





## WOMEN SUFFRAGE.

(To the Editor of the Farmer.)

Sum.—In view of the discussion on extending the franchise to women, the following piece of history is interesting; especially as in the hands of lawyers it may be used either for or against Dr. Stoughton's motion.

In A. D. 1881, Edward III summoned a council on the affairs of Ireland, to which four archbishops, thirty barons, seven bishops and four hundred knights, who had estates in Ireland were summoned.

Dr. Stoughton might well argue that this is a precedent in favor of women's votes if he is sitting in Parliament. His opponents might argue that as the experiment was not repeated, it could not be regarded as successful.

Yours obediently,

April 8, 1889.

## Town and Country.

The robbers have come. The streets are drying up. The Supreme Court opened yesterday. Navigation ought to be open inside of two weeks. The Legislature will probably close early next week. The Central Railway surveying party have reached Oshawa.

Mayor John Dwyer and John Hurley have been elected to the Board of Councillors.

The best unadorned shirt in the market for one dollar at Edgewood's.

Mr. Edgewood has a carpet for every home in the city and country.

The City Council, at a special meeting Saturday evening, decided not to ask legislation this session to empower them to give a grant for a public library.

Dr. W. V. S. S. a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, has arrived and intends practicing here. He is a son of Coun. Henry of Prince William.

Mr. Douglas, M. P., was called to his home at Moore's Mill, Charlotte County, last week, by the death of his only son, a worthy young man, 18 years of age.

Daniel Harris and a Frenchman named Haney were drowned Thursday, at Mc Donald's Rapids, 30 miles from Fredericton, while proceeding to O'Leary's lumber camp.

Patrick McDonough, an industrious and respected mechanic, employed for many years in the New Brunswick Railway, died at his home on King street, Monday night after a brief illness from congestion.

In the Police Court yesterday, Messrs. Edwards and Coleman were convicted and sentenced to two months in jail for a third violation of the Soots Act, but their cases will be hung up like the others by the action of the Supreme Court.

The British North American Stamp Co., pays the following prices for old N. B. Stamps: 25 cts. for 34, 75 cts. for 64, and 85 cts. for 1 shilling. P. O. A. Winslow, P. O. Box 330, Fredericton.

Mr. W. G. Gausse has severed his connection with the Confederation Life Insurance Company, and gone, it is said to the United States to seek employment. His friends assert that he will meet all his financial liabilities as soon as he is in a position to do so.

The 24 column edition of the Sun, issued last week, was a publication full of excellent matter, reviewing Sir John's progress and development. The enterprise displayed by the Sun management was only equalled by the favor with which it was received by the public.

There was a large number of people at the concert Thursday evening, and the programme was faithfully carried out, all those taking part acquitting themselves most creditably.

Mr. John Black, editor and proprietor of the Sun, has carried it through so successfully, may congratulate himself on having added a very handsome amount to the funds of the Women's Aid Association.

The Fairbank has been pleased in adding to its exchange list, the *Westchester Pioneer*, a new weekly paper published at Champlain, N. Y., by Mr. O. Bruce McDougall. Our youngest provincial contemporary is a spirited, well written sheet, full of news, short editorial paragraphs and excellent selections.

Mr. McDougall has our best wishes for a full measure of success in his undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lacy are receiving the condolences of their friends in the loss of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Lacy, who died Friday, at her home on Brunswick street, after a short illness.

The young lady had a large circle of friends who heard of her death with very sincere regret. She was only 23 years old, a bright, happy girl, and her loss to her parents and friends is a very sad one. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon and was very largely attended.

Nelson Campbell is receiving his spring stock, consisting of ladies' gentlemen's and children's boots and shoes of latest styles and finish, carefully selected from the leading reliable houses of Canada and the United States. New cuts, new styles and new prices, all to suit the taste and pocket of the English and American trade and Cape for style and finish, outstrips anything ever shown in Fredericton. Don't fail to call on him early and often.

Says the *Calcutta Times*:—On Saturday afternoon a stabbing affair took place at Smyrna, India, between one Peter Michael, a native of Frenchville, and George Cass of Fredericton, N. B., the former receiving a deep cut in his right side from a knife in the hand of the latter. The trouble arose over a bottle of liquor as the men were returning from the woods. Cass was arrested and taken to Houlton where a hearing took place before Justice Wood. He was bound over under \$5,000 bonds to await the decision of the Supreme Court to be held in May. The wounded man is in bad condition, but has a chance of recovery.

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## OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

### Amendments to the Franchise Act

The Short Line Railway Discussed in the Senate.

The Harvey-Salisbury Link will be Built.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, April 8th.

The main subject for consideration in the Commons this week, has been over the second reading of Sir John Thompson's bill to amend the Franchise Act.

