





PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, May 18.—In the House of Commons today, Hon. Mr. Fielding, answering Mr. Bell, stated that no special changes had been made in the financial estimates between the government and Nova Scotia from January, 1898, to July 1st, 1903, although there has been a general readjustment in 1903 and 1904. The amount at the credit of Nova Scotia is now \$1,638,111.

The government intends participating in the St. Louis exposition in 1904, and special Canadian commissioners will be appointed. Mr. Fielding moved for the appointment of Charlton, Casgrain, Russell, Barber, Demers (St. John and Ibberville), and George Thompson (Haldimand), in addition to the second committee to consider the further revision of the election act. He hoped for good results, but would remove any that all evils would be removed unless human nature was changed.

Mr. Mulock's bill to aid in the settlement of railway strikes went through committee and stands for its third reading. The amendments proposed in that case of a strike on the intercolonial one arbitrator shall be appointed by the minister of railways and the second by the men and the third by the lieutenant-governor in council in the provinces where the strike occurs. In case of a general strike the minister of railways shall determine which province shall act.

In reply Mr. Monk again asked for an announcement as to Prefontaine's position in regard to the public works department. He pointed out that Prefontaine would have been defeated in Montserrat if he had not represented the electors that he was to have, and that he had followed the same course. Hundreds voted for the government on this understanding and the opposition wanted a definite answer. He referred to the marine and fisheries portfolio and stated that Prefontaine had to force himself on the party as a member of the government.

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The Japanese government has placed an order for fifteen thousand tons of Canadian flour, the first result of Canada's representation at Osaka. UNIVERSITY OF ST. JOSEPH. MEMORANDUM, May 15.—The formation of the St. Joseph's Literary and Dramatic Society was on the evening of the 6th inst. It being the first meeting the members decided to give vent to their feelings, and after the speech making was finished they made the hall of old St. Joseph's ring with their merry songs and hearty cheers.

Considerable interest is being taken in base ball this year, and the three leagues teams, Republicans, Democrats and Royalists, are well on with their work. Although many good games have been played, the diamond within the past three weeks, yesterday's between the Royalists and Democrats was certainly the game of the season. Thirty-seven innings were necessary to decide the game, which resulted in a score of 6-11 in favor of the Royalists. From the 5th to the 13th inning the score stood 0-0. The game was a long one, and started that neither team had given the contest merely for the sake of their health, but with the determination of the club.

The chief features of the game were the good pitching of Mr. La Belle, the home run of Mike McManis, the effective short stop work by 'Tip' O'Neill of St. George and the clever work of E. Gallagher on second base. Considerable interest was manifested by the many spectators, who frequently enlivened the game by their vociferous cheering and shouting. The many friends of Father Teasler, C.E.C., will be pleased to learn that the rev. gentleman, who has been confined to the infirmary for the past two weeks, is now recovering and is able to be about again.

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GRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

In the New England States on Sunday.

ATHEOL, Mass., May 17.—While under the influence of liquor and without provocation, Sumner O. Varney, a teamster, boarding with William Fisher and wife on Main street, tonight shot Mrs. Fisher, inflicting a slight wound, then attempted to take his own life, but without success. He was arrested, and says he has been drinking heavily and that poor whitey alone was responsible for his act. Varney had boarded at Fisher's the past few months.

BOSTON, May 17.—Her clothes taking fire from a kerosene lamp Mrs. Hannah Williams, a widow, was fatally burned last evening. She died on the way to the hospital. The body of Malcolm Ainsley, a ten year old boy, who had been missing from his home since Friday, was found in the Neponset river today.

WEST HANOVER, Mass., May 17.—An explosion occurred this afternoon in the factory of the National Fire Works Co., badly damaging the building and seriously injuring W. Shepard, an employe, who was at work upon a machine when the explosion took place. One of his legs was badly bruised and he sustained a compound fracture of the left arm and serious burns about the body. He was taken to the hospital in Boston. None of the other employes were injured.

NEWPORT, R. I., May 17.—Nothing has occurred today in connection with the street railway troubles to disturb the ordinary Sunday quiet of the city. Two policemen have been kept on duty about the location of the switch on Broadway and will be stationed there until the street is opened. Street R. R. officials either obtain an injunction or abandon the proposed switch.

SHE WANTED TO GO TO CONEY. Thirteen Men Tried in Vain to Get a 400 Pound Colored Woman to Board a Car. (Brookline, Mass., 13th.) It wasn't the fault of three policemen and ten Brooklynites that a colored woman weighing nearly four hundred pounds didn't go to Coney Island last night. For fifteen minutes she endeavored to get her aboard a car, and when nothing would do from their efforts, they gave up in despair. The woman walked away, or waddled away, indignantly.

