

The lesson of Easter is one of hope. There is no antiquity so remote that its traditions are not permeated by the belief in immortality.

IMPORTING STOCK.

The benefit which will accrue to the province from the proposed importation of stock ought to be very great. A considerable sum of money is to be expended, and much good judgment can be shown in the use of it.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The situation in Newfoundland is sufficiently serious to alarm the most optimistic. A modus vivendi was adopted by England and France pending a settlement of all differences by arbitration or diplomacy.

MR. HANINGTON.

The proposed deposition of Mr. Hanington from the leadership of the opposition has some of the elements of the pathetic about it. Possibly it is not unnatural that St. John, which sends to the legislature nearly half the numerical strength of the opposition, should chafe at the leadership of the party being held by a gentleman from another county.

SUPPLY PASSED.

The debate over supply was exhausting if not exhaustive. Parliamentary practice allows members of the legislature pretty wide latitude of discussion, when supply is before the house, and the opposition availed themselves of the privilege to quite as great an extent as the necessities of the case warranted.

The debate on supply demonstrated in the clearest possible way the unfitness of the opposition leader to assume control of affairs. It is a pity that a gentleman of Mr. Hanington's undoubted ability in certain lines should so misconceive his position as to seek fame in the political arena.

RECIPROCITY NEGOTIATIONS.

Much speculation is being indulged in by newspaper correspondents in regard to the proposed reciprocity negotiations between the Canadian and United States governments. It is alleged that Mr. Blaine has taken a very firm stand and declines to make a concession from Ottawa until he is informed, first of all, how far the commission is instructed to go in the matter.

THE SESSION.

Unless all signs fail, the present session of the legislature will be one of the shortest on record. The government has very wisely refrained from legislating simply for the sake of law making, and the number of private bills is small, without much prospect of a great increase.

MR. LEBLANC'S SEAT.

If Mr. LeBlanc is a member of the assembly he is entitled to his seat. If he is not a member he is not entitled to it. That is the whole case in a nutshell. There is only one way a man can cease to be a member of his own motion, and that is by resigning, and there is only one way in which he can resign.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

MONDAY MARCH 23.

Mr. Barrell introduced a bill adding to and further amending chap. 99 of the consolidated statutes of municipalities. The house in committee resumed consideration of supply. Dr. Lewis in the chair.

The item of \$2,850 for miscellaneous expenses of the department of public works was discussed by Messrs. Stockton, Pugsley, McKown, Ryan, Lewis, McManus, and Atkinson. When the item of \$6,500 steam navigation was under consideration Dr. Alward urged for the restoration of the grants to the Basin of Mines and Yarmouth services. Mr. Stockton supported him.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell said the granting of these services was only temporary. He could not hold out any inducement that the grant would be renewed in the next session. The item for Lunatic Asylum maintenance (\$40,000) was next moved.

Mr. Stockton protested against considering this item in the absence of the medical report of the superintendent. Hon. Mr. Blair said that all the accounts were in the auditor general's report which was before the house. He would take this opportunity of referring to statements made by Westmorland. Mr. Powell had said during his speeches in that county that the lunatic asylum maintenance in 1888 was \$42,000, and in 1889 was \$32,000.

TUESDAY MARCH 24.

Bills were introduced by Dr. Taylor amending an act relating to municipalities, and by Mr. Pugsley amending an act relating to parish courts. Mr. Ketchum introduced a bill respecting St. Paul's church Woodstock.

Mr. Lablanc introduced a bill authorizing the Restigouche municipality to issue debentures for building a new jail. The house in committee resumed consideration of supply. Mr. Palmer in the chair.

The item of \$20,972 to provide for over expenditure of the department of public works at Dec. 31, 1890, including amounts voted in 1890 and not drawn was passed. On the question of \$20,000 to provide for the importation of cattle and sheep a lengthy discussion followed.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell said it was the intention of the government to sell the cattle and sheep outright, under certain conditions, including one that the wool and skins were to be kept within the province.

Mr. Porter was in accord with the remarks of the hon. member. Mr. Hetherington thought the importation of sheep would not be of any great benefit to the province.

After supper Mr. Russell addressed the committee, and spoke in favor of northern county breeds from Scotland. Mr. Stockton asked for details of the expenditure on cattle and sheep, and how much money would go to the commission?

