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The Next Session of Parliament.

The Parliament of Canada will, it is said, meet on Thursday 1st February. The session will, no doubt, be a long one, and the country may as well be prepared for unusually prolonged and tiresome debates. A fruitful subject of discussion will be the action of the government in sending two contingents of volunteer troops to assist in fighting for the maintenance of British rights and prestige in South Africa. There is no provision for the expenditure involved and no precedent for the government's action, but it will be sustained no doubt. The main contention of the opposition will be that such an emergency demanded that a special session of parliament should have been called to deal with it. The verdict of the country, however, if obtained. would, no doubt, be that there are two very important reasons for approving of the government's course. One of these is that the expense of a parliamentary session is considerable and should not be incurred without better reasons therefor than existed in connection with the sending of our volunteer soldiers to South Africa. The other reason—and the most important—is that, judging from experience of the

daughter of the Empire. Another reason for the expectation that the coming session will be a very wordy one is that it will probably be the last of the present Commons, the existence of which must terminate in July of next year. The session will be the fifth and naturally the last, so the talkers will think it very important that Hansard should be converted into a magazine for campaign ammunition.

We shall, therefore, look forward to the coming session with interest be cause of the displays of ingenuity that will be made by the opposition in challenging the government's course in doing precisely what they, themselves, would have done in the matter of the contingents had they been in power, and with anticipations of weariness over the speeches that will be made for an over-full Hansard to empty seats, in view of the election that will surely come before the session of 1901.

Our Shipping.

Although the tonnage of vessels built and owned in New Brunswick is growing less every year it is satisfactory to know that the North Shore maintains, or even betters its position. The Registry books of Richibucto show a gain of one ton for 1889, while those of Chatham give 635 tons more. The records are as follows :-

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	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons
St. John	392	71,945	398	57,61
Moncton		2,591	14	2,44
Dorchester		1'514	6	1,64
Sackville		1,130	13	715
Richibucto	16	2,738	16	2,73
Chatham	326	7,219	331	7,854
St. Andrews	136	2,839	144	2,95
Grand totals	903	89,976	922	85,95
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Shipowning in New Brunswick not declining to the extent that th registries indicate, for a large amount of tonnage which is registered in Great Britain is both owned and managed in

An Interesting Subject.

The extract we publish this week in the course of the "Old Times on th Miramichi" notes, is an instalment of Cooney's account of the great Miramichi Fire. It is the most complete 400 Tons Granite report ever given of that calamity and, we presume, the most accurate, as the writer was a resident of the Miramichi at the time and one of those who passed through the scenes he describes. We shall publish another instalment of the description of the catastrophe next

THE WAR!

The war news of the past week has not been at all exciting. The Boers have been strengthening their position in every possible way in the vicinity of Colenso, while they are evidently not making much headway elsewhere, save that they appear to be making their investment of Ladysmith and Kimberley closer and more uncomfortable for

the besieged. Meantime.the British forces are being augmented and there is now apparently an adequate realization of the magnitude and thoroughness of the Boer preparations for the campaign. The news of victories achieved by General French and Col. Pitcher comes in good time and is joyfully received after the discouragements of the situation during the closing fortnight of the year. One hundred Canadians fought with Col. Pitcher, behaved gallantly and came out of the engagement without any

Canada's second contingent is being

ment has appointed Major Maltby. Lieut. Lawlor, and Vet. Lieut. Morri son a Board of Valuators on the purchases, Major Maltby being president,

