SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

April 22—Str St Croix, Pike, from Boston, C E Laschler, mdse and pass.

Bktn Fredericia, 395, Ryder, from Mobile, F E Sayre, pitch pine.

Brigt Edward E Hutchings, 260, Warner, from Mayaguez, D J Seely and Son, molasses.

Coastwise—Schs Water Witch, 10, Croft, from Grand Manan; Beulah Benton, 36, Mitchell, from Sandy Cove; Princess Louise, 20, Watt, from Grand Manan; Try Again, 15, Ingersoll, from do; Rex, 57, Sweet, from Quaco; Rita and Rhoda, 8, Ingersoll, from Grand Manan; Yarmouth Packet, 76, Shaw, from Yarmouth; Evelyn, 69, McDonough, from Quaco; Zelina, 9, Farkland, from Grand Harbor.

April 23—Sch Harvard H Havey, 91, Scott, from Newport, G K King, bal.

Sch Sallie E Ludlam, 225, Kelson, from New York, D J Purdy, coal.

Sch Cora May, 124, Harrington, from New York, N C Scott, bal.

Coastwise—Schs Swan, 56, Stevens, from Freeport; Temple Bar, 44, Longmire, from Bridgetown; Zulu, 18, Small, from Tiverton; Alice, 17, Trahan, from Belleveau's Cove.

April 24—Schs Wascano and Willie D, from up the bay ports.

April 25—Str Flushing, Ingersoll, from Grand Manan, Merritt Bros and Co, mails, mdse and pass.

Sch Myra B, 90, Gale, from Boston, Cottle and Colwell, bal.

Sch Ruth Robinson, 452, Theal, from Windsor for New York, plaster (in for harbor.)

Sch Frank L P, 124, Williams, from Boston, F A Peters, bal.

Sch Romeo, 111, Campbell, from New York, P McIntyre, coal.

Sch Maggie Miller, 93, Granville, from Boston for Fredericton.

Sch Lewanika, Williams, from Port Greville for New York (in for harbor.)

Sch Uranus, from Hillsboro for New York (in for harbor.)

Sch Marion, 123, Reicker, from Boston, John E Moore, bal.

Sch Clifford C, 96, Thompson, from New Haven, D J Purdy, bal.

Steam yacht Siesta, 65, Upham, from Boston, H R McLellan, bal.

Coastwise—Schs Jessie, 17, Spicer, from Harborville; Wanita, 42, Magarvey, from Annapolis; Bessie Carson, 77, Haws, from Parrsboro; Maggie, 34, Hine, from Windsor; Annie Blanche, 68, Randall, from Parrsboro; Zina M, 78, Newcomb, do; Greville, 57, Baird, from Port Williams; Willie D, 64, Wasson, do; Fred and Norman, 31, Trask, from Sandy Cove; Whistler, 23, Faulkner, from Noel; Elihu Burritt, 49, Spicer, from Advocate Harbor; Free Trader, 77, Brown, from Parrsboro; Packet, 49, Tupper, do; Speedwell, 82, Barnes, from Quaco; Kedron, 22, Taylor, from Digby; barge No 4, 433, Salter, from Parrsboro; str Beaver, 57, Potter, from Canning.

Cleared.

April 22—Sch L'Edna, Sabean, for Boston.

Sch Mary George, Erb, for Salem f o.

Coastwise—Schs Gertie H, Thompson, for Sandy Cove; Three Links, Egan, for Sackville; Hattie McKay, Durant, for Parrsboro; Roland, Roberts, for do; Ida M, Smith, for Quaco; West Wind, Post, for Digby; L M Ellis, Lent, for Westport; Lena and Edna, Hains, for Freeport; Hattie, Thompson, for Westport; Geo J Tarr, Hayden, for Digby; Annie Corbett, Hayden, for Thorne's Cove; Lloyd, Anderson, for Annapolis; R N B, Morris, for Margaretville; Bay Queen, Barry, for Beaver Harbor; Victor, Tufts, for Quaco; Evelyn, McDonough, for do; Annie and Lizzie, Outhouse, for Tiverton; Iona, Morris, for Advocate; Alph B Parker, Outhouse, for Tiverton; Maud Holmes, Cheney, for White Head; Little Minnie, Theriault, for Back Bay; Satellite, Perry, for Westport; Rowena, Stevens, for Fredericton; Ben Bolt, Sterling, for Sackville.

April 22—Sch Alaska, McHaffey, for City Island f o.

Coastwise—Sch Yarmouth Packet, Shaw, for Yarmouth.

April 23—Str Lucerne, Griffiths, for Liverpool.

