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OTTAWA LETTER.

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The second week of the session ends with a record of progress practically unprecedented. Ever since the change of Government the Opposition have permitted very little business to be done during the first or three weeks; but this year they have been disposed to change their tactics. They could not very well have done otherwise. Immediately after the short debate on the Address had closed Mr. Fielding laid the estimates for the year on the table of the House, and if these had not been taken up in a business-like way the Conservatives would have had to answer for an inexcusable waste of time. During the past week a large number of items were put through, although on Tuesday night the Opposition showed their teeth in a very decided way over the estimates of the Agriculture Depart-

The course of the Opposition on Tuesday night was clearly due to the determination to roast the Minister of Agriculture. During the past few years it seems to have become a settled thing that at some period during the session each Minister is made to pass through this fiery ordeal. Such a proceeding does not help the dignity of Parliament; but the Tories appear to think that the discipline is necessary in order that each head of a Department may be made to realize he is alive. The lot of a Minister is not such an easy one that this course is really necessary in order to keep him in a proper condition of humility before his opponents; but the Opposition seem to think it is.

The really important event since my last letter was the triumph of the Liberals in the Senate. When the present Government succeeded to power the Upper House had an overwhelming majority of Conservatives, and every one is familiar with the means which were taken in the Senate to block the will of the Commons in matters of important legislation. The throwing out of the measure providing for the extension of the Intercolonial, and the Redistribution Bill, were striking instances of the way in which the partisan majority was turned to account. At one time it looked as if the new Government would be unable to do anything to which the Conservative Senators might take exception; but that day has passed. One by one Liberals have taken the place of Conservatives, until this year when the issue arose as to the control of Standing Committees in the Senate the Government party were found to be in

the majority. The loss of this last vantage ground was not allowed to take place without a last vigorous struggle. Mr. Scott, as the Government leader, spoke very candidly about the political aspects of the matter, intimating that since Confederation the Liberals had not been allowed to have a Chairman of a single Committee in the Senate, and that now he thought the time had come for a change. The Liberals were now in a majority, and he held that they ought to have control of the Committees. It was pathetic to hear Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Mr. Ferguson deplore the introduction of the partisan view, and and declaim in favour of an independent and judicial Senate. They contented themselves, however, with this protest, and for the first time in the history of the Dominion, Liberals have been placed at the head of the Standing Committees of

the Senate. Monday was taken up wholly with a discussion on the subject of reciprocity. Mr. John Charlton brought up the question, and spoke at considerable length. He took occasion to point out the very unreasonable attitude of the United States in relation to trade with Canada, characterizing the action of that country as narrow and selfish. He quoted from the official trade returns to show that our imports from our neighbors were enormously greater than our exports to them, and that the situation in that regard is steadily grow- found in due time. was not, however, so clear as his diagnosis of the trouble. As was pointed out by some of the members, without regard to partisan considerif the Americans are disposed to be his health had broken down, that he

hoggish.

Moreover, a careful analysis of our purchases from the United States shows that three fourths of all we buy consists of articles which England cannot supply. For example, Great Britain cannot sell us raw cotton, hard coal, tobacco, oranges, or a score of other things which we now get from the United States.

Nearly all these articles are on the trace list. Contiguity enables our had gone to New York to consult a specialist, and that his successor had already been selected. All this was sheer invention. Mr. Blair is now entirely free from organic trouble, has returned to regular office work, and has almost regained his full physical strength. Acting under the advice of his physician he is avoiding the danger of overwork; and if nothing happens he will be in possession of his wonted vigor in the course of a few weeks. No doubt his opponents would welcome his retirement; but that is not going to happen. free list. Contiguity enables our but that is not going to happen.

to sell us largely of the menufactures of iron and such as steel rails; but if goes well these things will be produced in Canada after this year. In fact the production of steel rails has already begun at Sault Ste Marie, and under the prevailing tariff and bounty system it will not be to the interest of purchasers to go outside of the country. The debate was not ended on Monday night, and when the subject next comes up the Finance Minister will have the floor.