Despatches of 2nd inst. from London are as follows:--

GENERAL FRENCH'S VICTORY. The War office this afternoon issued despatch from Cape Town, dated Monday, Jan. 1. as follows :- "Gen. French reports at 2 p.m. to-day at Colesburg, by heliograph, as follows:-'Leaving at Rens berg, holding the enemy in front, half of the First Suffolks and a section of the Royal Horse Artillery, I started thence at 5 in the afternoon, Dec. 31, taking with me five squadrons of cavalry, half of the Second Berks and eighty mounted in fantry. The infantry were carried in wagons, and I took ten guns. I halted for four hours at Maidor's farm, and at 3.30 this morning occupied the kopi overlooking the westward of Colesberg. The enemy's outposts were taken com pletely by surprise. At daylight we shelled the lasger and enfiladed the right of the enemy's position. The artillery fire in reply was very hot from a fifteenpounder, using royal laboratory amounition, and other guns. We silenced the guns on the enemy's right flank, concen trating with cavalry and gons to the north of Colesburg towards the junction, where a strong laager of the enemy was holding a h ll and a position southeast of Colesburg as far as the junction. Our position cuts the line of retreat via the road and bridge. Some thousand of the capacity of certain members of parlia-Boers, with two guns, are reported to be retiring towards Norval's Point. ment for wasting time in making long, Remington scouts proceeded towardsAchunnecessary and fruitless speeches, the terland yesterday morning. S.ight sending of the first contingent would casualties. About three killed; few have been so delayed as to seriously wounded. Details later." affect Canada's position as the leading

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS. Brief independent messages from Rensberg, filed the evening of Jan. 1, supple-General French's despatch but slightly. According to them, the British were still shelling the Boer position at 5 o'clock Monday evening, and expected to enter Colesburg to-day. The British losses were three killed and seven wounded, none of them officers. The Boers are supposed to have suffered heavily from the accuracy of British artiflery fire. Gen. French's statement that the Boer's were using a fifteen-pounder and Woolwich ammunition evidently refers to one of the British guns captured at Stormberg. The Boer strength in the engagement with

to 7,000 men. IMPORTANT STRATEGIC GAIN. While the African newsparers are disposed to overrate the brilliancy of Gen. French's success, it will doubtless have good moral effect, and it is added. promptly followed up, as seems likely from the fact that Remington's scouts are already advancing on Achterland, it may result in securing Norval's Point bridge. thus gaining an import nt strategic advantage, as thence in French would probably be able to t reaten Bethune bridge, which is the main line of retreat for the Boers facing Gen. Gatacre.

COL. PITCHER'S VICTORY. A further despatch of 2nd inst. s.vs:-The War office has received the following from Cape Town, under vesterday's date: Col. Pitcher reports to the officer commanding at Orange River: "I completely defeated a hos ile command at the Sunnyside laager this day. January 1 taking the laager and forty prisoners, esides the killed and wounded. Our asualties are two privates killed, and Lieut. Aide wounded. Am encamped at Dover farm, forty miles north of Belmout nd ten miles from Sunnyside."

Old Times on the Miramichi.

[From Cooney's History.] The summer of 1825, was unusually warn n both hemispheres, particularly in Ameri ca, where its effects were fatally visible. the prevalence of epidemical disorders. During July and August, extensive fires raged in different parts of Nova Scotia, especially in the eastern division of the Peninsula, but the country being generally cleared for considerable distance round the settlements and villages, little injury was sustained.

In Miramichi, and throughout the northern part of New Brunswick, the season had been remarkably dry; scarcely any rain had fallen; and considerable apprehensions were entertained for the crops. Very extensive fires were observed in a north westerly direction; along the south side of the Baie des Chaleurs ; in several parts of the District of Gaspe; in the neighborhood Richibucto, and thence in a southerly dir-

ection towards Westmorland. These fires, however, being rather ordinary circumstances, as burning the trees and roots is the common system of clearing land,

no danger was anticipated. From the first to the fifth of October. 1825, a season generally very cool, an extraordinary and unnatural heat prevailed. The protracted drought of the summer, acting upon the aridity of the forests, had rendered them more than naturally combustible; and this facilitating both the dispersion and the progress of the fires that appeared in the early part of the season, produced the unusual warmth

On the sixth, the fire was evidently approximating to us; at different intervals of this day, fitful blazes and flashes were observed to issue from different parts of the woods, particularly up the Northwest, at the rear of Newcastle, in the vicinity of Douglastown and Moorfields; and along the banks of the Bartibog. Many also heard the crackling of falling trees and shrivelled branches; while a hoarse rumbling noise, not unlike the sushing of distant thunder, and divided by pauses, like the intermittent discharges of artillery, was distinct and audible.