Sch Nellie Watters, Granville, for Vineyard Haven f o.

Sch Rebecca W Huddell, Tower, for New York.

Sch Stella Maud, Miller, for Pawtucket.

Sch G H Perry, Robinson, for Vineyard Haven f o.

Sch Canary, Wasson, for Vineyard Haven f o.

Coastwise—Schs Harry Morris, McLean, for Quaco; Rita and Rhoda, Ingalls, for Grand Manan; Try Again, Ingersoll, for Grand Harbor; Dove, Ossinger, for Tiverton; Rebecca W, Gough, for Quaco; Helen M, Hatfield, for Hillsboro; Bear River, Woodworth, for Port George.

25th—Sch Avis, Cole, for Vineyard Haven, f o.

Sch Lizzie B, Belyea, for Thomaston.

Sch Riverdale, Urquhart, for Boston.

Sch Valdare, Hatfield, for Boston.

Coastwise—Str Beaver, Potter for Canning.

CANADIAN PORTS.

Arrived.

At Port Mulgrave, April 20, schs Hazlewood, Farris, from St John for Magdalen Islands; Gazelle, Young, and Emma T Storey, Fraser, from fishing (no ice).

At Louisburg, CB, April 20, brigt Darpa, Bradley, from Oporto.

HALIFAX, April 25—Ard, str Halifax City, Newton, from St John; brigt W E Storr, Smeltzer, from Porto Rico, and sailed for Boston.

Sld, str Duart Castle, Seeley, from Bermuda, Windward Islands and Demerara.

At Hillsboro, April 20, schs Rebecca A Taulane, Olsen, from Portsmouth; Maggie Lynds, Christopher, from Hopewell Cape.

At Quaco, April 23, schs Lizzie D Small, Ricker, from Salem; Two Sisters, Egan, from Sackville; Glide, Tufts, and Ida M, Smith, from St John.

At Hillsboro, April 22, sch John Proctor, Chase, from Gloucester.

At Windsor, April 19, schs Ruth Robinson, Thrall, from Portsmouth; 21st, Phoenix, Newcomb, from New York.

HALIFAX, N S, April 25—Ard, strs Portia, from St Johns, NF, and sailed for New York; sch W R Huntley, Howard, from Fajardo, PR.

Sld, str Bulgaria, Schmidt, for New York.

Cleared.

At Hillsboro, April 20, sch Maggie Lynds, Christopher, for St John; 21st, bark Alert, Rice, for Holyhead f o; sch Uranus, Wood, for New York.

At Quaco, April 23, schs Chieftain, Tufts; Irene, Pritchard, for St John; G Walter Scott, Graham, for Windsor.

BRITISH PORTS.

Arrived.

At London, April 22, str Platea, Allen, from St John.

At Cape Town, April 19, ship Theodore H Rand, Morris, from Barry.

LONDON, April 22—Ard, str Platea, from St John.

At Table Bay, April 20, ship Timandra, Edgett, from Barry.

At Cape Town, April 20, ship Timandra, Edgett, from Barry.

At Melbourne, previous to April 22, bark Frieda Mahn, Staben, from St John.

At Barbados, April 20, ship Avon, Burley, from Calcutta via Surinam.

MOVILLE, April 25—Ard, str Lake Huron, from St John via Halifax for Liverpol.

Sailed.

From London, April 20 (not previously), bark Vision, for Dalhousie.

ANDROSSAN, April 22—Sld, str Glenarm Head, for Montreal.

HULL, April 21—Sld, Karl Cleveland, for Quebec.

GLASGOW, April 21—Sld, str Buenos Ayrean, from Montreal.

From Liverpool, April 21, bark Askoy, Jacobson, for Halifax.

From Preston, April 20, bark Hamlet, for Richibucto.

From Bristol, April 23, ship Asta, for West Bay.

From Manchester, April 22, str Barcelona, for St Johns, Nfld, and Halifax.

From Dundee, April 22, bark Gero, Guevell, for Shediac.

From Greenock, April 22, ship Noreg, Fostner, for Bay Verte.

HYANNIS, Mass, April 25—Sld, schs Ayr and Flash, for New York.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived.

At Buenos Ayres, April 22, ship Canara, Swatridge, from Boston.

At Salem, April 20, sch Three Sisters, from Weehawken for Portsmouth.

At New York, April 20, bktn St Peter, from Buenos Ayres.

At New York, April 22, str Germanic, from Liverpool.

At Philadelphia, April 20, ship Walter H Wilson, Doty, from Wilmington, Del.

