

NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

A most disastrous fire swept Ottawa and Hull last Thursday. It began in Hull, which is just across the river from Ottawa. Hull is a city of more than 100,000 people and the headquarters of great lumbering operations. A high wind carried the fire rapidly and Hull was nearly swept away. The flames crossed the river, burning the bridge that joins the cities, and caused extensive loss of property and capital. It is estimated that about 10 square miles were burned over.

POLITICAL NEWS.—The Prince Edward Island legislature has been summoned to meet on the 8th inst. The parties are so evenly divided that a question whether the Government can carry on legislation. There are thirty members all told; of these thirteen have resigned, one is in British Columbia and one is in France. Of the twenty-seven who are likely to be present, one will be Speaker, and the others are equally divided between Government and opposition. James Craig, of Renfrew, has been appointed to the vacant judgeship in the Yukon, at a salary of \$4,000 per year, with living expenses.