Several open cars passed by, and just as the woman was becoming impatient a closed car rounded the loop. She started to get up the woman aboard. She could not get up on the step and she called Policemen James and Ripper to her assistance. The three policemen and the woman aboard the car. She got her up to the platform, but she stuck fast and couldn't get past the gate. About ten men were waiting for the Brooklyn car, but their combined efforts could not get the woman into the car.

In the meantime the colored woman grew very much excited and harangued the policemen, calling them "no good" and "scoundrels" and suggesting that they go to the "baby carriage brigade." The woman was then backed from the step of the car and after she had regained her breath, asked them to try an open car. They tried for five minutes, but had to give up. Then the woman waddled away, very indignant, and the three who had assisted her in particular.

GREAT BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED. LONDON, May 15.—The Commonwealth's largest battleship, 13,500 tons, was launched at Govan on the Clyde yesterday afternoon. She is the first vessel of the British navy to have ten six-inch guns protected by an extended barbette, instead of by casemates. Her other armaments consist of twenty-four small guns. The battleship's speed is to be 18 1/2 knots per hour, and she will carry a crew of 125 men. Her engines are to develop 14,000 horse power.

DIPHTHERIA IN CHATHAM. A well known commercial traveller has just returned from a trip up the North Shore. He says that Chatham is still under the influence of a diphtheria epidemic. When he was there, a few days ago, there were forty odd houses placed, in many of which there were several cases. All necessary precautions are being taken and the physicians have the outbreak well in hand.

The 214 wells completed in the Bakura (Russia) oil field show an average depth of 1,300 feet and an average initial production of 232 barrels per day, against an average depth of 1,045 feet and an average production of 232 barrels per day. The wells were completed in 1901, indicating a very material increase in the depth of the wells. Oil is a non-renewable commodity and the increasing production of the wells is a cause for concern.

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CHARLES MORRELL GOVE was a son of the late Jeremiah Gove and brother of the late Samuel Tilley Gove, M. D. Gove was born at Georgetown, N. B., from whence with his parents he removed to St. John. C. M. Gove was at one time a prominent port merchant in St. John, occupying a large brick warehouse on a wharf on Water street near the ferry landing.

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ST. PAUL, Minn., May 18.—It has been learned that the St. Paul and Winnipeg railway has been successfully financed. The capital will run from St. Paul to Duluth and will connect with the Northern at Beauport.

HOME OF THE SWEAT-BOX

Chicago Telegram Secret Torture by its Police—Will it Recede to the South?

(Chicago Chronicle.) After being starved and otherwise tortured for a week a boy has made a "confession" implicating his parents in a crime.

There is no strange that the conscience of the community should be scandalized by such police methods. When the attention of Chief O'Neill was called to the latest outrage of this nature he is reported to have critically replied that he knows no law to prevent the police from asking questions.

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PILGRIMAGE OF LOVELL'S FERRY.

A Pen Picture of the Late Doukhobor Outbreak.

(Special Cor. Toronto Globe.) SASKATOON, May 8.—An epidemic of religious fanaticism has swept over the Doukhobor villages along the North Saskatchewan. Three years of unrelenting toil has produced amazing results in these communities, which are rapidly model farming settlements for the whole Northwest.

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AT THE FERRY.

One mounted policeman was sent on to warn the farmers against allowing his pilgrims to cross and when the band arrived at the river edge, three miles from town, they found the chain ferry hung up in midstream.

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THE CENTRE OF DISTURBANCE.

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ONE WOMAN KILLED.

And Two Other Persons Injured by Collapse of a Veranda—Miraculous Escape of Others.

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MOTHER OF NINE GOT HOUSE BY STRATEGY.

"They are in the Cemetery," she told the Inquiring Landlord When Asked About Children—And So They Were.

(New York Herald, April 30.) After having tried in vain to rent a house in Bayonne, and being refused because she had nine children, a woman yesterday found a real estate dealer and purchased a year's lease of the house she wished.

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WANTED.

WANTED—Lost keys and salaried to sell ornamental case. Fruit tree. St. John, N. B. NURRIE COMPANY, Toronto, Ont.

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.

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WOOD'S PHOSPHORUS.

The Great Phosphorus. The best medicine for all ailments of the lungs and throat.

MONTEBELL, May 18.—Prof. Harlow.

of Bryn Mawr College has been appointed the vacant chair of the Reseach professorship of mathematics in McGill University.

OTTAWA, May 17.—In some churches.

today prayers were offered for rain and for the recovery of the crops of those who have suffered loss from bush fires. Whole hamlets have been destroyed on the Gatineau river, and the loss of life and property will be terribly severe.

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