excellent court of appeal, it has been felt that the absence of any colonial representatives directed it to that local knowledge which might be in many cases helpful in the decision of important cases.

A SERIOUS BLUNDER. The synod of Toronto and Hamilton (Presbyterian) recently adopted a general report in which the following paragraph appeared: "Our position in Canada today is full of responsibility and hope. A new era of commercial prosperity has dawned upon us, and a new place is being assigned us among the nations of the world."

THE GREAT SCOLDER. Sir Charles Tupper has long been known to the people of Canada as "the great scolder," because of the remarkable years he has from time to time told the public in regard to his own achievements and those of the government of which he has been a member.

HOW IT LOOKS IN ENGLAND. Sir Charles Tupper's campaign against imperialism which he began in the province of Quebec some weeks ago is being accepted by the English people as a declaration on the part of the Conservative party that Canada does not desire any closer union with the mother country and is unwilling to bear the burdens of the Empire.

NOT AN ANNEXTIONIST. We have received the following letter by cable from the premier of Newfoundland: St. John's, Nfld., May 16. To the Editor of the Telegraph: I have to request that you will give the most positive refutation to the article that appeared in your paper under date of the 12th inst., headed "An Annexationist." The statement that I purpose contesting the next election on the platform of annexation to the United States is utterly unfounded. I must express my surprise and regret that you should have published the article in question without first ascertaining the truth of the allegation.

PORTO RICO. Harper's Weekly, which styles itself "a journal of civilization," is reading a warning to the people of Porto Rico against an unnecessary agitation in regard to their condition at the present time. It tells them that agitation will not assist them in the least to gain anything that they desire and that they ought to content themselves with being as well off as they are.

NATIONAL DEFENCE. The recent speech of the Marquis of Salisbury has set the British people thinking over the question of national defence and his suggestion in regard to the formation of rifle clubs for the purpose of promoting good marksmanship is likely to be adopted.

THE BOER ISSUE AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. The Boer issue which was given on Tuesday by a committee of New York citizens to the Boer delegates signifies that the men of Tammany Hall are very anxious out of the arrival of the coming election out of the arrival of those alleged Republicans. There is, however, nothing serious or important in such demonstrations as that which was organized in New York or those which will be organized in other cities of the United States which the Boers delegates will visit.

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ments behind the imperialist movement when it seems for the time being to counter to local interests. This is what the once great imperialist has come to. This is what the party of the old flag is doing under the leadership of Sir Charles Tupper. Every man in England thinks that the Conservative party in Canada under Sir Charles Tupper's leadership is running this election deliberately on an anti-British programme and that if the Conservatives are successful the withdrawal of the dominion from the British Empire is only a question of time.

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don't (laughter)—but the time was not far distant when Canadians would become full-fledged citizens of the Empire. The dominion was making rapid progress, and in time would seek her proper share in Imperial councils. In South Africa Canada was doing her part in the work of Empire gladly and, he hoped, manfully. When the war was brought to a successful issue he hoped to see established those free institutions which had made Canada a nation. (Cheers.) He admired the pluck of the Boers. They were a fine people, and, from his experience of the Boer war, he was glad to assure them that when conquered they would not lose their liberty, but gain a new freedom. They might even expect to see some of their chief citizens ministers of the British crown.

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drill is not so essential a part of a soldier's business as has been supposed. The Boers, we doubt whether it will be regarded as one of the terms, and who know nothing about the drill book, have made a most wonderful defence of their country, and a defence that no person would have believed had been favored by great distance over which the British arms have had to be moved and by nature of their country, which is well suited to the taking up and holding of strong defensive positions, but apart from that they have displayed a mobility and steadiness that are truly wonderful, and they have proved that an army defending its own territory does not require to be highly drilled according to the military standards of Europe. The great requisites of a soldier are courage and good marksmanship. Courage is a quality which can only be bestowed by nature, but any man whose eyes are sound and whose nerves are steady can become a good marksman. It is therefore reasonable to suppose that instead of adding largely to the numbers of the British army efforts should be made to increase the volunteer and militia forces and to teach the men who compose them to do good marksmanship. In former days when the British army was the weapon of the British, many meetings were held frequently at which prizes were given for skill in archery. Every household was the possessor of a good yew tree bow and to be able to handle it well was his highest ambition. Why should not the same feeling now exist with regard to the rifle? In those days the noblemen took the lead in encouraging the practice of archery. There is now an excellent chance for them to take the lead in the founding of rifle clubs for the rifle associations and maintenance of the cause of national defence might well take the place of some of the inhuman sports such as fox hunting and coursing, which are mere relics of a barbarous age and which a nation which claims to be highly civilized should be ashamed to indulge in.

