

General Business.

Miramichi Advance.

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The Parliamentary Session.

The parliamentary session of 1899 has about closed and the country experiences a sense of relief over the fact.

It is possible that all the measures and other doings of the government were not as perfect as they might have been; and that discussion of them was necessary and in the public interest goes without saying.

And, then, some of our good civic fathers appear to fear that the proposed water and sewerage system will involve taxation. Most people will wonder when all this was discovered.

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that we ought not to have deducted from the contract price, the value of the easement, or saving. Under these circumstances Mr. Stanley was of the opinion that it would be proper to allow him that amount, but we did not think so and refused to recognise the award to that extent.

Mr. Haggart:—Suppose a contractor has a lump sum contract for building 20 miles of road, and that instead of 20 miles of road to be given 18 miles and make as good or a better road; under these circumstances I think the contractor is entitled to full payment for the 20 miles. Of course, this is a matter of judgment entirely, but that is usually done.

The Minister of Railways and Canals:—The hon. gentleman perhaps does not recollect the terms of the contract. The contract provided that if there were any lessening of the cost of the work, by reason of the change, the contractor was not to get the benefit, but it was to be deducted from the price.

Mr. Haggart:—Under the contract he is entitled to nothing, and it is only a matter of grace and by doing away with some of the terms of the contract, the Exchequer Court was enabled to give him \$10,000. Mr. Stanley has a fair report and I think should be entitled to the whole amount.

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ment, who has died since the 23rd June, 1896. The list is as follows, but not quite in the order of death; Bechard, Iherville; Bordin, Cornwall; Clark, North Gray; Cameron, West Huron; Dupont, Bagot; Edgar, West Ontario; Fauvel, Bonaventure; Geoffroy, Vercheres; Gray, Levis; Ives, Sherbrooke; Jamieson, Winnipeg; McCathy, North Simcoe; Perry, West Prince; Wood, Brockville.

The Quebec Telegraph says:—Colonel Osgood, a large watchmaker and jeweller, of Lewiston, Me., who has been stopping at the Chateau Frontenac during the past few days, stated that in all his railway experience in the United States he had never travelled on a more elegantly equipped train of cars than that of the I. C. R. between St. John and Levis. When asked if the statement might be published Col. Osgood replied: "Certainly, and you may add that I have travelled over considerable of the railways of the United States and Canada during the past 25 years."

A London despatch of 30th ult. says: "Some very interesting tests of wireless telegraphy were tried last week, Maskeleyne, the famous wonder-worker of the Egyptian Hall, being the experimenter. On Wednesday a balloon was sent up. When almost out of sight messages were sent from the earth to the balloon and vice versa. Then, at a distance of four hundred yards, a powder magazine was by means of wireless telegraphy, blown to pieces. Maskeleyne affirmed that the effort would have been quite the same at a distance of ten miles. It would be interesting to hear Marconi's opinion about this, but as he is with the manoeuvring fleets we must wait for that to test the theory. Still, a further test. Another balloon was sent up, but carrying no people this time, only a tail of cartridges of gunpowder. After waiting till the balloon was but a speck in the sky, a button was pressed. There was a flash, a very distant boom, and the speck disappeared. The Daily Chronicle thinks it is a pity this contrivance was not ready for the beginning of the peace conference at The Hague, instead of at the end, as in its nature it tends to attain the entire object of the conference at one stroke."

During the year 1890, according to the census returns, the value of paper produced in the United States was \$72,773,093, and of pulp \$5,152,038. During the first six months of 1898, according to returns prepared in the Department of Labor, Washington, the value of paper produced was \$52,780,806, and of pulp \$1,343,363. It will be observed that in the manufacture of pulp the value of the quantity produced in the half-year of 1898 was nearly three times as great as the value of the quantity produced in the whole of 1890. These figures tell at a glance to what large proportions has this industry attained in a few years. They are also suggestive of the fact that the time is fast approaching when the sources of supply in the United States will be very materially diminished, and Canada must be appealed to. Pulp mills are found in all divisions of the United States—east, west, north and south. Of the output of 619,383 tons, four-ninths which gave returns, 367,744 tons were of ground wood pulp, 173,420 sulphite fibre, and 74,379 tons soda fibre, while 3,840 tons of cotton fibre were produced. During the six months 723 plants were in active operation in the making of paper and pulp.—(Globe.)

