

THE ORACLES AT OTTAWA

A SMALL AMOUNT OF BUSINESS GRAND OUT YESTERDAY.

New Acts—But as the introduction of the Dominion of Quebec—Dominion Rifle Association Meeting.

Special Despatch to The World. OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—The following bills were introduced to-day: Act to amend the Indian Act of 1880, Sir John. Act to amend the liquor license act, Mr. Bolduc. Act to amend the Canada temperance act, Mr. Robertson. Act to further amend the patent act, Mr. White. Act respecting ferries, Mr. Patterson.

In answering Mr. Landry, Sir Charles Tupper said that the government would throw open the St. Charles branch to the traveling public next July. Replying to Mr. Landry, Sir Charles said it would not be necessary to make any reduction in rates on the Intercolonial between St. Charles and Quebec.

Repeating to Mr. Blake, Mr. Powell said W. Bushell, D. Bassard and J. Lang were placed on the temporary list at the Windsor, Ont., custom house last year at \$1 a day.

Mr. Caron, replying to Mr. Cameron, said that H. H. Smith was employed in the militia department at Ottawa. Mr. Heston asked if when Senator Ogilvie and Mr. Bantlin offered their personal security to the government for the last advance of \$100,000 to the Exchange bank, did the finance minister require them to exhibit a statement of their affairs in order to enable him to determine as to the sufficiency of the proposed security.

Sir John Macdonald, replying to Mr. Reid, said it was not the present intention of the government to define the boundary between British Columbia and the Northwest territories. The committee appointed to take evidence as to the feasibility of the navigation of Hudson's bay and straits met to-day for organization. It was decided to examine Prof. Bell of the geological survey first.

The demands of the Quebec government, the members of which are now in the city to interview the Dominion government, are that the province be repaid \$12,000 per mile for a railway from Ottawa to Quebec, being compensation for a subsidy of \$12,000 for a mile paid to the Canada Central, and for a subsidy voted to the railway from Callender to Gravenhurst. They will also ask that the subsidy of the province be increased by 20 cents per head, on the basis of the last census.

Lieut. Gov. Robitaille is also here to urge better terms for the province. The time of the house from 8 till adjournment at 12 was consumed in discussing Mr. Cameron's act to further amend the law of evidence in criminal cases which was up for a second reading. Mr. Tupper, Jr., Mr. Chaplain and others made speeches against the bill. Mr. Laurier and others favored the bill. The house divided on a motion to go into committee of the whole to consider it, with 80 in favor of the bill and 81 against. Sir John voted for it.

Mr. Heston will ask the government to-morrow what steps will be taken to recover the \$100,000, which Senator Ogilvie and Mr. Bantlin guaranteed when the money was advanced to the Exchange bank. A private telegram from Montreal announces that all negotiations looking towards the amalgamation of the two Hudson bay railway companies have fallen through. A resolution was passed to that effect.

DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION. Satisfactory Reports—Lord Lansdowne Present—Speaker Kirkpatrick Elected President. OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—The annual report of the Dominion rifle association presented at the meeting of the association to-day states that the work accomplished and the position maintained by the association during the past year have been such as to merit the approbation of the association, its members and supporters. The thanks of the association are tendered to Lorne and Louise for contributions to the prize fund. The treasurer's report shows receipts \$14,869, and expenditure \$14,826.

Col. Gzowski, chairman, congratulated the association on the report and moved its reception. Speaker Kirkpatrick seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. Col. Gzowski introduced Lord Lansdowne, who made a speech referring to the great interest taken in the association by Lord Lorne, and promised to imitate his example. He said he was one of eleven Elton boys who shot at Wimbledon. He moved Speaker Kirkpatrick for president. The motion was adopted.

Parliamentary Points. OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—The argument in the Bothwell election appeal was continued before the supreme court to-day, Mr. Cameron contending that all uninitiated ballots should be rejected as well as those from which the returning officer's initial had been erased. Mr. Lash will reply and judgment will be given before Saturday.

Mr. Hickson, general manager of the Grand Trunk railway, arrived here this morning to use his influence against the Canadian Pacific railway loan. The delegation from Huntingdon and Chateaugay who were seeking authority for the Grand Trunk extension through their counties have left for home without interviewing the minister. The Grand Trunk's protest settled all doubts as to the result of their mission.