On the seventh the heat increased to such a degree, and became so very oppressive, that many complained of its enervating effects. About 12 o'clock, a pale sickly mist, lightly tinged with purple, emerged from the forest, and settled over it. This cloud soon retreated before a large dark one, which occupying its place, wrapt the firmament in a pall of vapor. This incumbrance, retaining its position, till about three o'clock, the heat became tormentingly sultry. There was not a single breath of air. The atmosphere was overloaded ;-an irresistible lassitude seized the people; and a stupefying duliness seemed to pervade every place but the woods which now trembled, and sustled, and shook, with an incessant and thrilling noise of explosions rapidly following each other, and mingling their reports with a discordant variety of loud and boisterous

At this time, the whole country appeared

and 14 horses. The Militia Depart- into a point while anything remained to be calamity than the fire, which happened in | for Michigan and Chicago capitalists. Mr. A little after four o'clock, an immense and has been rarely excelled in the annals of in the building of the Inverness railway. pillar of smoke rose in a vertical direction

> at some distance N. W. of Newcastie, for a while, and the sky was absolutely blackened by this huge cloud; but a light northerly breeze springing up, it gradually distended, and then melted into a variety of shapeless mists. About an hour after, or probably at half-past 5 o'clock, innumerable large spires of smoke, issuing from different parts of the woods, and illuminated by flames, that seemed to pierce thom, mounted to the sky, A heavy and suffocating canopy, extending to the utmost verge of observation, and appearing more terrific, by the vivid dashes and blazes that wriggled and darted irregularly through it, now hung over us in threatening suspension, while showers of flaming brands, calcined leaves, ashes and cinders, seemed to scream through the growling noise that prevailed in the woods. All these palpable indications of the approaching ruin were unheeded, probably, because the people had never yet experienc-

ed the dreadful effects of fire, or had not sufficiently considered the change, wrought n the forests, by the protracted heat of the nummer. Nor could any other reasons have betraved them into a neglect of the warnings which Mr. Wright and others endeavored to propagate. Had the timely admonitions of these gentlemen, received the attention they merited, many are of opinion, that a considerable part of the calamity might have been averted. It would be crue!, however, to harrow the recollection now; experience makes wise men of us all; after having endared evils, we become astonishing clever in prescribing antidotes.

About 9 o'clock, or shortly after, a sucsuccession of loud and appalling roars thundered through the woods. Peal after peal. crash after crash, came bellowing the sentence of destruction. Every succeeding shock created fresh alarm : every clap came loaded with its own destructive energy, With greedy rapidity did they advance to the devoted scene of their ministry: nothir could impede their progress; they removed every obstacle by the desolation occasioned. Several hundred miles of prostrate forests and smitten woods their devastating way.

They came rushing with awful violence, devouring at every step, and hewing a frightful avenue to the spot where their fury was to be consummated.

The tremendous bellowing became more and more terrific. The earth seemed to stagger as if it had reeled from its ancient foundations. The harmony of creation appeared to have been deranged; and about to revert into original chaos. Earth, air, sea, and sky; all visible creation seemed to conspire against man, and totter under the weight of some dreadful commission they were charged Gen. French was estimated at from 5 000 to execute. The river, tortured into violence by the hurricane, foamed with rage, and flung its boiling spray upon the land. The thunder pealed along the vault of Heaven: the lightning rent the firmament in pieces. For a moment, and all was still, a deep and awful silence reigned overy everthing. All nature appeared to be hushed into dumbness;-when-suddenly a lengthened and sullen roar came booming through the forest, and driving a thousand massive and devourng flames before it. Then Newcastle, and Douglastown, and the whole Northern side of the river, extending from Bartibog to the Nashwaak, a distance of more than 100 miles in length, became enveloped in ar immense sheet of flame, that spread over nearly 6,000 square miles.