At Savannah, April 19, bark Veronica, from Buenos Ayres via Barbados.

At Boston, April 20, bark John Gill, Mcenzie, from Rosario; sch Morales, Hebb, from Ponce, PR, reports had good weather during the passage; sch Rhoda, Inness, from Ponce, PR; brigt Venturer, McHenry, from Rio Grande do Sul Jan 4, via Barbados March 2, St Thomas March 16, when put in with loss of sails—at quarantine.

PORTLAND, Me, April 22—Ard, sch Evolution, Fitzpatrick, from Arroyo, PR.

Cld, schs Franklin, for Dorchester; I V Dexter, for Boston.

BOSTON, April 22—Ard, strs Canada, from Liverpool; Prince Edward, from Yarmouth, NS; schs Bessie H Cross, from Deer Isle; Annie M Preble, from Calais.

Sld, strs Peruvian, for Glasgow; Yarmouth, for Yarmouth, NS; schs Mina, for St John; Victory, for Hopewell Cape; S A Townsend, for Halifax; Sunshine, for Maitland, NS; Julia and Martha, for Calais.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, April 22—Ard, schs Sierra, from St John for New York; Carrie Easler, from Liverpool, NS, for New Haven.

At New York, April 21, bark Glenafton, Mundy, from Rio Grande do Sul; sch Bahama, Tooker, from Savana-la-Mar.

At Port Reading, NJ, April 21, sch A P Emerson, Haley, from New York.

At Elizabethport, April 21, sch Hattie C, from New York.

At St Michaels, April 21, str Anaces, Robinson, from Sabine Pass via Bermuda for London—in for coal.

At Fernandina, April 24, sch Canaria, Brown, from New York.

At Perth Amboy, April 22, sch Demozelle, Turner, from New York; 23rd, sch Bessie Parker, from New York.

At New York, April 22, schs Alert, Burns, from Macoris; Calabria, Knowlton, from Demerara; Melbourne, Matheson, from Aux Cayes.

At Vera Cruz, April 10, brig Estella, Buskin, from Pascagoula.

At Porto Rico, April 19, str Tyrian, Angrove, from Halifax.

At Brunswick, Ga, April 23, bark Auriga, Johns, from Rio Janeiro.

VINEYARD HAVEN, April 25—Ard, schs Viola, from Port Reading for St John; A P Emerson, from Port Reading for Winter Harbor.

Sld, schs Sierra, Carrie Easler and Pleasantville.

ROCKPORT, Me, April 25—Ard, sch Uranus, from St John.

CALAIS, Me, April 25—Ard, sch Abner Taylor, from New York.

BOOTHBAY, April 25—Ard, schs Reporter, from New York; Onward, from New York.

Sld, schs Cinderella, for Portland; Vesta Pearl, for Thorne's Cove, NS.

BOSTON, April 25—Ard, schs J Kennedy, from Calais; Sebrina, from Bridgetown.

Cld, schs Creta, for St John; Lizzie Wharton, for Belleveau Cove.

Cleared.

At New York, April 20, barks Strathisla, Urquhart, from Saigon; Strathern, Flemming, from Sydney, NSW.

At Mobile, April 22, ship Karoo, Boss, for London.

Sailed.

From Azua, prior to April 19, sch Gypsum Queen, Morris (from Ocoa), for New York.

From New York, April 20, bark Douglas, for St Pierre, Mart.

From Boroen, April 12, bark Prince Patrick, for Canada.

BOOTHBAY, Me, April 22—Sld, schs Sallie E Ludlam, for St John; Walter Miller, for Salem.

CALAIS, Me, April 22—Sld, sch Pavilion, for Newport; Maud Malloch, for Cambridgeport.

From Seville, April 14, bark Greenland, Anderson, for Philadelphia.

From Port Reading, April 21, sch Viola, Finley, for St John.

From New York, April 21, bark Strathisla, for Saigon.

From Pernambuco, April 14, str Riojana, Guerrica, for Matanzas.

From Buenos Ayres, March 17, bark St Croix, Trefry, for the roads (? and Boston.)

From Dieppe, April 20, Island, for Halifax.

From Delaware Breakwater, April 21, sch Abby K Beutley, Price, for coastwise.

From Rio Janeiro, March 23, ship Macebesnard, for Mobile.

From Vera Cruz, April 12, sch J W Durant, for Mobile.

From Antwerp, April 23, str Storm King, Crosby, for Boston.

From Rio Janeiro, March 23, sch Macedon, McMaster, for Savannah via Barbados.