The hon. Mr. Mitchell said the government had not fully matured their plans, but only traveling expenses would be allowed to the commission. Dr. Alward thought Ontario sheep the finest for the province.

Mr. Hanington was in favor of the grant. The item passed. Further consideration of supply was set down for Tuesday next. House adjourned at 10.30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25.

The greater part of the morning's assembly was occupied with routine business. Mr. Perley charged that there had been an misappropriation of the public funds in Sanbury, largely in the interests of Mr. Harrison's friends.

Mr. Harrison courted the full investigation into the matter. Mr. Perley's friends had heartily approved of some of the expenditures commented on by the hon. gentleman. The motion was lost.

Mr. Murray submitted a petition from the Bathurst protestants respecting school matters; and Mr. Alward in favor of a bill authorizing the St. John corporation to grant an annual subsidy for wharves and other improvements at Carleton, St. John.

Mr. Stockton said he had received a petition from the St. John board of trade against the latter bill. Mr. Speaker said he had received a similar petition. The document however was not in proper form, and the clerk of the house had been instructed to write to the Board of Trade regarding it.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell introduced the appropriation bill. Mr. McKown committed a bill authorizing the trustees of St. David's church, St. John, to issue debentures on security of their corporate property in that city. After discussion progress was reported with leave to sit again.

Mr. Colter committed a bill authorizing York municipality to issue debentures to take up other debentures. Agreed to. In the absence of Hon. Mr. Tweedie, Hon. Mr. Blair committed the bill relating to mines and minerals. The bill was passed largely for itself. It embodied all the best provisions of the mining laws of Nova Scotia, P. E. I., Quebec, Ontario and B. C.

Scientific men were of the opinion that the mining resources of New Brunswick were very great, and the present bill would facilitate and protect those interested in the business of mining. Mr. Hanington asked if the bill would protect the rights of those who had discovered mines and minerals and given large claims for the same believing that the proprietors of the soil had a right to give a title. He referred principally to the Dorchester copper mines.

Hon. Mr. Blair said the matter referred to would have attention while the bill was under consideration. After supper the bill was further considered and the 173rd section passed with a few slight amendments. Mr. Hanington moved the following as section 138: "That in any case of granted lands where the owners of the same are assignees of such owner, who has gone to the expense in the purchase (as he believed) of mining rights and interest therein, where explorations have been made or mining operations commenced and before the passing of this act, no lease or grant of mines or minerals under said land shall be made to any person other than such owner or assignee has been notified of any application therefor and the surveyor general shall examine into the matter and premises and such action shall be taken therein as he believed of mining rights or interests) and assignees shall pay the like royalties as other lessees and otherwise conform to the provisions of this act reasonably applicable to such cases."

CANADIAN NEWS.

The Week's Events in Brief—The Cream of our Exchanges.

The bill to enforce the Newfoundland modus vivendi will not be taken up in parliament until after April 23rd. The National Division of Sons of Temperance of North America, will hold an annual session in St. John in July.

There is a woman named "Peggy" Johnson, living at Lower Stovie, who will be 100 years old in July next. Every morning for a year past she walked half a mile to a neighbor's to have a social chat while she smokes her little pipe of clay. "Peggy" is probably the oldest spinster in Nova Scotia.

It is in contemplation to manufacture Martini-Henry ammunition at the government cartridge factory at Quebec this year. Major Prevost, superintendent of the factory, in a report to the department, says very little is required in the matter of machinery to enable the factory to manufacture Martini-Henry ammunition.

K. F. Burns, M. P., left for England via New York on Monday. It is said that before he returns arrangements will be made for the erection in Gloucester county of two pulp mills. That the country is a natural field for such industries is undoubted, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Burns will succeed in attaining his desire.

The deadlock between Sir John and Blaine continues. The latter offers full reciprocity and declines to make any specified offer of limited reciprocity. The Ottawa government is embarrassed by this "N. P." and "reciprocity in natural products only." The policy is at present stuck in the mud and getting a sorry figure.

British Columbia is getting excited about the capture of an Indian desperado named Nemiah, who is believed to be the murderer of Toole, of Pemberton Meadows, and a Chinaman on the Fraser River. Nemiah has been running at large in the mountains near Chilko Lake for years, notwithstanding the reward of \$600 offered for his capture.