The Royal Gazette contains the appointment of the following persons as Queen's Counsel: Samuel Thompson, George G. Gilbert, Robert Hutchinson, George G. Gregory, Elias Alward, Hon. A. G. Blair, I. Allen Jack, Daniel Jordan, Augustus H. Haning, Alfred A. Stockton, James D. Phinney, Hon. Lancelot T. Lewis, Hon. William Pugsley, A. Earle, Wesley Vanwart, Richard F. Quigley, Hon. Henry R. McAlister, Hon. Ambrose D. McInnes, Henry A. Powell, George V. McInnes, Lemuel A. Curry, J. Douglas Hazen, Lewis J. Alward, Charles A. Sayre, G. Sidney Smith, Chas. E. Knapp, Daniel Mullin, E. Byron Winslow, Arthur C. Fairweather, Thomas Millidge, Stephen B. Appleby, John Kerr, J. McLean, J. A. McLean, Stevens, Jr., John W. White, Melbourne McMonagle, William B. Wallace, James A. Belyea, T. Carleton Allen, Joseph Howe, Alfred A. Stockton, J. L. Allen, Arthur I. Treeman, Allan A. Davidson, Daniel Mullin, R. S. Lebert Tweed, Jeremiah H. Barry, George W. Allen, Warren C. Winslow, John W. White, G. T. Leonard, Edward Allison, Melville N. Cockburn, William H. Chapman.

These gentlemen are to take precedence after the Attorney General, Solicitor General, those members of the bar of the Province who have heretofore "been appointed by us as our Counsel Learned in the Law, under the Great Seal of our Province of New Brunswick, and those members of such bar, if any, "who may lawfully be entitled to rank and precedence over."

Chatham Town Council. The Town Council met in its chamber, Town Hall, in regular monthly session on Monday evening last. His Worship Mayor Winslow, presiding. There was a full attendance of members. G. T. Leonard, Mayor, presiding. The minutes being read and approved. The clerk read a reply from Mr. Thomas Hoban, Supt. of the C. E. Ry., to a communication sent to him by the Mayor in reference to stopping trains on the highway and obstructing the same, Mr. Hoban saying the practice would be discontinued and thanking the Mayor for directing his attention to the matter.

Ald. McIntosh stated the circumstances under which he had complained to the Mayor of the road being obstructed. He said he could make another complaint of a repetition of the offence if he so desired. The communication was so ordered to be filed.

Ald. Snowball, from the Public Works committee, submitted the following report: We beg to report that at a meeting of our committee, having visited previously the town wharf and looked over the work as done by Mr. Jas. Diamond, the contractor, we considered that the work had been done according to contract and decided to report that the work be taken off the contract and that he be paid the balance due as well as an extra of \$30 for additional work as ordered by your committee.

We have had the post on the wharf tarred and have been fortunate enough to get two vessels (the ballast) and the other cargo, this cost of hoisting and hauling and in one case free ballast in the other case paid ballast. We decided in committee to read paid ballast. We decided in committee to read paid ballast. We decided in committee to read paid ballast.

The Victoria, B. C., Times says:—"Had the late Senator Sanford been able to swim he would in all probability be alive and well to-day. Strong, sensible men are too prone to pooh pooh such things, but time and circumstance are apt soon to do to exact a terrible revenge. No boy in Canada should be allowed to leave school unless he is able to swim. And why not the girls, too?"

Sir James Edgar is the sixteenth member elected to serve in the present Parliament.

St. John 82a, we cannot recommend granting the right of this position to the first applicant. We intend using this building for the book and ledger room.

With reference to the communication of Thos. Cormick re-encroachments on Lobban Avenue we cannot find any just cause of complaint. With regard to St. Andrew's street, your committee has visited this street, and report that there is cause for complaint, and the Ferry Factory management, and some other persons, are making complaints as far as the ashes were concerned, and will under consideration, and will receive the prompt attention of your committee.

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as arbitrator to act for the town in the expropriation of lands for the proposed water system. Adopted. The Dog-Tax Collector's report was referred to the Finance Committee. Janitor Craig's bill for prisoners' board was referred to same committee, with power.

The thanks of the council were voted to Provincial Secretary Tweedie for copies of the Assembly acts of 1899. Ald. Groat said the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Company had improved St. Andrew's street, and he hoped the Public Works committee would do its duty in causing further necessary work on that street to be done. Adjourned.

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