AN UNWITTING COMPLIMENT. In asserting, as the Tory papers do day after day, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier could have had a preference for Canada for the asking, they are unwittingly paying the premier a very high compliment. They are assuming that at his request the people of England would have been willing to renounce the corn laws, to tax themselves on the necessities of life, and incur all the attendant risks. There is no doubt they would still do a very great deal to show their sympathy with us, and in the case of the Ottawa fire sufferers they have done magnificently; but there are probably some things which the people of Great Britain would not care to do, certainly not without very grave and prolonged deliberation. One of these things unquestionably would be the abolition of their free trade policy, and a return to the conditions which prevailed anterior to 1810.

TO ASSUME THAT Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as Mr. McNeill put it the other day, could have secured a preference for Canada if he had asked for it on the occasion of Her Majesty's jubilee, is to assume that the people of England are influenced more by sentiment than judgment—more by caprice than reasoning. It is based on the notion that what John Bull will not do when permitted to think it over, he is sure to do if you can catch him off his guard, when his heart has been softened by patriotic impulse. Such an act he would be sure to regret next day. We are quite willing to concede that Sir Wilfrid made a very fine impression in England; but we scarcely think he reached that stage where he could have asked for the heated by a charge and have received it. Sir Charles Tupper was on the spot as the representative of Canada for twelve years, and he was there during the jubilee of 1887. How does it come that no one suspects him of ever having had enough influence to secure this great advantage for Canada? Surely Sir Charles would not have us believe that Sir Wilfrid, during a few weeks' visit, could in that short time have acquired a larger influence with the British authorities than he did himself during twelve years?

NATIONAL DEFENCE. The recent speech of the Marquis of Salisbury has set the British people thinking over the question of national defence and his suggestion in regard to the formation of rifle clubs for the purpose of promoting good marksmanship is likely to be adopted. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, the chancellor of the exchequer, in a recent speech to his constituents, disagreed with the idea that a large and permanent increase of the army might be some necessary, saying that the country must look to the volunteers and the militia. The present war in South Africa would seem to demonstrate that military

will be of no avail. This is a cool way of disposing of the Porto Rico question, but we doubt whether it will be regarded as decisive and final in the matter. The people of Porto Rico welcomed the United States, not as a conqueror but as a friend, and gladly placed themselves under the American flag. They naturally expected that, having done this they would acquire all those rights and privileges which belong to Americans and that their country would be treated precisely in the same manner as any other part of the United States. So far from this being the case, they find themselves now after about two years of military rule under a civil governor, who is not at all influenced by their wishes and who is not subject to their control. Instead of their being treated as a part of the United States, as regards its commerce, although treated as a separate nation. Duties are imposed on the products of Porto Rico brought into the United States. This is done to satisfy the extreme protectionist party, who fear the competition of Porto Rico in fruits, tobacco and sugar and are not willing that the products of that island should enter the other states free of duty. The people of Porto Rico, therefore, find themselves American citizens without the privileges of American citizenship. One good purpose this episode will serve, and that is that it will be a warning to the people of Cuba to insist on being independent and not a part of the United States. There are many Americans who look upon the annexation of Cuba as inevitable, but now with the warning of Porto Rico before them, the people of Cuba will have no excuse for being deceived. If a hostile tariff is placed on the goods of Porto Rico, how much more will be placed on the goods of Cuba, which is immeasurably more fertile and productive, and which could supply the United States with all the sugar it consumes without any difficulty.

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Canadian people. What matters it in the long run that we prosper today if, the opposition allege, honor and integrity and clean living among the men who control in a very large measure the destinies of the country are declining? Here is a specimen of the criticism which appears almost daily in the columns of the chief Conservative organ, the Mail and Empire:

"During the past three or four years there has been so much of this election rascally directed from headquarters, some of it on behalf of Ross, some of it in the interests of Laurier and Tarte, that it has awakened in the public mind the strongest possible indignation. It is known that the two governments, one at Ottawa, the other at Toronto, have united upon a system of swindling. They hire and pay their election experts, they employ their thieves to cheat the people at the polls, and to create in their respective legislatures fraudulent majorities that shall vote through every day and every week. The Laurier and Ross governments are a foul conspiracy against the freedom of the electors. Concomitantly will not stay the tide of disgust with which their cheating is viewed. It will only strengthen the hatred entertained by all right-thinking men for the meanness and criminality that prompted the combined attacks upon the rights and liberties of the people."

