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THE SPEECH.

The speech from the throne on Thursday last was not so much an indication that the government had prepared for the second session of the sixth dominion parliament many measures of an important character. There are, however, some measures foreshadowed which are not wholly without their importance. The Franchise Act, for instance, with its unjust and costly provisions, is to be amended, and the Election Act is to come in for amendment in several particulars. Additional safeguards for life and property in the management of railroads are necessary, and the needed legislation for this will doubtless be obtained. There are some indefinite references to legislation for the Northwest territories which may possibly mean something of importance. The fishery treaty will be submitted for ratification and we doubt not will call on a lengthy and animated discussion. But with these exceptions there is nothing to excite a very great interest or to cause uneasiness.

It had been hoped that the speech would contain some reference to the resolutions adopted by the Interprovincial Conference. We trust, however, we are not to assume, because a reference was made to the resolutions, that the government does not intend to ask for some favorable legislation thereon. The reforms proposed, at least the larger number, seem to meet with the approval of a majority of the people of the different provinces. They are practicable and urgent. The financial resolutions particularly at once suggest their importance and the justice of the claim. We trust that the government will ask for the resolutions the favorable consideration of parliament.

Although little has been promised, it is to be hoped that the session will be fruitful of much wise legislation.

RESTLESS EUROPE.

Notwithstanding the recent assurance of peace which Bismarck gave the world, there are indications that war may at any time break out. Russia seems anxious to measure swords with some of the European nations, while she is evidently determined that Prince Ferdinand shall stand down from the Bulgarian throne. The other powers are watching their northern neighbor with jealous eyes, anxious to stay her grasping hand, and yet afraid to offend that mighty power. In the event of a conflict it is more than probable that Britain would be drawn into the quarrel, a quarrel in which she should have no concern. For years the powers of Europe have been preparing for war, and while foreign nations may look without much anxiety on their preparations, they will have reason to be deeply concerned should war be at any time declared. Even Canada would feel uneasy, and await with anxiety the close of what may be a mighty struggle. Let us hope that the clouds which threaten the European sky may yet clear away, and that the nations may be left undisturbed to pursue "the ennobling art of peace."

THE PENNSYLVANIA STRIKERS.

The Pennsylvania coal miners who struck work some time ago have resumed work, the owners of the mines having effected a compromise with them. The difficulty would long ago have been settled with but little loss to the men or their employers, had not one of the lead capitalists more remarkable for stubbornness than for policy, refused to listen to the proposals of the strikers. The stand which he took gained for him the support of the weaker capitalists who must ever follow a leader, and thus weeks passed without a concession being made by the owners of the mines. The pressure however, which was brought to bear upon the capital by those who had dealings with him, and whose business was becoming seriously affected, was more than the monied man could withstand, and thus a compromise had to be effected. Had it not been for this, months would doubtless have passed without either employers or employed yielding a single point. Though workmen are often most obstinate in their demands, they appear in this case to have asked only what was due them.

DEPRECIATING THEIR OWN MANUFACTURES.

Notwithstanding Postmaster-General McLean's continued assertions that Canadians should encourage home industry by purchasing their goods from their own manufacturers he has found it more profitable to himself to give home manufactures the slip and to make his own purchases in Britain. Wanting to fit the postman out in new uniforms he recently ordered five hundred yards of serge from Britain and procured himself upon effecting a saving to Canada on the transaction of \$75. The serge was, of course, admitted free of duty. If the government find it to their advantage to make their purchases outside of Canada, they can surely not with reason find fault with those who in private transactions prefer to deal with other than Canadian manufacturers. Mr. McLean evidently does not think much of Canadian goods, but he probably thinks as much of them as do the majority of the people of Canada. Without knowing it, the postmaster-general has been the social National Policy a severe rap and has put a discount upon Canadian manufactures. Had the purchases been made from of upper provinces monopolies, the department would have been treated to shoddy. It is all right that private individuals should have worthless goods foisted upon them, but it is a different thing when the government is the purchaser.

THE BAIT QUESTION.

The Americans evidently attach very little importance to the fact that their fishermen are not allowed to purchase bait in Canada. If the American consul men had pressed for this privilege, it too would doubtless have been granted. They do not want to buy bait because they can provide it for themselves. The New York Herald referring to the matter says:—"For more than half a century our fishermen depended on American bait-men. The only reason we finally went to Nova Scotia for part of it was that the price of menhaden had been greatly enhanced by the establishment of the menhaden oil industry along our coast, and this also affected the supply. The Nova Scotians, not having menhaden oil factories, sold their bait at the old price. Of late our people, driven out of Canadian harbors, have again relied exclusively on American bait. A considerable business has thus been started along our coast, and in agreeing that Canada may forbid the purchase of bait by American fishermen, we have not inconvenienced our fishermen to any extent, while we foster the new industry of bait procuring on our own shores and by Americans. The Canadians have lost a market for their bait, which was very valuable to them."