From New York, April 22, schs Delta, for Cheverie; Gypsum Princess, for Windsor; Viola, for St John; 23rd, bark Strathern, for Sydney, NSW; schs Avalon, Wagner, for St John; Carita, Parnell, for Halifax, NS; Eagle Wing, Van Horn, for Rio Janeiro; Leonard, Walter, for Sackville, NB; Clayola, McDade, for St John.

MACHIAS, Me, April 25—Sld, schs Laconia, from Calais for New York; Freddie Eaton, for New York; Pandora, from St John for Rockland; Orizimbo, from Calais for Bridgeport; Abna Floyd, from St John for Boston.

MEMORANDA.

In port at Ponce, PR, April 3, schs Omega, Lecain, and Mercedes, Saunders, for Vineyard Haven, to sail about 6th.

In port at Montevideo, March 17, bark Strathmuir, McDougall, for Antwerp.

Passed Gibraltar, April 20, str Turret Crown, Henry, from Genoa for Port Breton (Cape Breton).

Passed out at Delaware Breakwater, April 20, bark Oostenberg, from Philadelphia for St John.

In port at Ponce, PR, April 3, schs Phyllis D, for Halifax, ldg, to sail 5th.

Passed Anjer, March 20, ships Selkirk, Crowe from Manila for New York; 26th, Treasurer, Knowlton, from Iloilo, for New York.

In port at Montevideo, April 5, bark Sigue, from Johannesen, for Dalhousie, ready to sail.

TORY ISLAND, April 25—Psd, str Concordia, from St John for Glasgow.

SPOKEN.

Steamer Alpha, Hall, from Halifax for Vancouver, April 12, lat 28 N, lon 54 W; all well.

Bark Ontario, from Buenos Ayres for Boston, April 19, lat 40.41, lon 71.02.

Bark W W McLauchlan, from Villa Constitution for Falmouth, March 11, lat 26.21 S, lon 33.15 W.

Bark Neptune, Backer, from Bristol for Bay Verte, April 19, lat 49, lon 14.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

BOSTON, April 22—Nun buoy belonging to NE corner of Bearse Shoal, Nantucket Shoals, now lies one and a half miles SW of proper position (reported by coast pilot.)

PORTLAND, Me, April 22—Notice is given by the Lighthouse Board that, on and after Tuesday, April 26, 1898, and until further orders, all channels leading to Portland Harbor from sea will be closed to navigation by a system of explosive torpedoes, and all masters of vessels are forbidden to attempt to pass through any except the channel from the southward, between Portland Head and Cushing Island. In using this channel caution must be carefully followed: Five black and white perpendicular striped spar buoys, placed one-quarter of a mile apart, on a line of bearing N by W quarter W, and S by E ¼ E, will mark the safe channel, and vessels entering or passing out should leave these buoys close aboard on either hand. At night, being abreast of Portland Head light, bring Spring Point Ledge light to bear N by W ¾ W, and steer in on that course until the middle of Cushing Island is abeam, when all dangers will be passed. The forbidden passages are: Whitehead, Hussey's Sound, Chandler's Cove, between Great Chebeag Island and Little John Island. In these forbidden passages all buoys will be removed and it would be extremely hazardous to attempt to pass through them.

All bearings and courses are magnetic.

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BIRTHS.

BARKER-STANLAKE—At the Tracey hotel, Bath, N. B., by Rev. S. J. Perry, on April 12th, Dexter Barker of Bath to Miss Ida L. Stanlake of Knoxford, both of Carleton Co., N. B.

PATTERSON—At Salmondale, Queens Co., N. B., on April 8th, to the wife of W. M. Patterson, a son.

WRIGHT FITZHERBERT—At the residence of the bride's father, Munisc, April 16th, by Rev. S. J. Perry, John Wright to Miss Lauria Fitzherbert, both of Perth, Victoria Co., N. B.

MARRIAGES.

CAMPBELL-WILSON—At the Presbyterian church, Campbell settlement, April 21st, by Rev. A. D. Archibald, M. A., John Campbell to Mary Wilson.

DEATHS.

BROWN—At Indiantown, on April 24th, Isabella M., wife of W. G. Brown, postmaster.

DAVISON—At Eel River Lake, Carleton Co., N. B., on Monday, April 18th, John, youngest son of James and Sarah Davison, aged 27 years.

GIBBONS—In this city, on Saturday, April 23rd, James Gibbons, in the 67th year of his age, leaving two daughters to mourn their loss.

MILLAR—Suddenly, on Saturday, April 23rd, Wm. T. Millar, aged 35 years, second son of the late Joseph Millar.