Reference was not made last week, owing to the lack of space, to Mr. Bourassa's annual tirade against the manner in which Canada is treated by Great Britain. His motion on the face of it referred only to a call for the papers relating to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty; but with this text he roamed over his favorite ground of attack upon the general subject of Imperial policy. He incidentally hinted at his views about the South African war, and revealed an unmistakable tinge of hostility to the motherland. Mr. Bourassa does this very largely for the sake of notoriety; but the novelty of the thing has worn off and very few people take him seriously. He does not speak for any party, and he has no following.

The reports of all the Departments have been laid on the table of the House, which is a record that has not been equalled before. This has been due to the settled policy of the Government to afford the Opposition no ground whatever for the blocking of public business after Parliament meets on the ground that official information is lacking. Some of these reports afford interesting and instructive reading. That of the Interior Department shows that the receipts of last year from the sale of Dominion lands was \$370,416 greater than last year, which bears out the view that immigration into the Northwest is going actively forward. These purchases were made to some extent by settlers who went in years ago; but for the most part they were made by immigrants who have come across from the Western States.

The report, just referred to, also shows that the excess of revenue over expenditure in connection with the administration of the Yukon district, now amounts to \$757,795. If the charges to capital account are eliminated the surplus amounts to \$1,804,333. The outlay in connection with the Yukon has gone each year to swell the total expenditure by the Government; but when the account is looked into it is found that a very substantial balance exists on the eredit side. Since the administration of that district began, the balance of revenue over outgo amounts to \$3,613,430.

The total acreage disposed of by railway companies is not quite as large as for the previous year, but the combined area of lands, sold by department and companies, amounted this year to 712,566 acres, as against 699,178 acres in 1900, showing an increase of 13,388 in favor of 1901. The number of homestead en-8167, was 741 in excess of the previous year, and was the largest ever granted in the history of the department. During the last five years there were 29,514 entries made, as ceding five years, or an increase of

During the week Colonel Hughes brought up a resolution on the subject of precedence. It seems that under the rule adopted in Canada no one is recognized at a State function of a lower ecclesiastical rank than that of a bishop. The Colonel drew attention to the fact that this gave recognition to but two of the denominations, while the heads of the others were ignored. He held that this was unreasonable and the cause of much needless irritation. We have no State Church in Canada, and there was therefore no reason for discriminating in favour of the heads of two denominations to the exclu-

ng worse. His notion of a remedy The Minister of Railways was tric light service, and they could seized upon by the Opposition press to revive the rumor that Mr. Blair ations, we cannot help it on this side | was about to retire. It was said that had gone to New York to consult a

TOWN COUNCIL.

The regular monthly meeting of the above body was held on Monday evening, every councillor being

Coun. R. B. Jones said he had in terviewed the police magistrate regarding his presentation of a full bill of fines and expenses, in future, and that that gentleman said he was working along the lines prescribed by law and he did not feel justified in changing the present mode.

Coun. Burtt pointed out the reason why, in some cases, the electric light was cut off, and wished to ask the board's advice on the subject. Coun. Lindsay said he had exam-

ined into the matter and found a space of six inches between the power line and the electric light line. If the power ran steady, their would be no difficulty, but sometimes the wire gets a waving motion, and cuts off the light. He wanted the ratepayers to know that it was no fault of the electric light committee when the light occasionally goes out. He thought the matter could be safely left to the committee to remedy the difficulty.

John Tattersall, chief of the fire department, rendered his report for the year 1901, and suggested several improvements in the service for the present year.

The report was received and referred to the fire committee, who would bring the suggestions before the board at a future meeting.

Coun. Dibblee pointed out that when he brought the matter of the changing of the large bonus to smaller ones, before the board he thought it was understood the matter would be referred to the ratepayers to vote the amount for each bonus to be given smaller manufactories. The notice of the change to go before the Legislature, as printed in the newspapers, says "without the vote of the ratepayers." This notice should be changed so that the amount of money before being paid to any factory, should be named by the ratepayers. The council had no scheme "up its sleeve," as some ratepayers thought, but the only thought was that it was in the interest of the town to have new manu-

Coun. Lindsay-The notice in the papers says "without a vote of the ratepayers;" strike out the word 'without" and insert "with," would be the remedy.