The late United States Consul Tanner at Pictou, who fled from the province to escape prosecution on a charge of attempted assault on a little girl, is reported to be under arrest in Boston and it is supposed the Pictou authorities will take steps to bring him back for trial. Tanner, who is married to a young and very beautiful French woman, is a man of mature years.

Wednesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, the interior of the new Y. M. C. A. building in Dominion Square Quebec collapsed and did the walls of the edifice much damage. It is probable the brick structure will have to be taken down. The blame is attributed either to the architect or to the iron founders. The whole place is a mass of debris and the true state of affairs cannot be ascertained.

Two sailors, Savage and Beaton, were working on the side of the Dominion line near St. John's and Halifax. He was being taken on board on a gangway above them, when one of the large blocks fell and, striking the scaffolding, precipitated both men into the water. Savage sank and was not recovered till life had become extinct, but Beaton was rescued. The owner's verdict was accidental drowning.

A shocking accident occurred Thursday afternoon in the phosphate mine in the county of Ottawa. Fifteen men were blasting at the time. After an explosion of two blasts, three men having gone down into one of the holes to remove rock, a slide occurred and the three men were buried under about 30 tons of rock; two were killed. Their names are Canille, Tombeau of Est Templeton, and Alfred Bradley, foreman, from Prescott. The third, Joseph Prudhomme, of Est Templeton, received only slight injuries.

There was excitement at the Terrace Hotel, Amherst, Thursday. Liquor inspector Casey applied for a special search warrant against Campbell, while a Scotch case against him was progressing in court. Some parties then suddenly left the court room and retired to the Terrace hotel while Casey's search papers were in preparation. In the meantime the barroom was stripped, and when Casey and his men after a good deal of difficulty, had forced their way in nothing was found but empty bottles and much Adam's ale.

The exodus from the Dakotas to Manitoba has begun in real earnest, and with it are reported acts of violence on the part of Dakota merchants. On Wednesday, at Eureka, South Dakota, the agents of the Canadian Pacific and Manitoba and Northwestern railways were warned to leave town or they would be given a dose of tar and feathers. The cause of this violence was the departure of fifty Russian immigrants from Eureka to the Canadian North-West. A private dispatch also states that the Canadian Pacific railway agent at Battineau, S. D., has been ridden out of town on a horse rail.

W. C. Van Horne, president of the C. P. R., was interviewed recently by a gentleman who is a large holder to the company's ordinary stock, regarding the rumor that the government intended extending the 3 per cent. dividend for fifteen years, and which the president denied in his usual emphatic manner. "Why," he said, "we are able to earn our dividends, and pay them, and any such applications would be a sign of weakness, but we will get something from the government." The president also vouchsafed the information that in a very few years C. P. R. would be the best paying road on the continent.

The collector of customs at Port Huron, Mich., recently denied an application for the free entry, as a professional instrument, of a piano imported from Canada on the ground that the owner, a young lady of 17 years, had not taught music prior to coming to this country. He held she could not be considered a music teacher by profession and therefore the piano could not be considered an instrument of her profession. The cause was appealed to the treasury department and evidence was submitted that the young lady had studied music in Canada and had come to the United States to teach piano music. She had secured nine pupils in this county when the piano was seized. Assistant-secretary Spaulding has decided that the piano comes within the purview of paragraph 686 of the free list as it was imported as a means of gaining a livelihood.

Quite a number of Canadian cattle have been shipped lately to American ports for shipment to Great Britain. The latest transaction in this line is a purchase of 200 cattle at the Grand Trunk stock yards lately by Mr. Goldsmith of New York. These cattle were purchased at from 5 to 31 cents per lb., and will be shipped immediately. A lot of 150 Canadians were sent forward on Monday for the steamship "Italy" at New York, and the "Lake Ontario" at Portland took 270 Canadian cattle. A lot of 127 Canadian cattle was shipped for the United States for export on Mr. Goldsmith's account, and 40 more to follow. The recent transactions which have taken place have led to the belief that cattle will bring high prices this year, although dealers who have been in the country say that they are plenty of cattle offering.

AROUND THE WORLD.