The bill, introduced by Mr. Laurier, Sir John Thompson said that the bill now presented was introduced last session, after which it lay dormant. It was stated to the house at that time that provision would be made for printing the electoral lists during the recess in the Bureau at Ottawa. That has been done and the main features of the bill, is to make the list as printed and now ready, available for all persons who have a right to vote. The bill therefore provides, that as soon after the first of June as practicable, availing himself of all sources of information which they may provide, the revising officer shall make supplementary lists, and a supplementary list of those to be struck off. These lists are to be sent to Ottawa to be placed in the hands of the revising officer, and to be distributed to the proper persons. In accordance with this provision a day for making a revision, and he then takes up the supplementary list so prepared of additions and deletions from the electoral lists, and proceeds with the revision in the way prescribed. The electoral list will be prepared immediately after the first of June of each year, and will be in the hands of the revising officer by the first of July. The bill provides that persons who are disqualified by law from voting for anything but corrupt practices shall be liable to be disqualified from being placed on the list. The object is to make the list as far as possible final.

There was a

GOOD DEAL OF DISCUSSION

over the bill, the opposition in general opposing it. The bill, however, was carried, they were willing to agree that the amendments proposed were good, but the contention they had is that there was no necessity for a Dominion franchise and that in fact the only satisfactory mode to pursue, was to allow each province to regulate its own franchise, for the Dominion franchise.

In the course of his remarks on the question, Sir John Macdonald considerably amused the house by stating that the government had no intention of appealing to the country this year, after the heavy vote he had received a few days ago (referring to the recent election).

Sir Richard Cartwright got in a pretty good one on the Premier. He said he had little fear that Sir John would appeal to the country this year. After the recent election he had no doubt that Sir John had taken a peculiar fancy to do so. He said that Sir John had a peculiar desire to test the affections of that Province. Under these circumstances, he was a general thing the members of the opposition were rather incredulous of Sir John's promises, he thought his statement might be thoroughly credited. A large number of members on each side took part in the debate.

Mr. Laurier moved in amendment that the bill not now be read the second time, but that it be referred to the committee on the bill. The amendment was carried, and the bill was referred to the committee on the bill.

The Atlantic & North Western Railway Co. bill, passed last night in the Senate on Monday. Senator Power from Halifax, in a speech on the subject, said that the Short Line bill has been completed so far as the House of Commons is concerned.

MAKES CONNECTION WITH ST. JOHN.

The portion of the road, however, which was to shorten the distance to Halifax and to Montreal and all points south and east of that section of the road has not been begun, although under a contract made between the Company whose act of incorporation was the Atlantic & North Western Railway Co., and the Government of New Brunswick, that section of the road between Fredericton and Salisbury was to have been completed within a very short period. Mr. Power then quoted this provision of the bill.

"That the extension of time granted by this Act in respect of the portion of the line between Fredericton and Salisbury or Montreal shall not be continued beyond the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, unless by a resolution of the Senate passed on or before that day the company shall have expended on that portion of the line the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, to the satisfaction of the Minister of Railways and Canals; in which case the time for the completion of that portion of the line shall be extended for a further period of two years."

He continued, saying that the people of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, New Brunswick who were solemnly promised in 1885 that this road would be completed by the first day of 1890, and now a very binding guarantee that \$100,000 shall be spent on the portion of the road between Fredericton and Salisbury previous to the 1st of Jan. 1890. He thought this was a great falling off from the promise that was solemnly made four years ago. As a representative from Nova Scotia, he felt it his duty to express his great regret and disappointment at the present position of affairs. He did not find fault with the Atlantic & North Western Railway Co., or virtually the C. P. R. They went into the road as a matter of business and he understood that the road between Lennoxville and Metembaque had cost about 50 per cent more than the Company expected. He blamed the government for having chartered for the very route which Dr. de Bertram had shown them what a serious loss it is sure to be to the administration, even if they are not the culpable parties, if the government has given to the Maritime people, it should be found they were made for to be broken.

Dr. de Bertram has been in Ottawa for a week or more, waiting for an interview with the Railway committee. He appeared before them, but got very slim satisfaction. The doctor's scheme was to secure a charter to extend his line from Beauséjour to Kingston, thence to Buctouche by Richibucto, with the railway system in Prince Edward Island. If his proposal had been carried out, it would have completely fixed the Kent Peninsula, and indeed that body has a charter for the very route which Dr. de Bertram was after. The Dr. explained to the committee that his demand was acceded, he would build a line of steamers to carry across to Island, but it unfortunately leaked out that the gauge of the doctor's road was 4 feet 8 1/2 inches, while the gauge of the Maritime line was 5 feet 6 inches, and other considerations led the committee to dismiss Dr. de Bertram's proposal in double quick time.

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