PATTON—At her residence, 74 Spring street, Monday evening, April 25th, Catherine, relict of the late Wm. Patton.

WILSON—At his residence, 187 Union street, on Sunday, at 6 p. m., Sergt. Samuel Wilson, in the 73rd year of his age, leaving six sons and two daughters to mourn their sad loss.

FROM WRANGEL.

Charles Muse of Little Brook, Digby County, N. S.,

Tells the Sun of His Experiences on the Stickine River Trail.

Good Food and Wages—No Place for Sickly Folk—Eight Corpses on the Steamer.

From Tuesday's Daily Sun.

Among the passengers by the Canadian Pacific express yesterday was Charles Muse, an Acadian, from Little Brook, Digby county, N. S., who is on his way home from the trail beyond Fort Wrangel, on the Stickine River. Mr. Muse is one of a very large party who went west a few months ago. He went over the C. P. R. to Vancouver, thence by steamer to Wrangel, and on up the Stickine River, to work on the trail being opened up in advance of the railway toward Teslin Lake.

He is home again because he was so badly injured that he could not continue his work as a blacksmith in that region. Mr. Muse is not one of those who are tired of the west. If he recovers his strength he expects to go back. He was getting $75 per month and board for the short time he was able to work; but of about thirteen weeks spent on the trail he spent seven in the camp, and was finally told by the doctor he would have to get away if he wished to get well. So he came home. He was hurt by being burled under a load of earth and had to be dug out.

Mr. Muse says they lived well at the camp on the trail. They had beef, butter, bread, etc., and even such food as doughnuts and pies was to be had. Wages for laborers were $2 per day, and all who went there seeking work were able to get it. He was working for a man named Thomas Boomer, of Butte City, and a finer boss no man could ask. Then men were not overworked, and they were well fed, and though the mercury was down to 25 and even 45 degrees below zero, they got used to it and could work all right. On the tops of the mountains the snow was very deep, and it was also deep in the valleys, but the trail was being cut on the mountain side where the depth was not so great. The advance party made a trail wide enough for a cart. Away behind them were others widening it out to the width necessary for the railway.

Mr. Muse says that only strong and hardy men should go to that country. The hospital staff at Wrangel are kept busy treating men of weak constitution who go out there and break down.

On the steamer that brought him from Wrangel to Vancouver there were eight corpses. Three were brought east to Medicine Hat, two to Wianipeg, and three to North Bay.

Mr Muse was one of the party who found the bodies of two gold seekers, frozen stiff, each with a large bag of gold. These men were on their way out from the Klondike with their wealth and met death on the trail. Their bodies lay within a few feet of each other.

Mr. Muse was twenty-two days making the journey from the camp on the Stickine trail to St. John.

At Vancouver, he was told on the train by people coming east that the city was over-crowded and that a great many were unable to get work of any kind there.

Among the ills that attack weak men on the Stickine is mountain fever. Speaking of the work there, he says the contractors had plenty of supplies, and had broncbos to do the hauling. There were some sixty or seventy Nova Scotians at work along the line, and many Newfoundlanders. He saw no quarrelling or trouble of any kind. He was treated with the greatest consideration after being hurt, and was well cared for, and his employer told him his job was there for him if he went back any time within three or four months.

With regard to Wrangel, he heard of no trouble there except the disappearance of one man who, was said to have had a few hundred dollars, and it was thought by some that he had been put out of the way by a saloon keeper popularly styled "Jack the Ripper."

Mr. Muse goes over the bay this morning. He says a man of strong constitution can get along all right where he was, but he would advise every man who is not strong and hardly to stay home.

PARLIAMENT.

The Resignation of Gen. Gascoigne and His Successor.

The Franchise Bill Occupied the Attention of the House Yesterday.

The Binder Twine Contract and How Coll Bros. Lost It—Militia Matters.

OTTAWA, April 21.—The long expected plebiscite bill appeared in the house today. On moving the first reading Hon. Mr. Fisher gave a brief summary of the contents of the bill, which provides that only one question shall be submitted, to read as follows:

"Are you in favor of the passage of an act prohibiting the importation, manufacture, or sale of spirits, wine, ale, beer, cider and other intoxicating liquor, used as beverages?"

The remainder of the bill, which contains fifteen clauses, contains the machinery for the taking and recording of the vote.

The persons qualified to vote are those entitled to vote in a federal election. The government is authorized to fix a date and appoint returning officers. Organizations on each side of the question are permitted to have representation at the polls. The form of the ballot is designated, and is such that the voter makes a cross in a space under the word "Yes" or under the word "No," according as he favors or opposes prohibition. The return of the vote is made as in ordinary elections, and are to be made public through the Canadian Gazette. The part of the bill which is most controversial is contained in the clause requiring that the election be held according to the procedure and on the list of the franchise and election bill now before the house.

