

PARLIAMENT.

Monday.—On the opening of the house the death of Sir Oliver Mowatt was made the object of sympathetic remark by the Premier, Mr. Borden and Mr. Clarke, of Toronto.

The budget debate was continued by Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Tarte.

Tuesday.—Mr. Charlton continued the budget debate. He strongly advocated reciprocity, and thought it might be secured. If the United States failed to meet Canada's wishes, this country should have recourse to drastic measures which would bring our neighbors to their senses.

Thursday.—The budget debate was continued by Messrs. Clancy, Davis and Dr. Sproule.

Friday.—Routine and more talk on the budget.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Monday.—The time for introducing private bills was extended five days.

The law committee reported against the bill to vest the appointment of the chief of police of St. John in the city council.

The bill to authorize the surveyor general to purchase land from the New Brunswick Railway Co. and to dispose of the same was agreed to.

The following bills were also agreed to:

To change the time of holding the annual congregational meeting of St. James' church, Newcastle.

To incorporate the trustees of the Main street Baptist church at Newcastle.

To confirm the issuing of bonds and stock by the New Brunswick Southern Railway Company, and also to confirm the transfer of the Shore Line Railway to said company.

Tuesday.—After routine, the speaker left the chair, and Prof. Robertson addressed the members and others on the subjects of agricultural education and consolidated schools. He advocated the establishment of an agricultural college. The first cost of such an institution need not exceed \$25,000, and cost of maintenance \$12,000 per year. It would be a good plan to have special course of study lasting two or three weeks on treatment of soil, improvement of seeds, care of live stock, blacksmithing, etc., and thought 500 farmers would be induced to enter for instruction each year.

He spoke at some length in regard to the consolidated school to be established in Kingston, Kings County, of the MacDonald fund, and also school gardens to be introduced in Carleton County, and urged the legislature to vote the sum of \$20,000 for the extension of the system throughout the province.

At the evening sitting, Provincial Secretary Tweedie presented the estimates of receipts and expenditures for the year, and made his budget speech. He estimates the receipts at \$816,184.34 and the expenditure at \$802,926.46.

Wednesday.—Some petitions were presented and bills introduced; and bills to incorporate the Electro Manganese Co. and incorporate the trustees of the Presbyterian church, St. George, to incorporate the trustees of Middle Sackville Baptist church were agreed to.

Mr. Tweedie concluded his budget statement.

Thursday.—The house went into committee, and agreed to the following bills: An act relating to sewerage in the parish of Lancaster, St. John County; an act to authorize the council of the municipality of St. John to issue debentures

for the purpose of paying for certain necessary improvements in the general public hospital; an act to authorize the trustees of school district No. 2, in the parish of Lancaster, to issue debentures; an act relating to the general public hospital in the city of St. John; an act relating to water supply in the parish of Lancaster; an act to incorporate the town of Dalhousie for water, sewerage, fire, light, and police purposes.

The order of the day being called, Mr. Flemming spoke on the financial statement.

Mr. Copp followed.

Friday.—The house on committee agreed to the following bills:

Bill to incorporate the Aluminum Production Co. The company intends to carry on business in Queens County; bill to incorporate the McDonald's Public Hall Co.; bill to enable St. Luke's church, in the parish of Portland, to sell certain lands; bill to change the name of Victoria Adelaide Foster, to Victoria Adelaide Dunlap, the name of the family with whom she has been living for a number of years; bill authorizing the St. John Law Society to borrow money not to exceed \$5,000 at any one time.

Notes and Gleanings.

A Chicago woman is trying to obtain a divorce from her husband because he smokes 100 cheap cigarettes a day and forces her to remain in the room where he smokes.

Native feelings in India have been hurt by the new rupee because the King appears on it without his crown. To be bareheaded is repugnant to the oriental.

Since 1850 the population of the world has doubled; its indebtedness, chiefly for war purposes, has quadrupled. It was eight billions 50 years ago; it is 32 billions today.

The *Kansas City Star* speaks enthusiastically of Higginsville, Mo., saying that it has 2,791 inhabitants, 14 churches, a branch of the Salvation Army, four saloons, paved streets and 400 worthless dogs.

A three-months baby has been successfully operated on for appendicitis in San Francisco. This is supposed to be the record case, as no child of such tender months has gone under the knife before, as far as known.

It is a hopeful sign of the times that a number of American railway corporations have placed a veto on liquor drinking and card playing on their passenger trains. Why cannot such a wholesome innovation be enforced by Canadian railway managers?

Great Britain has the smallest army and the largest navy of all the leading European nations. Her total land forces including the reserves, number about 1,000,000 officers and men. Germany has 5,500,000 and France and Russia each 5,000,000 men serving with the colors or liable to military duty.

It is said that Prince Henry of Prussia advises automobilists to place in their vehicles a placard with the inscription, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," and then to practise the precept. It were well if most men would keep these trenchant words in conspicuous places. There are

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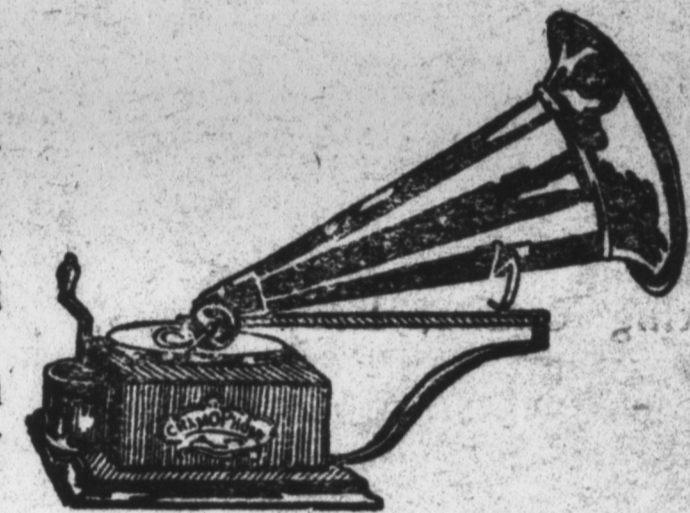
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few people who seem able to remember them with any degree of accuracy.

Mme. Monti de Rosa of Paris is trying to find out whether or not she is officially dead. Five people swore that they saw her burned to death in the Opera Comique fire in 1887, and on the strength of their testimony her husband married again. Now she has hunted him up and says she is very much alive and that he is a bigamist. The courts have been called on to decide whether de Rosa is a bigamist or his first wife is a legal corpse.

It is said that statistics prove that in every 1,000 bachelors there are thirty-

eight criminals, while in every 1,000 married men the criminals number only eighteen. If this is so, it surely proves that the present day members of the sex labeled coy and hard to please, have at least an immense capability for keeping men out of mischief, sufficient to outbalance perhaps even the unkind reputation handed down the ages by Mother Eve.

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