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PARLIAMENT.

Monday.—The Premier laid before the House correspondence with the G. T. P. directors, and submitted the amended contract. Several private bills were referred to committees and the House adjourned.

Tuesday.—Public works in Ontario occupied the House.

Wednesday.—A short sitting considering supply for Manitoba and the Northwest, and then the House adjourned till next Tuesday.

N. B. LEGISLATURE.

Monday.—A bill to change the name of the Lunatic Asylum was introduced by the Premier. It proposes to call the institution the Provincial Hospital for the Cure of Nervous Diseases. It authorizes the commissioners to employ two disinterested and competent medical men with the superintendent to examine patients and see who ought to be in the asylum.

The resignation of Surveyor General Dunn was announced. A bill making the signatures of the chairman and one other revisor sufficient to legalize electoral lists was passed. Bills were agreed to as follows: To exempt the Sussex Packing Company from taxation; for supplying the town of Grand Falls with water; to incorporate the Free Baptist Women's Foreign Missionary Society; to provide for the removal of garbage from the City of St. John; an act relating to Mount Allison College. The Highway Act was further considered.

Tuesday.—The House sat less than an hour, and adjourned to hear delegations from St. John.

Wednesday.—The following bills were agreed to: To authorize St. John to provide a water system; to authorize York Co. Council to assess in aid of Victoria Hospital. Progress was made with other bills.

Thursday.—The Highway Act was considered more. There was a good deal of discussion of a section which provides that tires shall be two and a half inches wide on a one and a half inch axle; three inches wide for one and three-quarter inch axle and four inches wide for a two inch axle. Persons selling tires of less width cannot recover for them after a year from the act going into operation. The section stood over. The House adjourned till Tuesday.

THE MAGAZINES.

Lippincott's for April is well up to the standard of this popular magazine.

The Stamp Page of the April *St. Nicholas* will tell of the new issue of stamps shortly to appear for the kingdom of Italy. A few months ago some officers from a Chilean war-ship dropped anchor off the island of Juan Fernandez, carefully explored Robinson Crusoe's world-famous kingdom, and took a number of photographs. The April *St. Nicholas* will use several of these pictures to illustrate "Robinson Crusoe's Island." As the island is just as it was when Alexander Selkirk landed upon it two centuries ago, these pictures will be delightfully familiar to young and old.

Conspicuous among the articles which *The Living Age* is furnishing is "The War and the Powers," from *The Fortnightly Review*, which appears in the number for April 2. The humor which characterizes so many contributions to *The Cornhill Magazine* appears to peculiar advantage in the sketch, "A Day of My Life in a County Court," which is reproduced in the *Living Age* for April 9th.

The *Review of Reviews* for April has several important articles bearing on the war in the far East. Dr. E. J. Dillon, the English correspondent, epitomizes the situation at St. Petersburg. In the department of "Leading Articles of the Month," both sides of the present controversy are presented in the form of reviews and abridgments of articles ap-

pearing in the leading English and continental periodicals.

In the *Methodist Magazine* for April, the article on "Some Canadian Artists and their Work," is of interest. It is a record of achievement for this young country. Other illustrated papers are: "Turkey from Within," and A Tribute to Kossuth. The Rev. O. Darwin writes of the progress and possibilities of the great Northwest. Other articles are: An interpretation of the "Idylls of the King," and "Christian Work among the Coal Miners." The number has quite an Easter flavor. Toronto: William Briggs, \$2 a year; \$1 for six months.

The April *Canadian Magazine* is an Easter number. To illustrate Mr. Carman's "Church Art in Rome" there are some reproductions of famous paintings and pieces of sculpture. The stories are more numerous than usual. Jean Blewett writes entertainingly of "The Ways of The Child," "Wheat Growing in Canada," by William Saunders, Director Dominion Experimental Farms, proves that the Northwest may easily produce 800,000,000 bushels of wheat per annum, or four times the annual requirements of Great Britain. "Soil Utilization," by E. Stewart, shows that Canada can best employ her waste lands by turning them into forests. The departments are interesting.

What Others Say.

PIETY AND PROSPERITY.

Piety prospers but prosperity is not always pious.—*Free Baptist.*

HINDERS CIVILIZATION.

Civilization in this country is now a century behind what it would have been if ardent spirits had never been known among us.—*Horace Mann.*

THREE THINGS.

Laymen of courage as well as ministers of courage are needed for emergencies, but men of courage without judgment are the most dangerous of all men; men of courage and judgment, without genuine devotion to the church may be extremely dangerous unless they are supremely devoted to the great Head of the Church.—*N. Y. Advocate.*

THE DEACON'S VIEW.

A certain young preacher was always praying for "more power." Tired of his harping on one string, an old deacon said to him one day: "Young man, it is not power that you want so much as it is ideas!" The Bible—when thoroughly and prayerfully studied—gives the preacher plenty of ideas. And the power from on high more often works through ideas as without them. In the Christian life there is no ignorance that is bliss.—*N. Y. Observer.*

"JUST AS WRITTEN."

The author of a communication published in this paper, says: "I hope you can print it as it is. I do not wish it edited." An editor has spent an hour on it, and has made as many as fifty corrections, and yet the author will thank us for printing it "just as it was written." The author of certain articles published during the past year has thanked the editor and praised him many times, because of the correctness of the printing. Yet the same editor had made, perhaps, a thousand corrections, which the author is not aware of, and never will be, unless he insists upon having his manuscript returned.—*Journal and Messenger.*

PRIZES IT.—A Nova Scotia subscriber says: "I prize the *INTELLIGENCER* very highly, and feel that I cannot do without it. I wish it and the editor every success."