That the stranger may form a faint idea

of the desolation and misery no pen can describe, he must picture to himself a large and rapid river, thickly settled for 100 miles, or more, on both sides of it. He must also fancy four thriving towns two on each side of this river; and then reflect, that these towns and settlements were all composed of wooden houses, stores, stables, and barns; that these barns and stables were filled with the crops; and that the arrival of the fall importations had stocked the warehouser and stores, with spirits, powder, and a varie ty or combustible articles, as well as with the necessary supplies for the approaching winter. He must then remember, that the cultivated, or settled part of the river, is a mile wide, and lying between the river, and almost interminable forests, stretching along the very edge of its precincts; and all round it. Extending his conception, he will see these forests thickly expanding over more than 6,000 square miles, and absolutely parched into tinder by the protracted heat of a long summer, and by the large fires that them. Let him then animate the picture by paid out in sick and funeral benefits, and scattering countless tribes of wild animals hundreds of domestic ones; and even thousands of men through the interior. Having done all this, he will have before him, a feeble description of the extent features, and general circumstances of the country, which, on the night I have men

tioned, was suddenly buried in fire. Who shall attempt to describe the condi tion of a country, tortured and agonised by a hurricane, on every blast of which a mer senger of vengeance seemed to ride?

What shall we say of the tremendous hewling of the storm, dashing broken and burning trees, scorching sand, and flaming houses through the air? What of the boiling surges of the river and its different tributaries, flinging their maddened foam all around them, and smashing everything that came within their fury? What of the indescribable confusion on board of 150 large vessels imminently exposed to danger; many of them frequently on fire; some burning, and others burned?

It is painful to dwell on the agonized feelings and indescribable terrors of the wretched and miserable inhabitants. But nainful however, as such a task would be, to evercome the aversion, is not half so difficult, as to acquire the competency. Even now, the shrieks, screams and cries, of a wretched and beggared people involved in ruin, desolation and despair, ring their mournful cadences upon the ear. How shnd dering were the frantic cries, the wild expressions of horror, and the despairing groans of hundreds upon hundreds of poor houseless creatures, flying from their smoking habitations, they knew not whither; and mingling the thrilling echoes of their anguish, with the yells, roarings, and bellowing, of wild beasts, and domestic animals, perishing by fire and suffocation.

Who can gauge the misery, or estimate the agony of poor industrious people suddenly stript of their all; and exposed, almost without a hope, to the dreadful alternative. of being either consumed by fire, or famished by hunger? What tongue can express the intensity of anguish; what mind can contemplate the poignancy of that sorrow. which must have wrung the bursting hearts of men and women, running half naked and in wild disorder, deploring their loss, and anticipating their end; of children looking for their parents; parents looking for their children; and mothers encumbered with their infants, urging their way through lakes of fire, and volumes of smoke?

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Examination at Escuminac School, District No. 1.

ESCUMINAC, Dec. 27,1899. Examination was held here last Friday, (22nd) and was largely attended. Miss Christina J. Watling, our present teacher, who is thought very much of here, is bringing her pupils on well, and we hope she may be as successful in all her undertakings. Th following is the programme of the afternoon:

1st-Motion song, sung by all; 2nd-Reading and arithmetic, by Primer 3rd-Reading and arithmetic, by Royal 4th-Rect. by Carrie Phillips, "The little

oy that died 5th—Reading and spelling by Sec. class; 6th—Sleighing song, sung by all; 7th-Reading and spelling by fourth class; also B. history, geography, grammar and 8th-Rect. by Bertha McGraw "The little 9th—Reading and spelling, geography, grammar, British and Canadian history by

ifth class: 10th-Song "God save the Queen": 11th—Geography by III class; 12th—Health, reader, by IV and V class; 13th—Rect. by Ada Lewis. "Buly's Rose" 14 h—Map drawing in III, IV and V

15:h-Rect. by Eva McLean, Maggie fimmo and Aggie Lewis "They didn' 16 h-Reading and spelling by III class; chorus by "a earpenter": 17th-Rect. by Katie Bransfield, 'Little Holden Hair":

18th-Song, "Nid, nid, noddin"; 19th-Closing song, "Lord, dismiss us." The teacher then addressed the pupils on different subjects and closed by wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A VISITOR.

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D. P. A., St. John, N.B. been commissioned to obtain 18 men it made, seemed as if it would not converge this is its candid expression,—A greater contractor, who, it is understood, is acting Boston.

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