The Norwegian barque Dictator, from Pensacola, Fla., for West Hartlepool, Eng., with pine lumber, a crew of fifteen, the captain's young wife and a little boy of three years, came ashore in a strong easterly gale Friday morning four miles south of Cape Henry. Full crews from two life-saving stations were promptly on hand, and began firing lines to the barque. The guns could not deliver the lines so far. The ship succeeded in getting the line ashore tied to a barrel, which the crew carried to the life savers' breeches. A buoy was quickly rigged and sent to the vessel. Eight men were rescued. The captain urged his wife all day to take a buoy and come ashore. She steadily refused as the women not leave husband and child. Only one could take a buoy at a time. The barque has gone by pieces. The seven who remained on her were lost including the wife of the captain. Just before the wreck the captain sprang into the sea with his son strapped to his back and a small child. The child was lost, making a total loss of eight lives. The Dictator was trying to make Hampton Roads and was disabled by a hurricane since the 12th inst.

Marquis de Villeneuve has sent to the Figaro a report of an interview which, he says, took place in 1890, between the late Prince Napoleon and Prince Bismarck. In this interview, it is asserted that Bismarck proposed a close alliance, offensive and defensive, between Prussia and France which would make these two powers the dominating influence in Europe. The plan, should proceed against Russia and drive the Slavs back to the steppes from which they came; Prussia should absorb the whole of Germany.

Mr. Stockton asked for details of the telegrams the following: Mr. Blaine's assistants at the state department, according to Bismarck's plan, should proceed against Russia and drive the Slavs back to the steppes from which they came; Prussia should absorb the whole of Germany.

The British government, through the Marquis of Salisbury, has formally notified Mr. Blaine, United States secretary of state, that Great Britain accepts president Harrison's invitation to take part in the world's fair at Chicago in 1893. Lord Salisbury so notified president Harrison through Mr. Blaine, that a royal commission will be appointed to assist British merchants in exhibiting products of British industry at the fair and further British interests there.

Advices received from many points pointed Kansas indicate that the most severe storm known there, raged over the greater portion of the state Thursday. The railway cuts are full of snow and the railroad traffic is a stalled. Several trains were caught between stations, among them the Missouri Pacific pay train. The company manages to keep the passengers and trainmen supplied with food.

Closing at noon Tuesday, seven hundred and twenty-three deaths have occurred in the city of St. David's church, St. John, in four days this month. The cause given are grip, influenza, typhoid and diphtheria. From the last named one death per day has occurred within the past three weeks at the Home of the Friends alone. In the other two cities there were fifty-one funerals.

The Russian ambassador presented president Carnot with the grand cross of the order of St. Andrew, the Russian decorations which the czar by a recently signed decree conferred upon the president of the French republic. This ceremony, according to impressions preserved in Berlin, is supposed to point to the actual conclusion of a treaty of alliance between France and Russia.

It is estimated that there are a thousand cases of the grippe in Troy, N. Y., but the percentage of fatal cases is very small. Doctor John T. Nagle, deputy registrar of vital statistics of New York, said that there had been three deaths from grippe reported. One was that of a woman, 77. The others were a man and a woman. The number of polioemics reported on the sick list is 176.

An extraordinary accident occurred on the Big Four, Ohio, 20 miles from Springfield. A passenger train from Columbus killed a boy named Arthur Dinhart. A freight train was expected in a short time and was signalled to stop. The engineer, fireman and brakeman saw the danger signal, and thinking there was a runaway, jumped, the first two being fatally hurt.

The present revolution in Chili threatens to result in serious international conflicts. Peruvian territory had already been violated by Chilean government troops, and now we learn that the government troops, with provisions and munitions, have occupied positions inside the Argentine limits and on the road to Mendoza.

The Estafette, Jules Ferry's paper, scorns the idea of compensation with either pecuniary or territorial nature for France's rights in Newfoundland. As it is rumored that Ferry is to be placed at the head of the proposed colonial ministry, much importance attaches to this statement of the Estafette.

The Diccionario Siele admits that the fishing territory in Newfoundland is practically useless to France, but contends that the right is worth a high price to the government because it would represent the retention of the colony in the British Empire.

Timothy Healy was mobbed by Parmentiers in Cork a few days ago, and may lose his sight as the result of a blow which shattered his eye-glasses.

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