These are strong words, and it will be conceded that they should not be used without the cleanest possible proofs of their truthfulness.

We venture to say there is not a sane man in the ranks of the Conservative party who in his heart believes that the present government at Ottawa is "a foul conspiracy against the freedom of the electors." He could not believe it. Prejudice, however, can render a man blind to almost everything good in his opponents; but there is not a Conservative in the land who would so far outrage his reason as to accept a statement such as we have just quoted. He knows that it is part of the game of politics to imply a corrupt motive to everything done by the government; but he knows, at the same time, that not even the suspicion of a scandal has been actually established against the men who compose Sir Wilfrid Laurier's cabinet. He may talk loosely and lightly about not trusting them; but he does not mean it. He is merely playing his part in the game.

There is, however, a still higher view of this matter which we think it well to point out. What must be the impression made on the mind of an outsider, who reads in a prominent Canadian journal that the men who hold office in this country are cheats and thieves and swindlers? To say that the people are burdensomely taxed is bad enough, it creates an unwarranted prejudice in the minds of those who are reading about our affairs, but to charge that our public men are without honor or decency is an infinitely worse thing. It is all very well to take it for granted that such language will be understood to be the meaningless recrimination of a disappointed and despairing party; but it hurts Canada and is in the last degree unpatriotic. Our ministers are just as clean and as free from reproach as the ministers of any country under the sun, and while we may have our party bicker-

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Referred Election Cases to the Privilege Committee When They Should Have Gone Before a Supreme Court Judge.

Ottawa, May 16.—(Special)—The supplies for the House of Commons and Senate being about exhausted, Mr. Fielding presented to the House today an additional amount to meet the necessary expenditure to carry on the work of legislation.

In reply to Sir Charles Tupper, minister of finance said that the supplies for the current year would be down in a couple of days and the others some days later.

This being done, Sir Louis Davies proceeded to reply to Mr. Borden's motion to refer the West Huron and Brockville election cases to the privileges and elections committee. The minister of finance said that no one recognized more than he did that it was through the ballot box that stable government was to be secured and therefore that punishment should follow those who interfered with a free expression of the will of the people in that way.

While the two motions were being referred to that committee, it was composed of the best lawyers in the House. The British parliament had withdrawn from that committee all questions of privilege relating to the House of Commons because it was felt that partisan feelings would enter into the proceedings and overbalance other considerations.

At other considerations, at other elections and elections committee there would be one set of members present today and a different set tomorrow. At no two meetings would the same members be present. There was no counsel present to watch and regulate the conduct of the enquiry.

Coming back to the present case and Sir Louis pointed out that parliament was sitting three and a half months, the member for Halifax (Borden) acted with great negligence if he permitted the House to act, in not moving it before he did. The member felt that he was blameable in this regard and therefore tendered an explanation.

That explanation was that he moved it 13 days after the House met, and although too late to be dealt with by a motion in that way, this session he thought that the premier should have permitted it to go through as an unopposed motion. The premier had no more right to oppose a matter of that kind than the most humble member of the House. When a member asked any motion to stand when it was brought up as an unopposed motion then the premier could not do anything else but say stand.

When Mr. Borden wanted his motion to go through as an unopposed motion, Mr. Borden and Mr. McMillen both stood, as they wished to talk to it and the premier had to say stand.

It was well known by every member of the House that if a motion was left off the order paper until two weeks of the session was over then there was no chance of its being gone on with that session. Yet this was the very thing that Mr. Borden did. If Mr. Borden did not know that there were many old and experienced parliamentarians who did. When Mr. Borden could not justify his own negligence he tried to blame it on the government. The government did not control the order paper. Again the motion was put in a way that it could not be carried. The government had to let it as it stood or reject it. There was no opportunity given of amending it. For instance, some parties might want to amend the motion in the election case to the committee and not the Brockville case. This opportunity was not given the House. There was no chance of amending it. The government had to let the motion stand or not permit them to be separated. In doing so he was perfectly within his rights but if he had been anxious for his motion to have been adopted he would have given a chance to amend it.