The bill does not go farther than the recording of the vote. It makes no provision for the subsequent action in the way of giving effect to the will of the people. It is not usual to discuss measures on the first reading, but a short debate took place on the introduction of this bill.

Hon. Mr. Foster thought a clause should be added providing that in case a majority of the votes were cast for prohibition, effect should be given to the decision. No answer was made to this proposition.

Mr. McInerney pointed out that the bill required a vote to take place on the franchise act of 1898. There was no such act. The franchise bill was hardly in the committee stage, and no one could say that it would pass either chamber.

Hon. Mr. Fisher replied that the government were determined that the bill should pass.

Mr. McInerney—"More than one bill which this government was determined to pass has failed to become law."

Premier Laurier thought that this suggestion was of the nature of a threat. The government did not intend to withdraw the franchise bill, and did not expect its defeat.

After further discussion Mr. Bergeron said that the solicitor general had said in Quebec that it would be unconstitutional to impose prohibition on that province by the vote of the other provinces. Since a member of the government had made this declaration, Mr. Bergeron would like to know whether in case Quebec should vote "No," as he thought it would, Quebec would be included in the prohibitory law. He got no answer.

Mr. Ives protested against the policy of the government in harnessing the plebiscite to a franchise bill, which, as the government well knew, was strongly opposed by one political party in Canada and in this house. It looked like an attempt to drag the whole matter into party politics. If this house or senate should not adopt the franchise act, or should even amend it, the government might make that an excuse for destroying the plebiscite.

Mr. Taylor suggested that the plebiscite vote be taken on the lists of the last municipal election.

The government declined to discuss the question further, until the second reading.

The franchise bill was then taken upon.

On the clause adopting the provincial lists, Mr. Heyd, the liberal member for Brant, proposed an amendment that the Indian voters enfranchised by the federal laws but disqualified by the Ontario acts, should remain electors.

Mr. Lister, liberal, supported the amendment, both he and Heyd declaring that it would be an outrage to shut out from the franchise any class of persons who have once been admitted to the polls. Messrs. Quinn, Gillies, McNeill and other members agreed to this proposition and proposed to carry it to conclusion. They pointed out that various classes of white persons, who in Nova Scotia, Quebec and other provinces have had a right to vote by the federal law, would by this act be deprived of the right of suffrage, under the disfranchising clauses of the provincial laws. This led up to an interesting discussion, which continued all afternoon.

The franchise discussion was resumed in the evening on Heyd's amendment. The debate was largely with Nova Scotia members concerning the franchise laws of that province.

At midnight Mr. Heyd's amendment was still before the committee, when progress was reported and the house adjourned.

NOTES.

The senate today restored Hamilton Smith's Yukon charter bill to the order paper, whence it had been dropped.

The minister of justice stated that a London firm, of which Sir Charles Russell is a member, acts as solicitor for Canada since January, 1897; advances of $3,800 had been made to the firm, and there was outstanding accounts of $800 on account of the fisheries case and tariff question.

Commander Wakeham's report about the Hudsons Bay was submitted today. The most important part of it has already been given to the public.

The question asked by Clarke Wallace to Hon. Mr. Patterson today elicited an interesting statement that during the first half of the present fiscal year, that is from July to January last, the imports from Great Britain were $15,391,000, or $311,800 more than in the same period of the previous year. In the same period the imports from the United States were $38,577,000, an increase of $6,363,000. This is the first direct statistical evidence of the diversion of trade from the United States to Great Britain under the Felding tariff. The increase in imports from the United States is a little more than twenty times the increase in imports from Great Britain in the first half of the year in the new system.

D. Pottinger arrived today from Moncton. He has business with the minister and will probably testify before the Drummond committee.

Major Armstrong of St. John is here on business with the minister of militia.

OTTAWA, April 22.—In the house this afternoon Mr. Clarke of Toronto called attention to the fact that Mr. King, the boot and shoe manufacturer of Toronto, who has a strike in his factory, was bringing working men from the United States to break up the strike. Mr. Clarke wanted to know whether the government would put in force the alien labor bill. This led up to a general discussion of the enforcement of the alien labor law, which will be resumed Monday.

The franchise bill was then taken up. Mr. Heyd's amendment was defeated by a yea and nay vote. Messrs. Heyd and Lister, who spoke so vehemently for their amendment yesterday, were both conveniently absent.