Messrs. Roberts and Blanchet of the Quebec government had a long interview with Sir Hector Langevin this morning on the better terms question. Sir Hector urged them to postpone their demands and not embarrass his government at the present critical juncture, but the Quebec men regard this as their only opportunity, and will make the most of it.

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Railway across the English Channel. PARIS, Feb. 13.—The parliamentary committee on the initiative to-day considered a project for the construction of an overhead railway across the channel from France to England. Vice-Admiral Byron, minister of marine, opposed the project, saying such a work would be dangerous to shipping, and anyway it was necessary to obtain England's consent.

Mandarin Published. PARIS, Feb. 13.—It is asserted that the court of Hue has punished the mandarin who permitted the massacre of Annamite Christians in the provinces of Phanho and Nghien.

The two mandarins who were the instigators of the massacre were conveyed to the prison at Hong Kong. It is said that over fifty Christians were massacred in the neighborhood of Hue, and that the mission houses were demolished.

Swindlers Sent to Jail. LIVERPOOL, Feb. 13.—In the trial of the corn merchant, John H. J. J., and Wm. J. Mullins, charged with obtaining by false pretenses £16,000 from the Northwestern bank, to-day, both were condemned to imprisonment, the first for 18 and the last for 3 months.

Glendon's Government Commended. LONDON, Feb. 13.—A conservative meeting all over the country last night commended the policy of the government was commended and confidence expressed that parliament would speedily be dissolved and the present government would triumph at the next election.

Consistency in Branding. NORTHAMPTON, Feb. 13.—Bradlaugh addressed a crowded meeting here this evening in defense of his action in parliament. The meeting afterward passed a unanimous vote of confidence in him.

Prominent Persons. Aa. on Bernstein, German publicist, is dead.

James Smart, the new sheriff of Leeds and Grentham, is a taxider by trade.

It is rumored that King Ceterus was poisoned and a post mortem will be held.

R. W. Phipps is one of the ablest men on the continent of America. Regina was visited by a reception to the diplomatic corps at Washington Tuesday night. It was a brilliant affair.

The verdict of the New York critics is that Princess Ida does not come up to any of Gilbert and Sullivan's previous works.

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THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE

PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL PARK AT NIAGARA FALLS.

Improved School Architecture Demanded—Bad Meat at the Central Prison—Other Matters Discussed.

In the legislature yesterday, after routine business, Mr. Mowat, in response to Mr. Morris, said the parliament of Canada had not passed an act declaring the boundary between the province of Ontario and Quebec and that no correspondence had passed between the Dominion and Ontario governments on the subject for a long time.

In reply to Mr. Ermatinger, Mr. Ross (Huron) said that it was not the intention of the government to make any change in the grant to the provincial exhibition. Mr. Hardy in answer to Mr. Baekerville explained the action of the government with regard to emigrants from Ireland.

Mr. Harcourt moved for a return of copies of all correspondence with the government, or any member thereof, relating to the project of establishing an international, Dominion or provincial park at Niagara Falls. In the course of a long speech in favor of the setting apart of necessary ground, the hon. member referred to the project for cutting down the trees on the island of the Falls.

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Mathew Arnold's second lecture was attended by a considerably increased audience as compared with that of Tuesday afternoon. The distinguished lecturer was once more presented to the audience by Goldwin Smith, and assuredly Toronto has given him the best audience she has to give, the culture and talent of the city being fully represented. Mr. Arnold began by quoting Dr. Johnson's harsh saying that patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel, which he interpreted to mean that the patriotic self-interest sentiment is the worship of the majority, who are generally in the wrong. They lack perspective and permanence. The saints and sages insist on this truth with a force that we are apt, at first sight, to think unreasonably severe.

The divine Plato among the Greeks said that a lover of wisdom was among the people of the Athenian society of his day like a man fallen among wild beasts, he was with them but not of them. Such too was the uncomprehending sentence of Bishop Butler. Such was the sentence of the great English statesman and the greatest among them, the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah said that the people of Israel had altogether gone astray, and if the Lord had made the mistake of supposing that the remnant of righteous men in the society of Judah in his time was sufficient to secure its salvation.

Immanuel and the remnant of righteousness had not, he hoped, been adequate to save the Jewish nation. Most of us know the teaching of the new testament on this subject, before Mr. Bradlaugh in England and the congress of free-thinkers in America have altogether abolished that book which would quote a text which embodied its teaching. Whatsoever things are amiable and of good report, have those things in their minds that was the true politics, the true salvation of states and peoples.

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