Sir Louis Davies then referred to the Queen's election case in New Brunswick. In referring Officer Dunn declared a minority. In that case Sir John Thompson had done the principle that all questions affecting the elections act should be referred to the courts with the one exception, namely, as to the qualification of members of parliament. The Sir Louis voted against the motion which Sir John Thompson then advocated and which the gentleman opposite supported because he held that the House had not benefit itself of the privilege of dealing with its own officers, such as returning and deputy returning officers. He was of opinion that that Returning Officer Dunn should have been called upon to amend his decision and see that the candidate who had the majority was returned. The gentleman opposite voted against that proposition. The only one who voted for it on the Conservative side was the present lieutenant governor of Manitoba (Hear, hear, hear). This was on a par with R. L. Borden reading a confession that wrong was done in the local election in West Huron to prove that corruption existed in West Huron and Brockville. (Hear, hear, hear.) Pritchett's affidavit had been secured for a sum of money paid him by Hear, the Conservative organizer. The Conservatives had a history which they should read. He closed with expressing the opinion that no further good could be effected by sending these cases to a committee. Thousands of dollars were already wasted in this way and it would be useless to squander any more.

Dr. Bennett (Simcoe) followed. Dr. Russell moved the adjournment of the debate and the House adjourned at 11:30 o'clock.

Ottawa, May 15.—(Special)—On motion to adjourn the House, Mr. Taylor read a letter which has appeared in several French newspapers to the effect that disagreeable news expected in regard to Anticosti account of the Fox Bay settlers showing no signs of willingness to leave, notwithstanding the offer which the government had made of transportation and land.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that North Bay settlers had selected a plot of land on the shores of Lake Winnipeg or Lake Winnipegosis. The C. P. R. had, at his instance, agreed to carry them through to their destination and the government would carry them to the C. P. R. station. They asked Laurier to give them a respite from the judgment which he had got against them, but he refused. This was all the premier knew about the matter.

Sir Wilfrid, in reply to Hon. Mr. Foster, said that he did not know when Hon. Mr. Tarte would be returning to Canada.

The Senate had another political tussle today with the flax bill and the Liberals

War Notes and News.

London, May 16.—4:30 a. m.—"Food will last until about June 10" is the latest report from the British command. The British commander at Mafeking, Lord Roberts under date of May 7. Five days later the Boers attempted to storm the town, and it is possible that they succeeded, although nothing is known of the attack or its results except through Pretoria reports which have no corroborative news. The British relief column due there now. Ten relief column General Buller was having difficulty in keeping the Boers from crossing the river, and when the Associated Press despatch left Mafeking on May 7, the Boers had killed on the banks of the river, and had captured several of Col. Buller's remaining forces.

"This morning the Boers attacked us. It was a serious business. There is an attacking word. Pass the last."

The Transvaal army has taken a position at Blaauwbaard Pass, near Heilbronn road station 20 miles north of Kroonstad. Its rear-guard is still holding the hills north of the Valsburg River, and the Boers are in the rear of the British reconnoitering parties 20 miles north of Kroonstad.

The Boers have held a council of war and have decided to hold Harrisville as long as possible. Lord Roberts' infantry are still at Kroonstad. The railway line between the Boers and the engineers hope to have the line repaired within three days.

The Boers have put on a ruse of war. The nights are bitterly cold, but the days are hot.

The Free Staters are surrendering in larger numbers than the Boers. One officer of the Transvaal artillery says: "The Boers are nearly fighting this side of Pretoria. Deringing on the Vaal, is indefensible. Heavy guns are being mounted at Pretoria, but General Buller is not prepared to risk a general success is impossible. President Kruger is obstinate and a majority of the Transvaalers hold firmly with him."

It is expected that the Boers will still muster 50,000 men on the fighting line.

General Buller's advance, as his telegrams indicate, was by the instructions of Lord Roberts, and it will cease or go forward as Lord Roberts may direct. General Buller is of opinion that the Boers' object is to keep the Boers employed have been supplemented by an order to drive them to the east of Natal and then move to Harrisville.

General Buller and General Buller are taking possession of the wide regions around the Vaal. A metallic railway Company has issued a statement that Col. Buller-Powell has captured a large force of the Boers.

A war bulletin posted at Pretoria May 12 announced that the British were advancing to the relief of Mafeking.

Maseru, Basutoland, May 15.—A portion of the British force, consisting of 15 years ago, operating only street boxes on a ground circuit and giving excellent results. A few years later the system had been enlarged by the addition of about 24 fire signals placed in each fireman's house, enabling each to readily locate fires. These signals have never given satisfaction on account of their being ordered thin. The bells are only fit for local use, aided by relays and not capable of doing main line service, as they are not in the main line.

