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INCREASING MUNICIPAL TAX-ATION. The local government has for several years, shown a strong desire to relieve the provincial treasury from expenditures heretofore borne by the province, and saddle the same upon the municipalites. It has been apparent to all who have taken the trouble to follow Mr. Blair's political career, since he was called to lead the government, that he is gradually accomplishing this object. Each session sees some additional burden placed upon the municipalities. The first step in this direction was the enactment of the law providing for the registration of births, marriages and deaths which costs the municipality a good round sum yearly. The provincial treasury was, however, relieved of an expenditure formerly borne by it and that was the having the same object in view, have from time to time been introduced and passed, and year by year the rate of municipal taxof bills introduced this session will, if they become law, place additional burdens on the municipalities. Those who attended the proceedings of the county council of this county for the last three sessions, were surprised at the number of bills presented for services performed in carrying out the provisions of the health act. Some of these bills were cut down and some were disallowed altogether. Mr. Blair now proposes, however, to relieve the council of any rights in the matter, except the right to pay the bills. He has introduced an amendment to the public health act, providing that the county shall be compelled to pay the bills of the local board of health, as certified by the government. The government may fix the amount at any figure it sees fit and the county will be compelled to grin and bear it. No doubt, the government has found it too expensive to provide for the demands of its many hungry supporters, and has taken this method of compelling the counties to contribute a reasonable amount. Then again, there is the amendment to the coroner's act which provides for an additional municipal expenditure, and last but not least, the bill introduced by the government last week. providing for stenographic reporting in the county courts. Under our present system the presiding judge takes down the evi dence as adduced. This system has been found to work well, and we have heard no demand for a change. But the government in its desire to increase municipal taxation and provide for needy supporters, has introduced a bill allowing a short-hand reporter five dollars a day for service, one dollar and a half for hotel fare and an additional amount for travelling expenses. For reporting criminal proceedings, the stenographer is to be paid by the county treasurer out of the county funds. In civil actions, each party to the suit will be obliged to pay into court five dollars for each and every day the trial lasts, and should either party fail to make this payment, the judge shall at once declare judgement against him. It will be thus competent for a rich litigant to prolong a case and keep it before the court until he has bled his poorer opponent of his last dollar, when, irrespective of the merits of the case, the judge will be compelled to

MR. LABILLOIS HEARD FROM.

give judgement in favor of the man who

has the longest purse. We doubt if

more iniquitous measure was ever intro

duced in a legislature. It is on a par with

the action of the House in declaring that a

petitioner to the legislature could not be

heard until he had made a deposit of

thousand dollars.

Mr. Labillois evidently feels slightly uncomfortable under the accusations made against him by the members of the opposition, and has made a feeble attempt to deny some of their statements. He very wisely refrained from touching on the matter of his alleged purchase and sale to support the present administration, but denied that he had sought toarouse race and religious animosities in the county of Kent, during the election contest of 1891. He endeavored to correborate his denial, by reading an affidavit of what had occurred in one part of the county, to prove that he had not made certain statements in another. He was very mild and lamblike, in his utterances in the House, and expressed the greatest regret at the tactics of the opposition in seeking to inflame religious passions, by bringing the Bathurst school matter before the House. He deprecated the use of strong language in public discussions, and lamented the bringing into politics of matters of religion. One would scarcely recognize in him the

gentleman who, in 1891 flooded the county whereby he sought to arouse the prejudices of his compatriots and co-religionists, by declaring that the Catholic convents were menaced by the enemies of the government, and by appealing to them to rally to the support of "their language, their religion and their customs."

The Spring,

Of all seasons in the year, is the one for making radical changes in regard to health. During the winter, the system becomes to a certain extent clogged with waste, and the blood loaded with impurities, owing to lack of exercise, close confinement in poorly ventilated shops and homes, and other causes. This is the for there petitions and the allegations they cause of the dull, sluggish, tired feeling so general at this season, and which must be overcome, or the health may be entirely broken down. Hood's Sarsaparilla has attained the greatest popularity all over the country as the favorite Spring Medicine. It expels the accumulation of impurities through the bowels, kidneys, liver, lungs and skin, gives to the blood the purity and quality necessary to good health and overco.nes that tired feeling.

Mr. PHINNEY'S SPEECH

On the Bathurst School Debate.

Upon the resolution moved by Mr. Blair, affirming the terms of the agreement entered into in the year 1875, between representative Roman Catholics and the Executive Government, providing for the recognition by the Board of Education of certificates of the superior of any of the grand object of the act. Other measures R. Catholic teaching orders to entitle teachers to license; and affirming regulation 31 of the School Manual of 1892 and also resolving that in the opinion of ation has steadily increased. A number of the House neither the original arrangement nor the said regulation 31 contravenes the non-sectorian principle of the free school law of 1871.