Mr. Russell of Halifax moved an amendment to admit to the federal franchise all who might be disqualified by provincial laws on the ground that they are federal employes, provided the persons are on the list.

Sir Charles Tupper said that the trouble was that the employes could not get their names on the list, but Mr. Russell still maintained that under the Nova Scotia system the registration included the employes and disqualification comes afterward.

Sir Charles appealed from him to the solicitor general, who evaded that issue, but met Sir Charles' point by arguing to draft an amendment to provide that employes should neither be kept from the list nor from the polls. The speaker left the chair before this amendment was ready.

MILITIA MATTERS.

40th Prince Edward Island Regiment—To be honorary chaplain, Rev. Thomas F. Fullerton; to be surgeon, Lieut. Duncan Albert Stewart, vice Gillis, deceased.

66th Batt. Princess Louise Fusiliers—Lt. Col. Wm. Marshall Humphrey is permitted to resign his appointment as commanding officer of this corps, and is transferred to the infantry reserve of officers, 7th April, 1898; to be lieutenant-colonel, Major Byron Arthur Weston, vice Humphrey, transferred 7th April, 1898.

69th 1st Annapolis Battalion Infantry—Lieut. and Adjutant John Henry Charlton is granted the rank of captain, under the provisions of paragraph 79, regulations and orders for the militia, 1887, 4th April, 1898.

8th Princess Louise New Brunswick Hussars—To be second lieutenant provisionally, Sergt. Henry Elijah Scovil, vice Domville, transferred.

73rd Northumberland Battalion of Infantry, No. 5 Co.—To be second lieutenant provisionally, Sergt. Harry Wilson, vice Cameron, retired.

74th Battalion Infantry, No. 4 Co.—To be second lieutenant provisionally, Frederick Roy Sumner, gentleman, vice Forster, promoted.

THE BINDER TWINE SALE.

This morning Douglass Stewart, inspector of penitentiaries, gave evidence concerning the sale of binder twine to the Hobbs firm, notwithstanding a lower tender of Coll Bros. of St. John. He said that Messrs. Coll's tender was not complete, and the firm did not put up the deposit. It turned out, according to his testimony, that the Coll firm had made an arrangement with the other firm to assume their tender. The department had finally allowed the Colls to withdraw, and had given the contract to Hobbs on terms nearly but not quite as good as Coll's offer. The inspector said he had recommended this contract, as the prices were falling, and it was the best arrangement that could be made.

The evening was expended on the franchise bill. Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick's amendment is not yet done. Other amendments are promised to meet the objections raised by Mr. McInerney, by fixing a limit to the number of voters who may be sent to one poll. Mr. Fitzpatrick did not have his amendments ready. One sub-clause proposed to the amendment was held over. The evening's discussion took on another sub-clause, which was adopted at midnight. Sir Charles Tupper then proposed an amendment providing that in case of dispute as to the qualification of a person to vote, an appeal shall be made to the county court judge.

At 2 a. m. Sir Charles Tupper for the third time tried to induce the premier to dismiss the house.

Sir Wilfrid refused. The leader of the opposition told him that he thought he was making a mistake and was not hastening legislation by this attempt to force his measure through with a rush. He did not propose to remain in any longer, he said, and strolled off home, while his followers settled down to make a night of it.

At 2.30 Mr. Bennett was speaking to Mr. Foster's motion that the committee rise.

NOTES.

The private bills committee has been toiling two days over the bill to incorporate the Klondyke and Peace River Gold Mining Land and Transportation Co. (Ltd.) The incorporators are Geo. T. Marsh of Regina, Chas. H. Skinner, Alfred C. Blair, Arthur I. Trueman of St. John; capital stock, one million. The petitioners desired power to mine in the Yukon, to farm in the Northwest, to carry on sheep and cattle ranching, and to do transporting business. The committee has cut down these powers largely, and today put in an amendment requiring that before the company goes into operation $250,000 must be subscribed and $50,000 paid up.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 25.—Before the orders of the day, Sir Adolphe asked about General Gascoigne and was told that he had resigned his Canadian command, but retained his position till his successor was appointed.

Hon. Mr. Tarte informed Mr. Ganong that the estimated cost of establishing telegraphic communication between Deer Island and the mainland was $3,500. Telephone communication would cost the same. Telephone communication between Head Harbor light and Welshpool would cost $880.

Five private bills were advanced a stage, including the Klondyke bill in which Messrs. Skinner, Trueman and A. C. Blair of St. John are interested.

The house then took up Quinn's motion relative to the dismissal of John F. Tennant, late collector of customs at Gretna, Manitoba.