Clerk Hartley - The notice in the papers cannot be changed now, for the proprietors have to make an affidavit to the proper number of insertions without a change in the wording. I will make out the bill to go before the Legislature to suit the Council, irrespective of the notice in the papers.

Coun. Dibblee- That will suit me. Our efforts are already bearing fruit, for an Ontario gentleman has written to this board, with the intention of establishing a furniture factory in the town, provided everything can be satisfactorily arranged, and he asks for further information about tries granted during the past year, the bonus to be given, and the quantity and quality of timber to be found here.

On motion Coun. Balmain, seconded Coun. Lindsay, Hezekiah McClary was appointed driver of hose cart compared with 16.367 for the pre- No 1, with the same salary as paid at present, when the time of the present driver expires.

Coun. Dibblee would like to have further light on the subject. The present driver takes care of the electric lights, and this man would only act as driver. He did not know whether it was right to add more expense as the electrician would also have to be paid, but if the chairman of the fire department wanted the change, he would share his part of the responsibility.

Coun. Balmain said as far as the fire department was concerned, the present service was not satisfactory; while the present driver would answer the call of the fire department when he was needed, somesion of all the others. The subject times when he was needed he was was discussed in a moderate spirit, not available as he would be attendand it is probable a remedy will be ing to the electric lights. The ratepayers were entitled to a better electime to devote to both services.

Coun. Lindsay was opposed to the amalgamation of both positions last

committee. Coun. R. B. Jones — The chairman but I would be better pleased if it money you intend investing.

did not involve so much more expense to the town.

Coun. A. E. Jones thought the salary, \$40 a month, was excessive, as Robert Kennedy, when driver, only got \$45 a month, and he furnished the horse and necessary outfit to

Coun. Balmain said the position was one that every man was not fitted for. The pay was not excessive when they took into consideration the fact that the driver will be engaged not six days only but seven days and seven nights every week.

Coun. Burtt-Suppose we make the change, Mr. Brown would be continued as electrician, I presume, at his present salary \$400. This would add considerably to last year's expense, but I am willing to vote for it, as the chairman of the fire department says it is necessary.

The petition of John McLauchlan for an extension of the sewer on Richmond street, was referred to the sewer committee.

On motion Coun. R. B. Jones, seconded Coun. Dibblee, the consideration of the estimates was postponed until next meeting.

Coun. Lindsay was opposed to the motion. It was clearly understood that the estimates would be brought forward at this meeting. They should not fall into the error, as they did last year, of not having the estimates before the board at the earliest possible moment, so that the assessors could get to work on the assessment for the present year, and have the taxes collected earlier.

On motion Coun. Balmain, seconded Coun. Lindsay, the fire committee was authorized to procure a fire indicator at once.

Coun. Balmain said this was a pressing matter and he would bring the question before the board at once and not wait for the estimates. They needed this indicator badly. It could be placed in the engine room and when an alarm is sent in and no one in the engine room, the indicator tells from what box it is sent. The fire alarm system is not the best in the world for the other day the alarm was sent in from box 13, and it was claimed it struck box 25, which gave the firemen a false direction. They could not afford to take such chanes as that in case of

Coun. Lindsay thought the indicator was a pressing and actual neces-

Coun. A. E. Jones asked the chairman if he had all the information on the subject—the cost, and successful working of such an indicator. He showed how, in the past, from insufficient information, the town paid more money forservices and articles than it intended paying, and the success was not as anticipated. He was in favor of the indicator, for any councillor who heard the language used by the firemen, after returning from the wrong direction recently, would vote for almost anything rather than have a repetition of the

Coun. Balmain said he would get all the information as to its successful working, before the machine would be procured

Coun. Lindsay said at next meet ing, when there would be a full board, he had a motion to bring forward. A short time ago, at a fire one of the firemen came near being seriously injured. He thought the town should carry a small accident risk for the firemen. A risk against injuries at practcie or at a fire would cost each firemen \$4 a year, which would carry \$5 a week benefits and \$1000 death claim. It would be a

or fatal accident. After a number of bills were read

town treasurer, was read, and the felt for the sorrowing family. The consideration of the same was post- interment was at Oak Mountain. poned till next meeting.