The town has therefore obtained relays to do the main line work and the bells are used on a local circuit. A metallic circuit has also been run, and now Woodstock has a good fire alarm system, although the bells need a general overhaul to consider the question of sending a country show this fall. Mr. Rankin Brown was in the chair. It was decided to hold a fair at the exhibition grounds on or about the 21st of September.

Rev. Mr. Simonsen, who has been enroute to Rev. Dr. Kitchum in All Saints church, St. Andrews, arrived in Woodstock Saturday on his way to Centerville. Mr. Simonsen will assume the rectorship of the churches at Centerville and East Florenceville.

The Woodstock brass band has been reorganized and has secured a room in the Cornhill building, Queen street, where the members will practice the coming summer.

A Hundred Thousand Metal Workers May Be Called Out.

New York, May 15.—The joint arbitration committee of the National Metal Trade Association and the International Association of Machinists was in session today at the Murray Hill Hotel. It has been reported that there is a deadlock and that if an agreement is not reached soon 100,000 men may be called out, to strike extending all over the country. Nothing was given out in regard to this matter today. The committee has now been in session several days and, so far as is known, nothing definite has been accomplished. The points in dispute include the recognition of the union, a reduction in hours, a minimum rate of wages and regulations as to apprentices.

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For the Nova Scotia Legislature—Terrible Electrical Storm—House Struck, Chimney Split, But No One Was Hurt—Yarmouth Woman Dead.

Yarmouth, May 15.—This was legislation day for the vacancy in the local legislature. The only candidate nominated was the Liberal candidate, Mr. A. F. Stoneham, who was nominated by Mr. Thomas Killam, of Yarmouth, and Mr. Smith Hillman, of Yarmouth, and at the close of the sheriff's court he was declared elected. The proceedings were exceedingly quiet and there was no speech making.

Yarmouth was visited last night by a terrific thunder and lightning storm, one of the worst that has occurred here for years. The house of Ralph McDonald, on South East street, was struck by lightning. Mrs. McDonald and two children were alone in the house at the time, but miraculously escaped injury. It was found this morning that the bolt had struck the chimney, splitting it down to the cellar. The roof started to burn, but the heavy rain put the fire out.

Captain Henry Webster, of Yarmouth, late master of the ship Samble, who was stricken with paralysis in Fall River, Mass., Thursday last on his way to this town and brought home, is lying at the point of death and no hopes are entertained for his recovery.

The news has been received here of the death in San Antonio, Texas, of Mrs. Nina M. Bordenant, formerly Miss Nina M. Brown, daughter of the late Captain Joseph Brown, of Yarmouth, in her 34th year.

Queens County News. White's Cove, Queens county, May 14.—The death of a well known and highly esteemed resident of this place in the person of William B. Taylor, took place at his home on Thursday, the 3rd. Mr. Taylor, who was in his usual good health, had gone to his nearest neighbor's, McLean, to see his daughter Mabel, who was ill. While there he complained of not feeling well and at once started for home, where he lay down upon a sofa and immediately expired. Mr. Taylor was in his 77th year. He leaves three sons, Charles, of Kentucky; Dr. W. M. Taylor, of Boston, and Fenwick S., who resides on the homestead, and two daughters, Mrs. McDermott, nee Miss Maggie Taylor, a former popular school teacher in this province, and Mrs. Cook, of Boston. All were present at the funeral except Charles and Mrs. McDermott.

Hon. L. P. Harris shipped a number of cattle to St. John by the May Queen this morning. J. E. Austin is this week engaged in the delivery of stock for Chase Bros., of Colborne, Ont., and Brown Bros, nursery.

The marriage of J. Dykeman Purdy, of Upper Jersey, to Miss Annie M. Dunn, of St. John, took place at the residence of C. A. Purdy, 89 Adelaide street, St. John, on the 9th inst. The ceremony was performed by Rev. David Long, pastor of the North End Free Baptist church. The groom is a son of Archibald Purdy, of Jersey.

Farming operations are progressing slowly on account of the cool and unfavorable weather. The owners of low ground are unable to do but little on account of the recent wet weather.

