

How it Comes About that the Minister of Customs Makes a Good Average Speech—Sir Louis Davies Has a "Bad Break" to Explain Away—The Postmaster General Not at Present in a Happy Mood.

Nor were they left without a companion. Mr. McMullen produced his bill providing supervision for the civil servants. He wants to appoint three supervisors who shall have power to go through the country, examine the books and value the services of all the officials in all the departments. He would give them power in case an officer is not earning his daily bread to have him dismissed, and also to discharge within

"They, the government, think that the question as to whether the elector is in favor of prohibition should have as a part of it the further question as to whether he is prepared for the imposition of such new taxes as would be necessary to pay for such prohibition might call for. It is obviously plain to any thinking man that if a policy is adopted which cuts off seven or eight millions of income, that some other policy must be adopted to recoup the amount. What this shall be is not for me to say, neither is it for the electors to say."

"If the government thought that, two weeks ago, the government has

Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke at some length with his usual skill in avoiding the difficult questions at issue. The real question was the right of the people to control their own franchise. He could not believe that any injustice had been done in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick under the local system. He had faulted enough in the people of those provinces to make it clear that they would not allow any unfairness to be perpetrated. The value of this argument coming from a man who for twenty years has been denouncing the unfairness of legislation at Ottawa, is not very high, but the direct answer by Sir Wilfrid Laurier comes from

"But I am not so often dry as the hon. gentleman."

"You don't listen to so many dry speeches as I do," said Landerkin.

"Well," said Mr. Foster, "I heard the hon. gentleman the other night make the same speech three times over about tobacco to the minister of inland revenue, and then when he found he was after the wrong man he made it three times more in the identical words to the finance minister."

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Harington chapter of Rose Croix, H. R. D. M., in annual convocation at the apartments of the rite in the Masonic temple, St. John, duly installed the officers for the current year.

Electoed, elected and appointed as follows: J. I. Truman, M. W. S.; J. A. Watson, first general; W. W. Macrae, second general; E. J. Everett, prelate; W. B. Wallace, raphael; J. H. Morrison, grand marshal; Chas. Masters, register; T. A. Godsoe, treasurer; V. Ellis, almoner; W. A. Ewing, organist; R. L. Smith, capt. of the guard; D. Scribner, guard. After the installation, the most wise sovereign installed and

don't know where to tell you to write, but will do so as soon as we are located. John Reid and I are going to give a description of the trip, sights and costumes as we get through. We address when we lay down to rest, but we do not keep on a fire. We do not mind the cold. We can go outside in our shirt sleeves with the thermometer registering 38 below, and not mind it. Every one appears honest here, and a pile of provisions would spoil before any one dare touch them. If one is caught stealing here, his life is not worth much, and every one knows it.

The Doll and Kelly party, which left Montreal on March 3rd, have gone into camp seventy-five (75) miles up the river, and have been successful in building their boats to push on to Glenora," as soon as the river, which rapidly breaking up, is clear of ice. The party consists of the following: John and H. Kelly of Montreal, J. H. Hill, C. B. Kelly of Montreal, J. C. Hill, J. C. Richards, Peter Trudeau and John Scott of Waterloo, P. Q.; William and Edward Ross of Sherbrooke; H. L. Borden of Pughwash, N. S., and J. H. Borden of Montreal. While having experienced a number of narrow escapes, owing to the rapid breaking up of the river, they have met with no serious mishap of life, live stock or merchandise. The handling of the party has reason to be more thankful than many of their less fortunate voyagers.

LONDON, May 1.—Lord Salisbury returned to London this afternoon. He appeared bronzed and robust, and his private secretary said he had never seen the premier looking better.

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Attacked by That Most Insidious of Marauders—Kidney Disease—Gets Good Health by Using South American Kidney Cure—A Kidney Specific

Theophile Gadbois of Annapolis writes: "My daughter was a great sufferer from kidney disease. Medical men did their best for her but were tired and she remained at command, and named South American Kidney Cure and used it. She got any benefit. Three bottles brought great relief. Two or three bottles completely cured her—not a sign of pain or distress of any kind left. It is truly wonderful work."

Afterwards there was a discussion between Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Foster as to the Ontario franchise law, when Mr. Fitzpatrick advised Mr. Foster to "read the Ontario statutes," "Hang the statutes," said Mr. Foster, "I can't read them all." Again Mr. Landerkin interrupted, "You want to hang the statutes," to which Mr. Foster replied "The statutes will hang you some day if you keep on," and Mr. Mills added the suggestion

Crimsonbeak—Nothing will age so quickly as poetry. Yeast—Indeed? "Oh, yes; I've known a young fellow to write tender lines to his girl, and when they were received they were pronounced tough."—Yonkers tatesman.