NEWS OF THE WORLD CONDENSED.

From Our Own Telegraphic Reports and Our Exchanges.

Personal, Political and Religious News of the Day.

Cable, American, Canadian and General Topics.

Every snow storm continues throughout Europe, causing a general stoppage of traffic.

The expenses of the English commission to recent fisheries negotiations was £3,900.

There were some exciting scenes during the election of members on the Penobscot state at Vassal, Me., Thursday.

The British Medical Journal says it has the highest authority for stating that the German crown price begins to progress satisfactorily.

It is stated that the Bulgarian government has recently resolved to reject any proposal to detain Prince Ferdinand, even if such a proposal be supported by the powers.

Father Kennedy and eight farmers have been sentenced to two months' imprisonment for attending a meeting of a representative branch of the National League at Newmarket, Ireland.

A plan of campaign victory, near Lyons, France, was celebrated with bonfire Thursday night. Sir Henry Burke has granted twenty five per cent. reduction to his tenants, very legal claim, and has refused to accept, says legal cost of their maintenance since eviction. Mr. McGowan, member of parliament for the district, has announced a reduction of 33 per cent.

The Nova Scotia legislature opened Thursday.

Premier Mercur is at Rome and has had audience with the Pope.

The ten-year-old daughter of John St. John, of Toronto, was fatally burned by an exploding lamp setting fire to her clothing.

Albe Hamel, of New York, was robbed of \$2,400 on the Delaware & Hudson train Thursday morning, while en route for Montreal.

Thomas Murray, of Toronto, aged 60, while shingling a house fell from the roof to the ground fracturing his skull. He died almost instantly.

Wylie's sawmill, at Midland, Ont., with machinery, was burned Thursday morning. The loss is \$20,000, insurance, \$4,000. The fire was incendiary.

In the case of the convicted murderer in Toronto, the death sentence on Bull will be carried out. It is expected that Gamble's punishment will be mitigated to life imprisonment.

The Manitoba Legislature meets again Thursday next, but is expected to be only a session. Laurier says he has no resignation, and probably will be re-elected.

Toronto Truth says: To tell the age of any horse, inspect the lower jaw, of course; and the sixth front tooth the tell, and every doubt and fear dispel.

Two middle "nippers" who beheld the colt in two weeks old. Before eight weeks two more will come. The outside grooves will disappear from middle two in just one year. In two years from the second pair; in three the corner, too, are bare.

At two the middle "nippers" drop; at three the second pair can't stop. When four years old the third pair goes; at five a full row of six should be showing. The deep black spots will pass from view at six years from the middle two. The second pair at seven years.

At eight the spot each "corner" clears. From middle "nippers" upper jaw. At nine the black spots will withdraw. The second pair at ten are white; eleven finds the "corner" light.

At time goes on, the horseman knows, the oral teeth three-sided grow; they longer get, project before. Till twenty; when we know no more.

With Postmaster-General. Sir, Not long since I was walking in the city with a celebrated physician. As we passed a house surrounded with every evidence of wealth and refinement he spoke to me. "I have a patient in there who is dying and who has been beyond all help. And none of them know what is the matter with her. 'Why doctor,' said I 'what do you mean?' I mean just this. Her husband is just literally asphyxiated in tobacco, until the insupportable pressure from his body has become a deadly poison, and his wife has absorbed enough of this, and had before I was called in. So it will die. At an advanced where they treat patients for the cure of the tobacco habit, a man just brought in was washed as clean as anything could make him. And then some fine were allowed to light on him. In five minutes by the watch they were dead. There was poison enough in the preparation that came out of the man, washed as clean as possible, to kill them. You can imagine what it would be when he wasn't washed perhaps, to spend hours with a man who had been in the habit of smoking."

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PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

The Address in Reply Passes the Commons.

Speeches of the Premier, the Liberal Leader and Others.

Dissatisfaction with the Fishery Treaty Expressed.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24. In the house of commons, to-day, the address in reply to the speech from the throne was moved by Mr. Montague, who made a long speech in support of the government. Mr. Jones seconded the address in French, expressing satisfaction with the fishery treaty.

MR. LAURIER, on rising to criticize the government's programme, was loudly cheered by the opposition. He expressed the deep regret of the opposition, which he was about to express, that the fishery treaty was not a success. The measure, he said, was a failure, and even if adopted, might not be put in force. Last year parliament was told that it was necessary to have the attention of the country to a special department of trade and commerce should be at once created. The act had been passed but was not acted upon. The interests of trade and commerce were forgotten, or were in the hands of the opposition, which he was about to express. The measure, he said, was a failure, and even if adopted, might not be put in force. Last year parliament was told that it was necessary to have the attention of the country to a special department of trade and commerce should be at once created. The act had been passed but was not acted upon. 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