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of confident motion. Then Mr Reid entered political life, joining with Mr Morine in the leadership of the reorganized Conservative party, Bond and Morris also made up their differences, secured the support of numbers of Con servatives and easily carried the Premier and Morine leader of the opposition. The latter did not hold the confidence of his party and was displaced in favor of Goodridge who had been premier for a few months in 1894. Then some of the old Conservatives, organized under White way and Judge Morison, joined forces with Goodridge, Winter and Morine, and put up in the following general election a creditable but wholly unsuccessful fight. Mr Morine remained as leader of the opposition until 1906 when, on resigning, he was succeeded by Charles Dawe, recently deceased. Since the elections of 1904 there have been dissensions in the Bond ministry. Morris, the ablest politician in Newfoundland, resigned on a labor question after having withstood attacks from his own colleagues on the Reid rail. way deal. On the resignation of Capt Dawe, Sir Edward Morris was requested to leave the Bond party and become leader of the opposition, now known as the People's party. He has done so. The coming fight will be between Bond and Morris. These two leaders are supported by men of both political tendencies, and in fact there are just as many Conservatives on one side as on the other. Morris is an advanced Liberal, a strong imperialist; Bond is only nominally a Liberal. Both have the same policy. Each one denounces the confederation tendency of the other and repudiates any such ir.clination on his own part. Bond points to the past seven or eight years of progress as a reason for his future support; Morris adopts the Whiteway policy which prevailed during the former period of prosperity. The outcome is doubtful, the result will not make any material difference in the government of the Physician & Surgeon, Island .- St John Star.

Writing a Report

The following story of the late veteran writer, John Timbs, is interesting. Whilst sub-editor of the Illustrated London News, he sent a cut of a hop-field to a contributor, and asked him to go down to Maidstone, visit the hop-gardens, take a note of all he might see and hear, and describe the scene as faithfully and accurately as he could. The conscientious writer went, spent a day and a night amongst the 'sav- Chartered Accountant & Auditor. oury' hop-pickers. Next day he took his 'copy' to the office. The venerable Mr Timbs adjusted his

spectacles and began to read. Before he had got through the third At the present season when the slip he burst out with, 'What's this, licentiousness-why, sir, what were gross, too gross. 'Perhaps this will charmed-such well-turned phrases, such happy conceits, such poetic descriptions! 'That is better, Mr Smith, much; just what I wanted.' 'Ah,' said Smith quietly, 'I thought you would like that it's what I wrote before I went down to Maidstone.

Petty Politics.

It looks now as if the House of Commons would remain in session until summer is well advanced. There is yet many important government measures to be dealt with before the House prorogues and with Agent orrel . Fire Insurance Companies, the slow progress that is being made in supply the indications are that the present session will be one of the longest sittings in the history of the Canadian Parliament.

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defeated the government on a want Page after page of the Hansard is filled with questions such as a small boy with a dawning intellect would ask. It was not economy that prompted the questions.

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