After leaving the camp near Cape Town we rode out here, Stellenbosch, 40 miles from Cape Town. I was a little sick when we got here, not being used to it, but we are having a good time here, all the boys are well and that is the main thing. The only thing against the place is the want of good drinking water, there is lots of good water for cooking or washing, but poor drinking, but otherwise everything is all right. We have good grub and a comfortable bed on the sand, in a tent. I cannot quite realize we are in South Africa when I go out, through the woods it is just like up at Gaspereau in the same kind of trees are here—the Norway pine and the white pine—and great oaks, that look just like the maples, the only difference is the bamboo and palm. The palms are like the little one you have at home, that closes its leaves at night. They grow here very plentiful. I have seen some 15 feet high. I send you some of the seed. Fruit is very plentiful here. We are living on grapes and green figs. As we were passing through the town on our way to camp the people gave us some quinces and water-melon, the quinces are sweet and not like we have at home. I have just returned from foraging and we have stewed quince for supper. We went to look for firewood and came upon a quince orchard, there were about 1,000 barrels growing in that one orchard, so we picked a full tub and will have them for supper. The Maxim gun corps cook their own meals, and mess by themselves, so we have extras whenever we can get them. There are only twelve of us in the corps and we have things all our own way. We are not bothered with a lot of officers like the other members of the squadron. There is no doubt the Canadians have made an everlasting name for themselves, and I see plainly that the idea is to give us every chance, as we are being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. In all probability we will see more engagements than the others of the squadron, and that is what we want, as we are anxious for a fight now.

Hopewell Hill. Hopewell Hill, May 14.—A very great amount of sickness prevails at present in this and the neighboring villages and a number of serious cases are reported. Miss Sarah Shaw, of Chemical Road, is very ill and fears are entertained for her recovery. Mrs. Chesley Smith, of this place, who has been very sick for several weeks, is not improving.

Eighty thousand elephants are required annually to supply the world with ivory. Most of them come from South Africa.

INCIDENTS OF WAR.

Letters from Second Contingent Men. From Trooper McIntosh. Green Point Camp, Cape Town, April 1. Dear Mother—I have not much time at the present to write. The evenings are the only time we have to ourselves, and some of them I am on duty, and we have nothing but the ground to write on with a candle for a light. There are nine men in the tent that I am in, among them Sergt. Ryan, Jack Parks and Ralph Markham.

I have been talking to some of the Gordons, Seatoths, Dublin Fusiliers and others who have been at the front. Most of these are wounded, the others sent here through sickness. I was talking to one of the Yorkshire who lost his fingers, and had a bullet through his helmet and through his right side. He showed me the wound and he had the tunic on with the hole in it, and it was soaked with blood. The bullet went in at his back and out at his head.

I wish I had a week off with my gun. There are lots of snipe and plover right on the camp ground. We are on the shore, something like the West Coast, but about one hundred times larger. We went off one evening to tea, which was provided by some of the ladies, and there were biscuits, cheese and other things. I had a change from bad canned meat, half cooked bread and hard tack three times a day. We have porridge in the morning, and it is all minus. They don't boil it, just put the meal into big tins and pour boiling water on it; then get it with their hands that I don't think they ever wash.

The climate here is fine; just like it is in August at home. The nights are cooler, but I sleep on the sand with one blanket over me. This is a fine place for fruit. Grapes are three pence a pound, the finest I ever saw, and muskmelons and water-melons six pence each. There are other kinds of fruit just as cheap. There are hedges of plumage and elder 15 feet high, and lots of other plants that we had here to grow in the back garden at home. The house-eggs are all of stone with gardens round them, and stone walls in front. Our camp is at the foot of Table Mountain, which is a grand sight.

I have seen some of the first contingent here, who have been sent down through wounds or sickness. Fred Coombs is here in the hospital, wounded in the shoulder. He expects to go to the front in a few days.

Yesterday we had the honor of escorting 222 Boer prisoners to the dock and are going to St. Helena in the Milwaukee. There were just 100 of us taken, and I happened to be one of them. The prisoners marched four deep. We formed on the same rank on each side of them with fixed bayonets and five rounds in the magazine and a hundred rounds in our bandoliers. They were in charge of us gave us some before we left camp what to do if they tried to escape. He said his fully expected to see us in five or six weeks, as it was the last chance they would have. He told us we had to use the bayonet to put our strength to it, and put it in the right place, either on the neck or the back, but they did not give us any trouble. They look just like our own countrymen, and are about from 14 to 65 years of age. They don't like us Canadians. They say we are devils, so I don't expect we will strike many friends among them. I have lost track of the time of year altogether. It is now five o'clock in the afternoon here. It will be about eleven with you. There are a lot of Boer horses with us and they are a grand looking lot.

Sergt. Ryan mentions in this letter has been captured by the Boers.

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