Dominion Parliament.

OTTAWA, March 16.—When the members of the commons had returned to their places yesterday, after hearing the speech from the throne, Sir James Grant, the new member for Ottawa, was introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Robillard; H. S. Harwood, new member for Vaudreuil, by Messrs. Laurier and Tarte; Hon. Joseph Martin, new member for Winnipeg, by Messrs. Laurier and Davies, and Mr. Halsam, of Nanaimo, by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Mara.

JUDGE PALMER'S CASE.

Mr. Davies then invited the minister of justice to state the attitude of the government in reference to the resignation of Judge Palmer, of the New Brunswick supreme court which resignation, he said, was surrounded by circumstances of an exceptionally grave and serious character. After a reference to the purity of the bench, Mr. Davies referred to the charges preferred against Judge Palmer by the St. John Globe, and said he believed in the face of the charges and the fact that the attention of the Government had been drawn to them, Judge Palmer's resignation had been accepted.

Sir John Thompson said he agreed that the question was one of grave importance, but one that could be better discussed when the papers relating thereto were laid on the table. Judge Palmer had absolutely denied the charges made against him by the Saint John Globe and had made explanations which satisfied the government that the judge intended to vindicate himself in the event of an attempt being made to follow up the charges in the regular way. The resignation of Judge Palmer had been accepted, as it had been accompanied by medical certificates showing failure of eyesight, and under the circumstances he thought the government had been justified in accepting the resignation.

The house then adjourned.

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Spelling Bees in the Bahamas.

[Rev. Bernard J. Reilly in Donahoe's for March.]

If there is one thing to which the colored children in the Catholic schools of the Bahamas take more kindly than to anything else, it is a spelling bee. The sister allows the two best spellers to choose, alternately, from among the rest of the scholars. She then gives a word to each in turn, or else permits each one to propose words to his opponent. I remember one very interesting match which took place in the boys' school. Each boy was allowed to propound a word to the one ranged opposite to him, and the struggle was a hard one.

The smallest boy of them all made the most desperate effort. He was given the word "separate" to spell. He scratched his head for a moment, grew nervous, and then came at it with a rush: "S-e-p-e-r-a-t-e!" "Wrong!" said the sister. "Sit down, Master Shipley." "Sister marm!" ("Sister" without the "marm" seems too familiar to the colored people.) "Sister marm!—s-u-p-e-r-a-t-e." "No," said the sister again, "you're wrong. You'll have to sit down."

Still not satisfied, the child gathered himself for a last frantic effort. He waved his hands over his head to attract the sister's attention. The black pupils of his eyes seemed drowned in a rolling whiteness, the veins stood out on his forehead, the perspiration made little muddy streaks down his face, and he screamed at the top of his voice, "S-u-p-p-e-r-r-e-t-e!"

There was a wild burst of derisive laughter from the others, and the poor little fellow was crushed. He dropped into a seat, his head fell on his arms, and his sobs were painful.

The sister interrupted the spelling-match for a few moments, and, going down to the vanquished one, whispered something in his ear. The little black head slowly come up from the desk smilingly, as a drooping pansy lifts its purple black face to the sun after a passing thunderstorm. I noticed, however, that the boy who had missed got no sympathy from the others. Indeed, one little Philistine was trying to lean over the desk to tell him that he ought to be over in the girls' room.

After this interruption the spelling-bee proceeded, and finally all missed their words except one bright boy. To me fell the task of flooring him. I gave him several words, and he spelled them easily while his face was wreathed in a patronizing smile, which one would not need to possess much psychological insight to know meant "give me something harder."

I tried to recall a few difficult words, and finally I remembered one of one that had been a great test word some years ago when the rage for spelling-bees swept over the land. So I said, "Spell phthisic." And he immediately spelled it correctly. I was so completely surprised that I had not the courage to go any further, and I handed him over to the sister, who, knowing his weak points, soon disposed of him.

After the other lessons were over, I sought him where he sat, and asked, "How did you ever learn to spell that last word I gave you?"

He smiled at me again, that same superior smile, struck his chest, coughed once, and then answered. "Well, Fadder I've not bin sick wife de phthisic dese tree years gone widout knowin' how to spell it!"

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In entering the church the ushers come first, then the bridesmaids, walking two by two, then the maid of honor alone, and then the bride on the arm of her nearest male relative. In coming out the bride and groom are first, the maid of honor next with the best man, and usually the bridesmaids, each walking with an usher. I say usually because sometimes the bridesmaids walk out together as they come in, with the ushers just behind them. Indeed there is no limit to the different ways in which the bridal party may enter and leave the church in these fin de siecle days.

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