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We are now near the end of the third month of the year, and would like to have all arrears and 1904 subscriptions paid before the month closes.

We thank those who have already paid. The others will do us a kindness by attending to the matter at once.

DO IT THIS WEEK.

PARLIAMENT.

Monday.—The address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was moved by Mr. G. E. Grant, seconded by Mr. Rivet. Mr. R. L. Borden followed, and was replied to by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Borden criticized the government's course in the G. T. P. Railway matter, and Sir Wilfrid defended it. Notices of motion on a variety of subjects were given.

Tuesday.—The debate on the address was continued by Messrs. Haggart, Casgrain, Bourassa, Bennett and Smith.

Wednesday.—The debate on the address was continued by Dr. Daniel, who dealt principally with the effect of the G. T. P. R. scheme on St. John. Messrs. Marcell, Northrup and Lancaster followed, after which the address passed without division.

Thursday.—A short sitting and no business.

Friday.—The Premier, in answer to a question, said the government intended to consider the matter of increased provincial subsidies, as requested by the provinces; some civil service items were discussed.

N. B. LEGISLATURE.

Monday.—The day was spent in discussing the Highway Bill. Several notices of inquiry were given, among them this one by Mr. Flemming:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this house legislation should be at once promoted to prevent logs and other lumber which are grown and cut on crown lands, being exported from the province in the round or unmanufactured state.

Tuesday.—Several bills were introduced and petitions presented. Replying to Mr. Hazen, the Attorney General said that the government had not yet arrived at a conclusion as to bringing the district courts act into operation.

Mr. Hazen moved a resolution to the effect that the vacancy in the representation of St. John by the resignation of Mr. McKeown should have been filled before the session. It was lost.

Wednesday.—A Factories' Act was introduced by the Attorney General. The bill provides for inspectors of factories; that no one under 14 years shall be employed, unless by permission of an inspector; for Saturday half-holidays, etc. The Highway Bill was further discussed.

Thursday.—Mr. Flemming moved the resolution mentioned in Monday's proceedings. He said that large quantities of New Brunswick logs are taken to VanBuren, Me., and other U. S. points to be manufactured, while the U.S. alien labor law prohibits the millmen of the province from working there. The object of his resolution, he said, was to have the logs manufactured in the province, giving employment to our own

people. After some discussion the matter was referred to a committee to investigate and report.

Friday.—The Attorney General answered some questions about the expenses of his department. Several bills were introduced, among them one for the incorporation of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, and some petitions were presented.

What Others Say.

"OPPOSED—BUT."

Too many men are like a candidate who said to the workers: "I am totally opposed to buying votes, totally; it is wrong, degrading, and always reacts unfavorably. Do not do it unless you catch the other side at it. Our party is right and we cannot surrender the government to their unworthy hands." —*Chris. Advocate.*

AN ENGLISH OPINION.

An exhibit of Beecher relics was recently held in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. The missionary ladies who had this exhibit in charge gave to the American people an object lesson well worth remembering. A number of ribbons were hung up, showing by comparison the prices that we as a people seem willing to pay for different things. They are:

- Foreign mission, one inch of ribbon,
 - Chewing gum, four and one-half inches,
 - Churches, twenty inches,
 - Amusements, two and a half yards,
 - Tobacco, four and one-half yards,
 - Liquor, seven and one-half yards.
- Nat. Advocate.*

VERY BOLD—IN SPOTS.

Some men who are bold as lions in the prayer meeting are timid as sheep in the market-place. In the place of prayer they unctuously sing,

"And shall I fear to own his sway,
Or blush to speak his name?"

but on 'Change or in the counting room they do fear to acknowledge Christ's lordship over them, and would blush if charged with being his friends. Why this difference? Perhaps it is due to the consciousness that their manner of speech and of conducting their business is not in harmony with the professions of the prayer meeting. If so, what shall be said of their professions? —*The Examiner.*

A SMALLER WORLD.

With the progress of invention, the world's transportation facilities and the various means of intercommunication, the world seems to grow smaller. It is announced that by next May, railroad tickets from Paris to Peking will be on sale and the trip can be made in seventeen days. Out of the new knowledge we have of our fellow beings on the other side of the world grows a new sense of the world's brotherhood. Time was when men's thoughts were confined to their little neighborhoods, and the world was a great, vague wilderness, and men grew narrow and self-centered. With the knowledge of the people "beyond the mountains," has come a smaller world and a larger manhood, a new sense of human kinship, a broader sympathy and multiplied interests. Invention and business energy are the handmaids of religion. May they be kept as servants to run errands of mercy. —*Free Baptist.*

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