Mr. Phinney addressed the House as

Mr. Chairman: torney General, and to which he seeks to answer proposed to be given to the petitioners who in such large numbers have addressed this Legislature, and must be accepted as the proposition of the Government for the quieting of the agitation which, emanating from Bathurst, has been allowed by the inaction and mismanagement of the Board of Education to spread to such a regrettable extent over the whole province, until we now find petitions presented from almost every county and by nearly every member of the House, including the leader of the Government himself, whose constituents in Queens are with others demanding redress of the alleged wrongs. I accept he opportunity afforded by the moving of this resolution, sir, and before discussing the propositions it contains, I propose to make a few remarks on the general questions involved in this debate, and so far as I can to place my views upon them before the House, my constituency and the country generally. Owing, sir, to my enforced absence, because of family affliction, from the House during the debate that arose upon the resolution of the member for York, to refer to a committee of seven the consideration of these numerous petitions with power to summon and examine witnesses under oath,-I was not privileged to hear the discussion or the views expressed by those who addressed the House, and I have only been able to gather a somewhat meagre knowledge of their opinions from the necessarily brief and often inaccurate reports in the public newspapers, though in this respect the Attorney General has been especially favored by the reporters, while the gentlemen on the opposition side of the House received but scant notice from these officials. Now, sir, I am aware of the fact that some of my political opponents, as well as of my political friends, have intimated that it was well for me that I was absent during the prior debate and that, representing the county of Kent, which has again honored me with its confidence, I would prefer not to place myself upon record on the difficult and delicate questions involved in this dis cussion. But, sir, I have never yet shirked, nor do I propose shirking the discussion of any live public question, in this Legislature, nor will I now hesitate to regard them as gentlemen of large give an open and candid avowal of my sympathies, and the kindest feelings. I opinions on this question. I regard it, therefore have no reason to do or say any ir, as one of far too much gravity and importance to be treated with indifference. and while I admit it is one demanding great delicacy and caution in its treatment it is one the discussion of which, under present circumstances, cannot longer be postponed or avoided. Right or wrong it is forced upon us, and it is absolutely necessary for every man in this

frankly. I do not know whether my opinions so ment from which it has not far as I have arrived at well considered | yet recovered, while in whole conclusions, and so far as my knowledge of the facts enable me to do so, will meet with the approval of my political friends of the provisions of the law. Whether on this side of the House, or my political opponents on the other side, but, sir, there are questions which occasionally arise in this as well as other parliamentary bodies which tower in importance above and beyond any questions of a party of the province were similarly affected. From the point of view from which they observed the matter, they were led to regard the school law, with its (Continued on Page 6.)

House or out of it, upon whom any re-

character, and, sir, the important subject f Kent with inflammatory circulars of the proper administration of our common schools system, is one of these. It is therefore all the more regrettable that the Attorney General and his subordinates in the cabinet have from the first introduction OLD DR. CORDANG REALTY FOR MEN of the question into this House, this session, sought, in every possible way, to make it a party one, and by direct statement as well as innuendo to identify the opposition, as a party, with the views of the mover of the resolution and his platform on the question.

Mr. Blair-When did I do so? Mr. Phinney-Throughout this whole debate, sir. you have thrown the taunt across the floor of the House, and charged us as a party with the responsibility contain, when you know, that the charge was entirely unfounded, the figment of your diseased imagination, and only made with the hope of placing certain gentlemen on this side of the House in a false position before their constitunets; when, sir, not only a large majority of your own followers have presented a bundle of these petitions but you yourself. sir, have been forced, in deference to the feeling in your present constituency (Queens,) to follow their example; and yet you have the boldness to insinuate that this side of the House is alone responsible for the present

It is true, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Pitts, while pursuing an independent course in this House, has deemed it consistent with his general views on public questions to vote with the opposition on several test votes, as has also the independent and generally fair-minded representative from Charlotte (Mr. Hill,) but it by no means follows that the opposition as a party are in accord with the honorable member on this question, and I for one decline to be bound by his opinions or his declarations. On this question I speak and act for myself, and every member of the opposition is free to do the same. We have not on this side of the House any man who moulds our opinions or who would dare to appeal with signi-The resolution just moved by the At- ficant tone and gesture to his supporters and with an imperious wave of the hand commit the members of this House, is the cry out "We will call upon our friends to vote down this resolution!" In all independent parties there are frequently found men whose views on particular questions are not acceptable to their friends. Mr. Charlton, of the Dominion Commons, and his desire for legislation for the better observance of the Sabbath. is an example in which the Liberal party as a body does not feel called upon to follow him. So it is, sir, in the question now before us.

I have the honor to represent a constituency that as much and possibly more than any other represents in miniature the conflicting national and religious elements that enter so largely in the composition of this Dominion, and from years of experience I know the special importance to be attached to the discussion of questions of this nature which, treat them as carefully and cautiously as you may, must to some extent excite racial and denomonational prejudices. I have, consistently with my own views and honest sentiments as well as regardful of my own political prospects, done what I could in my county to keep down the demon of religious discord, and I am proud to say, have to some extent succeeded, as evidenced by the fact that in a constituency two-thirds Roman Catholic I have since 1887 three times been elected at the head of the poll, and during that same period, have fought political contests on behalf of Roman Catholic candidates for the Commons and the Legislature in four elections, in three of which I have been successful, and in only one of which, that of the bye-election of 1891 when my friend Mr. Gogain was defeated, did I suffer a reverse and then only because of the fanatical and frenzied appeals made by Mr. Labillois sent into the county by his leader for the purpose of arousing the demon of religious strife, aided by the unlimited use of "the resources of civilization" ander the personal supervision of the Attorney General himself. In all my business relations and in all my political contests I have had and believe I still retain the personal friendship and so far as they have indicated their preference the political good will of the majority of the R. Catholic clergy. At their hospitable boards I have always been a welcome guest, and have learned to thing that would forfeit the good will of

them or their people. The county of Kent, moreover, has felt the ill effects of agitation and excitement in connection with the school question. For a period of four years after the passing of the Common School Act, open and determined opposition was offered to the enforcement of the law, the payment of school taxes was resisted, and as a sponsibility rests, to meet it squarely and result the county was thrown into financial difficulties and embarrasssections of the county schools were either closed or maintained independent

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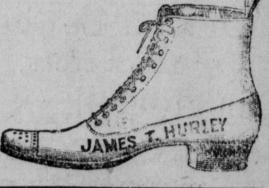
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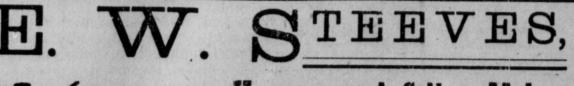
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