## ations.

New York, March 1.—In one of the obliged to visit New York a day or not get it simply because the driver, most remarkable operations known two ago, and this circumstance was who was electrician as well, had not to surgery, says a Baltimore special to the world, the brain of Rev. William A. Stark, pastor of tre Broadway German Methodict Episcopal church year, but, as the councillors knew, of this city, has been actually lifted for peace sake, the positions were from its bed and the roots of certain amalgamated. The lamps got out of nerves that had caused the clergyrepair and a loud wail arose from man excessive neuralgia were exthe ratepayers about the wretched tracted. The patient is said to have here to show our sympathy with the light given them. The man in stood the operation well and few charge of the lights should be under doubts of his recovery are entertainthe sole charge of the electric light ed. The operation took place at John Hopkins Hospital.

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OBITUARIES.

JAMES M'WAID

Who departed this life August 9th, 1901, was born at Williamstown, Carleton County, N. B., on the 3rd day of January 1850. In the early spring of 1901 he was taken ill, while at work in the lumber woods; which developed into pneumonia, and later into the dread disease consumption, and after several months of severe suffering, and wearisome struggling against hope, he finally had to succumb to the enemy of so many of the inhabitants of the fair Dominion. During his illness he was led to accept Christ as his personal Saviour, and for several months rejoiced in the grace of God which bringeth salvation, and gave evidence of a thorough change of heart, and died trusting in Jesus. He often said to his pastor. It is a great mistake to put matters of the soul aside until we reach the death-bed; and asked that others be warned in this matter and consecrate time and talents to Him; in health and youth is the time to serve the Lord. Mr. M'Waid was interested in the Methodist church, at Williamstown, and gave it his hearty support. He was very much respected in the community; and leaves a wife and three children, together, with an aged mother, one brother and sister, to mourn the loss, of a kind and affectionate friend. They have the sympathy of the whole community in their sad bereavement.

W. H. S.

F. P. REID.

rocery firm of F. P. Reih & Co., Moncton, died Sunday morning. He had been in his usual health up to Tuesday last, but that day pneumonia set in and despite all that medical skill could do he grew steadily worse. Mr. Reid was 41 years of age and a son of the late Mr. William T. Reid. He was born at Hopewell Hill, Albert county, and years ago, where he took a course in architecture with Mr. R. C. John Dunn. Afterwards he went into business as traveller for Messrs Baird & Peters and other firms. Eleven years ago he settled in Moncton and formed a partnership in wholesale groceries with Mr. John W. Y. Smith and has been very successful. He was a most public spirited citizen, and served as alderman for two years. His mother, Mrs. Donald Carmichael, resides in Moncton. One brother, Harry G., is head salesman for the Leicestershire Shoe Company, of Boston. He married Miss Fisher, a daughter of the late Mr. William Fisher, of Fredericton, who with two children survive.

RURPEE S. COX.

Died suddenly at his home, of rheumatic fever, Feb. 25th, 1902, at Upper Kent, Burpee S. Cox, aged 35, son of Edward and Sarah Cox. His parents still survive him, also four brothers, William B. Cox and Spurgeon H., of Upper Kent; Murray B., of Minnneapolis, Minn., and Frank E. Cox of Nickigammie, Mich; one sister, Mrs. W. H. Miles of Muniac. Burpee S. Cox was a very quiet young man, highly respected by all who knew him. The afflicted friends have the sympathy of the whole community.

WILLIAM SPEER.

The funeral of the late Coun. Wm Speer, of Benton, took place from his late residence on Saturday, the generous act to provide for the 1st inst. It was very largely attendfamilies of firemen in case of injuries | ed in spite of the unusually bad condition of the roads. The funeral procession was one of the largest and referred to the audit committee, which this village has seen, a testithe Council adjourned till Friday mony to the high regard in which the deceased gentleman was held The resignation of J. T. Garden, as and the general and deep sympathy

The funeral service was held at the house and was conducted by Rev. Mr. Ross, pastor of the Methodist Remarkable Surgical Opera- church. Rev. Mr. Fowler, Presbyterian, of Kirkland, assisted. It will best answer the purpose of this obituary, to insert a part of the address | more abundant in satisfaction and delivered by Mr. Re oss on the occa sion. He said :-

"We have been called together today because of an event which has stricken all our hearts with sadness. Another member of our community has gone from us, another family has been added to the long list of the sorrowing in this village. We are members of the afflicted household in the hour of their trial, and to pay to the memory of the neighbor and brother who has gone from us, our tribute of respect and esteem. This

William Speer was not an ordinary past.

