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SOME NEW BILLS.

It is something, truly, appalling, the way that laws are increasing. Consider the number of new statutes turned out by our dominion and local legislatures each year. Allowing that some really tend to simplify the working of legal machinery, many, undoubtedly add to its intricacy.

Newspapers are favored in some few ways above other concerns. For instance, the inestimable blessing of Hansard, votes and proceedings, bills introduced into Parliament, and such like, is conferred on newspapers.

The first batch of this parliamentary literature is in the hands of this journal. About a dozen bills, having been read a first time—most bills get their first reading—are now on "our editorial table."

Mr. John Charlton, the special custodian of the Sabbath Day, is on hand with a bill to "secure the better observance of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, as a day of rest." This bill is drawn so as to prevent Sunday newspapers, and Sunday trains. We hasten to inform Mr. Charlton, that THE DISPATCH has no intention of issuing a Sunday edition. The trains can look after themselves.

Two bills which, unlike Mr. Charlton's, have at least novelty to commend them, have passed the first stage. One was introduced by Mr. Cowan, "to restrict the importation and employment of aliens." Under its provisions assisting immigration of foreigners under contract to perform labor in Canada is prohibited. No alien labourer is to be allowed to work on public works or to come habitually into Canada. Mr. Taylor introduces a bill of the same tenor, which, however, does not go as far as Mr. Cowan's bill.

These proposed acts are offsets to the Dingley bill before the U. S. Congress which prohibits aliens taking contracts in the United States, or working to the detriment of naturalized American citizens.

Mr. Cowan is a liberal and represents South Essex, a constituency gravely affected by an legislation on the part of the United States, in the nature of the Dingley bill. Mr. Taylor is a conservative, representing South Leeds, a county in Ontario bordering on the St. Lawrence, which divides it from the State of New York.

It will thus be seen that the protection of Canadian workmen—provided they are prohibited from working in the States—is not a party question. It will also be noted that the introducers of bills, come from border counties.

There is reason to hope that the United States will not adopt such a strict anti-alien bill, as, is wished by certain Congressmen. If they do, this country must look to its own interests, which it will, probably do, by passing one of the bills above referred to.

One of the questions in which the electors take a good deal of interest, is that of railway passes for members. The taking of passes is not so objectionable, if it stopped there, but the country, while not inclined to be unduly critical of human weaknesses, is disposed to kick on passes, and mileage beside. The Patrons of Industry brought the question before the Ontario legislature and an exchange says:—"Acting on behalf of the Ontario government W. A. Charlton, M.P.P., has settled the pass question with the railways so far as the Provincial Legislature is concerned. It has been arranged that the government will pay to the railways the amount usually paid to the members as mileage rates and in return the railways will furnish the members with annual passes. The passes of the past were good for only three months and as only a portion of the mileage has been accustomed to finding its way into the coffers of the railway, all parties are satisfied with the new arrangement." We might take a hint from Ontario with respect to members' passes.

Fredericton is to have a new paper. It would seem to be pretty well supplied, but, for newspapers as for individuals, there is always room at the top. Mr. Cropley is an old newspaper man, and has a great many friends in Fredericton and elsewhere who will be glad to see him in the journalistic field again. "The Capital," revived, will be a monthly periodical, and the first number is promised on or about the first of June next.

Notice of Postponement—On account of the difficulty experienced in perfecting the arrangements for a retroactive tariff, the Era of Prosperity announced for March 4, has been postponed until further notice." So says the New York World. Unscrupulous opponents of the present regime in this country, will be adopting this squib to suit the case of Canada.

A few months ago everyone was talking of the immense fortunes made by reason of the sudden rise in the price of wheat. Now there is a slump in prices, and all the world is counting the losses. Men were not satisfied to make thousands, they wanted millions, and now the millions are on the wrong end of their account. Man is a voracious animal. Enough gold has not been coined to satisfy him.

The religious observance of Good Friday has now become general, and is no longer confined to two religious communions. The day commemorates the most stupendous event in the history of the world. Parliament does not sit on Good Friday, nor do the banks transact business on that day. Why should it not be observed in town by closing of stores, and refraining from all work, excepting what is absolutely necessary?

If the Mayor has not already sent the required views of Woodstock to Sir Donald Smith, high commissioner at London, we would suggest that the sidewalks on Main street be photographed and sent as an exhibit from this town.

Piles Cured By Dr. Chase.

J. M. Irak 186 Drolet Street, Montreal. 15 years suffered. Cured of Blind Itching Piles. William Butler, Possawan, Ont. Suffered many months. Cured of Protruding Piles by one box. Fabiano Bastard, Gower Point, Ont. Suffered for 30 years. Cured of Itching Piles by three boxes. Nelson Simmons, Myersburg, Ont., cured of Itching Piles.

Greeks And Turks Fight.

LONDON, April 10.—The Daily Telegraph's war correspondent at Larissa, the headquarters of the Greek army, says that much satisfaction is felt there that Russia has agreed to a plebiscite for Crete. Under the circumstances it is possible that war may yet be averted, for the Greeks are beginning to fear that they are not so well prepared to take the field as the Turks. The reports that the latter now have a formidable force at Ellassona with which they might invade. Thessaly has caused considerable uneasiness in the Greek camp.