In the evening Mr. Casey's bill to secure the safety of railway employes was taken up. Hon. Mr. Blair expressed doubts whether parliament had power to legislate to the extent proposed.

As Hon. Mr. Blair wanted time to look farther into the matter, Mr. Casey agreed that progress should be reported.

The next order called was the second reading of Charlton's seduction bill amendment. Mr. Charlton had already spoken on the second reading and was not allowed another chance. As no one else wanted to speak, Mr. Charlton asked for a vote, calling for yeas and nays. The speaker declared the motion lost. Mr. Charlton stood up to call for a recorded vote. It is necessary for five members to demand and only three stood up with Mr. Charlton. His bill is, therefore, struck from the order paper.

Mr. McMullin moved the second reading of his bill to authorize the appointment of a board of civil service commissioners. He supported the bill with a speech setting forth the excessive cost of the inside service.

Mr. McMullen begged that his bill to provide supervision for civil servants might find favor with his leader, but the premier said he wanted time to consider it, and moved the adjournment of the debate.

The same thing was done with Mr. Davin's bill about the mounted police pension.

The house adjourned at 11 p. m.

NOTES.

It is said that Joe Martin has the inside track for the British Columbia chief justiceship. Senator Templeman and the four members from the province supporting the government waited on the minister of justice and discussed the matter. They do not say what happened, but one of the delegation told me tonight that D. C. Fraser, M. P., was not entirely out of the race.

HALIFAX.

The Will of Miss Antoinette Nordbech Probated Yesterday.

Want More Facilities at the Expense of the Country—Arrival of Austrian Warship.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 25.—The will of Miss Antoinette Nordbeck is probated. She leaves $500 to Roble street Methodist church, this city, and $250 to the superanuation fund of the Nova Scotia conference Methodist church. With this exception, the whole estate, estimated to be worth $80,000, is bequeathed to the four children of Rev. Robert Murray, editor of the Presbyterian Witness.

The city council and board of trade delegates to Ottawa, and others of the joint committee, met today. Telegrams were sent to Minister Fielding and Mr. Russell M. P., urging a prompt response to the representations of the delegation, and asking what steps were being taken to improve the inadequate facilities here, by the building of wharves and modern freight sheds at deep water.

A cable from Bermuda says: The British warship Indefatigable arrived here yesterday from Halifax and sailed again after coaling. Her destination is unknown.

The warship Pallas arrived at Port Antonio, Jamaica, yesterday, from Bermuda.

The work is being rushed at Halifax in preparing the two torpedo boats on this station for service. It is understood a quantity of food supplies will be sent from here for the fleet at Bermuda.

The sudden death occurred at Ashland, Mass., today, of Dr. Maria Angwin of this city. Dr. Angwin had gone to New York last January to take a post graduate course. On her return she took ill and stopped off at Ashland, where she soon died. Dr. Angwin was the first lady doctor to practice in Halifax. She is a sister of J. H. Angwin and W. K. Angwin of this city.

The Austrian warship Donau arrived at six this evening from New York. When the signal of her approach was run up, people thought the visitor was a Spaniard off the harbor, in the thick weather. The Austrian fired guns to attract a pilot. This made Captain Oakes of the coasting steamer Bridgewater think the warship was in distress, and he offered assistance. No reply was received, but for some distance the Austrian followed the Bridgewater. Eventually a pilot was secured.

BIG GLASGOW FIRE.

GLASGOW, April 25.—A tremendous fire broke out in the Clyde side district of this city tonight. Several large buildings are involved, including the magnificent Catholic cathedral of St. Andrews.

The damage already amounts to £150,000 and the fire is still burning.

MORAL OF A SCARE.

I have not the least doubt that the celluloid comb is as bad as they say. For that, and other reasons, I seldom, if ever, wear a celluloid comb myself. But I should like to point out that the human hair is also inflammable. Apply a lighted candle to it, and it will burn freely. Yet there are many people still going about with this dangerous material on their heads. I confess, willingly, that I still have a little of it left myself, and I have no immediate intention of giving it up. This involves a moral of a slightly different order——that, so long as you don't put your head in the fire, or the gas, or a candle, you may possibly get along all right; but if you are in the habit of putting your head in any of these places, you should not wear a celluloid comb, and you should shave your skull completely, and wear a tight-fitting asbestos wig. No; these scare people really go rather too far sometimes.—Barry Pain in To-Day.

Chollie (who has tried on the professor's hat)—"Aw, professor, my head is larger than yours." Professor—"Yes, on the outside."