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man. Born in a country home, of humble parentage, with few early advantages, he proved himself superior to the limitations which would have kept many men in the groove of drudgery and unremunerative toil. He moved out into wider things. With no business training he engaged in business, and with an energy unaffected by discouragements, continued therein until the day of his death, learning by experience the lessons of that success, evidence of which is before our eyes to-

The fact that he was a man of enterprise has meant something for the community in which he resided. Not only did he, by his place of business, furnish a convenient market for the produce of the surrounding country but he threw out in different directions threads of industry which from time to time gave employment to men who otherwise would have had to seek it at a distance from their homes. Enterprise such as his is what creates the village and the town and makes possible its continuance and growth.:

It was a fitting recognition of the energy and business acumen by which he attained his prominent position in the community, that a few months ago his neighbors and lifelong acquaintances sent him, by their ballots, to a seat at the Council board of his native county. I was his first official presence at the not surprised to hear from one prominent member of that body that on board his conduct prophesied that, if not in argument on the floors of the Council chamber, he would in Fred P. Reid, of the wholesale quiet and unobtrusive work on committees and elsewhere, make his presence felt and efficiently serve his constituency.

Our departed neighbor was not known by those with whom he associated, as most men are known. He was a man of few words and a retiring disposition. It was in the free atmosphere and congenial seclusion of his home that graces of his charremoved to St. John about thirty acter, unmarked by those without, were manifest to wife and sons and daughters. Those who stood in such intimate relations to him appreciate most fully the loss sustained by his removal, and pay to the considerate and affectionate husband and the kind and thoughtful father, the tribute of their tears and inconsolable

> You will expect me to speak some words with reference to his religious faith and life. It was, I believe, real though undemonstrative. His natural reserve and retiring disposition affected the forms in which it found expression. He never regarded it as important that he should speak of his inner feelings. It would have been to him a difficult task to speak in public of his religious convictions or refer in words to the status of his religious hope. But if a case of need or any of the financial interests of the church of his choice were brought to his attention, he was never found unwilling to show his sympathy in a practical way, if only he himself were not brought into any embarrassing prominence. The tes timony of one who perhaps of all men knew him longest and most intimately is 'I never knew him to do a mean thing in my life.' His religion was a religion of faith, but not the kind of faith which is alone. No man would declare more quickly or gladly than he his absolute reliance upon the mercy of God in Christ, as the sole ground of his hope for the future. But he did not make void the law through faith. Faith wrought with his works and by works was his faith justified."

## Annual Meeting, Golf Club.

The annual meeting of the Wood. stock Golf Club was held on Monday evening. The report showed a satisfactory condition, financial and otherwise. Rev. G. D. Ireland made the presentation of the Dalling cup, to the winner, B. M. Macleod.

The retiring president, H. Paxton an outline of the business of the pas year; spoke of the excellency of the work; thanked the club, especially the ladies, for their interest in and valuable assistance give to the organization; referred to the pleasure he had personally received from his connection with the club and association with its members, and hoped the future would be as the past, only

The following officers were elect-

President-William Dibblee. Vice-President-Mrs A D Holyoke. Sec. Treas.—B M Macleod. Gen. Com.—Dr T F Sprague, W P Jones, J S Creighton, Mrs R V Dim-ock, Miss A G Connell, Miss Blanch

Greens Com .- Dr Sprague, N R Loane, J S Creighton. House Com .- Miss Marion Rankin.

AHM Hay, George Mitchell.
Mr Dibblee, on taking the chair, returned thanks for the honor done him; he trusted that, with the assistance of the members he might be enabled in some measure to fil the duties of the office of President. and that everything might continue in the future as pleasant as in the