The correspondent of the Times at Grevena says that at five o'clock Friday morning 1,500 Greek bandits crossed the frontier between Metsora and Diskata, where they encountered the Turkish troops. The fighting lasted throughout the day with some loss of life and a number of minor casualties.

The Athens correspondent of the Times telegraphs as follows: The band of invaders was organized under the personal direction of Consos, a Greek of Alexandria. The headquarters were in the valley of the mountainous district of Belebaka, near the famous monasteries of Memora. Most of the members of the band, which includes a number of Italian volunteers, arrived last week by special train from Volo. A suitable camp was chosen and military organization was then proceeded with. Two former Greek officers, Merlonas and Kapsalotinos, were given the supreme command. Six captains were appointed, two of whom, Seemas and Davelis, are well known insurgent chiefs. A large number of subalterns, two surgeons and three chaplains, one of whom is a man of gigantic stature and carries the standard, were also appointed. Another chaplain is a priest from Mount Athos. The day after the arrival of the band, arms and uniforms, badges with the arms of the Ethniké Getairia, which means National League, were served out and a commissariat corps of sixty men was formed. Mules arrived from the transport service and on Thursday the standard was blessed by the monks of Memora Monastery. It bears the inscription in Greek "En Tonto Nika," and means: "In hoc signo vinces." This news has added greatly to the excitement here.

LONDON, April 12.—The Times prints the following despatch from its correspondent at Larissa: "Goussio, the accredited representative of the Ethniké Heliaria, tells me that he looks for important news. "The Greek outposts are being quietly strengthened, and small detachments are proceeding to their positions under cover of the darkness. "The latest information received here on the subject of the raid shows that the invading insurgents first advanced toward Chassanga. It is reported that the Turks opposed the attack with artillery. The Greek losers were 28 killed and 27 wounded. The Turkish losses are said to have been much greater. "It is rumored that yet another attack was made on the Turks at the rear of Mount Olympus, where the Greeks succeeded in planting a flag. "The general impression here is that war will be proclaimed tomorrow (Monday) or Tuesday. Although the Turkish army has not yet assumed the offensive, orders to that effect from the sultan are expected at any moment. All classes of the troops are full of war enthusiasm.

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Fitzsimmons Gives up Fighting.

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W. B. Jewett can be consulted any day on cases of defective vision.

Monument to Mackenzie.

Robert Bickerdike, ex-president of the Montreal Board of Trade, has returned from Ottawa, where he had been working up the monument to Alexander Mackenzie on Parliament hill. The premier told Mr. Bickerdike that a sufficient sum would be voted this session to carry the project into execution.

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TOBIQUE VALLEY RAILWAY.—A formal decree was entered in the Equity Court Saturday, in the suit of the Tobique Valley Railway vs. the Canadian Pacific Railway. Evidence in the case was taken at Montreal, and a settlement was agreed upon which was made an order of the court this morning. Under the terms of the settlement the C. P. R. pays the taxed costs of this suit and \$100 additional costs. Neither party is to have any claims against the other with respect to the past. The plaintiffs are to give the C. P. R. good titles to all the land through which the Tobique Valley Railway runs. The C. P. R. is to spend \$4,000 on the road, which it will take out of the first earnings of the road to go to the credit of the Tobique Valley Co. The C. P. R. also agrees to run one train each way daily, and to run trains enough to come within the statute authorizing the leasing of the road to the C. P. R. The C. P. R. agrees to take the road and run it under a lease according to the agreement made before, the Tobique Valley Railway Co. to have 40 per cent. of the earnings.—St. John Globe.

There is one Optician you can depend upon who is not here today and away tomorrow, his name is Jewett.

Cost of Probate in Ontario.

An Ontario exchange says:—The Attorney General last week moved the second reading of the bill to amend the wills act of Ontario. Messrs. Baxter, McLean & Cleland called attention to the alleged excessive cost of probate for small estates, Mr. McLean quoting where it had cost \$35 upon an insurance policy of \$1,000. Mr. Cleland spoke of an instance of which he was cognizant where the fees amounted to \$10, but the lawyer's costs were \$15. He also complained of the practice of the judges in refusing to let anyone but a solicitor file probate.

The Attorney General expressed his opinion that there must be some mistake, as the law did not justify any such charges as hon. members had mentioned. However, he would have the whole matter of fees in connection with wills investigated before the next session.

An Antidote for Asthma.

Mr. Albert Reid, Angus, Ont., was for over two years a sufferer from Asthma. A half bottle of Yellow Oil cured him completely, and although that was some time ago, he has never been troubled with the same complaint since.

The Railway News.

A new exchange came to hand in The Railway News a weekly paper published at Hampton "devoted to the interests of Railways, Steamboats, Hotels and commercial men, perfectly independent and non-political." It is issued by The Railway News Publishing Co. and Mr. E. Laurance is manager. This journal promises to be the organ of those engaged in the interests it represents. It is a well edited and well printed sheet, and has an excellent advertising patronage in its first issue. The Railway News should find a permanent place in Maritime journalism.

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