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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

A Review of the Past Week in Parliament.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Ottawa, May 17.—The House began working over-time on Monday forenoon, meeting at eleven o'clock, and it is simply astonishing how much can be done when the members settle down to business rather than to party bantering. Looking back over a session the spectacle of two parties sitting opposite to each other, each defiant and boastful, is rather grotesque. The real business of Parliament does not consume more than ten per cent of the time. The rest is wind. Having regard to the cost of each session this is rather an expensive luxury; but the people must either like it or be indifferent, for they never raise their voice against it.

There is, however, growing up a strong feeling against this appalling waste of time. As the country expands, the need for serious deliberation over important matters coming before Parliament is being forced upon the attention of thoughtful men. The game of politics is all very well in its place, and like the poor

It will Always be with Us;

but the country's interests make up the real business of Parliament, and there are many who are coming to believe that the game absorbs more of the energy of the House than does the larger consideration. One or two good scraps during the session ought to answer all practical purposes instead of having party rivalries interjected in every matter that arises.

Monday was given up wholly from eleven o'clock in the forenoon until three forty the following morning to the consideration of the Manitoba Railway question. I indicated the general scope of this measure in my last letter, and it will be unnecessary to repeat the explanation then given. The opponents to the bill were five in number, Meers Bourassa, Charlton, Pattée, Richardson & Wallace, and while few in numbers

They Were Certainly Very Vigorous.

To a very large extent they repeated the objections which were indicated last week, namely, that this arrangement would cast upon the Province of Manitoba heavier obligations than she might be able to bear, while the contract between the local government and Messrs. MacKenzie & Maon was not sufficiently clear as to rates and discrimination in favour of American lines. There was the further contention that the people of Manitoba were not in favour of the contract.

Very little was said by members of the Government during the debate, and this was the subject of much comment by opponents of the measure. The reason for this comparative silence was obvious. The bill before the House was not introduced by the Government, and the ground was taken that this

Was a Purely Domestic Matter

affecting only the interests of Manitoba and for which the local government was directly responsible to the people of that Province. The Liberal party had stood out for so many years in favour of provincial rights that a Liberal government could not, without exposing itself to the reproach of inconsistency, stand in the way of a measure which was clearly within the jurisdiction of the Manitoba Government. Although it looked at one time as if the opponents of the bill were going to adopt blockade tactics, better judgment prevailed and the measure finally passed.

Tuesday was a busy day. At the opening of the House the final supplementary estimates were brought down, and when these are added to previous appropriations a total of \$58,000,000 for the approaching fiscal year is made up. This is undoubtedly

A Very Large Sum

but quite a considerable proportion of it is made up of revotes and items which will not be used during the year. For example, the railway subsidies exceed \$3,000,000 and it is not likely, if the history of the past repeats itself, that more than one third of this sum will be really paid out during the fiscal year. In the same way capital appropriations are practically certain not to be wholly consumed. For these reasons the actual vote of money bears an exaggerated appearance.

What the government seems desirous

doing is to keep the expenditure within the limits of the revenue. Last year there was an actual cash surplus of \$800,000, after paying all appropriations, chargeable either to capital or income, which must be considered a very satisfactory result. There are no doubt many who would like to see the buoyant revenue of the Dominion utilized in a measure in reducing the public debt; but having regard to the history of the past, it ought to be considered a triumph of statesmanship to carry out large public works and provide immensely increased facilities for commerce if this can be done without adding one dollar to the debt.

The estimates brought down on Tuesday included a subsidy of \$100,000 per annum for a line of steamers plying

Between Canada and France.

Our trade with France has steadily grown notwithstanding the difficulties in the way, and it is believed that the possibilities are practically unlimited if direct communication were established by a line of vessels having adequate cold storage accommodation. Among other things it is hoped that our fruit products will find a large market in France, as there is a great demand for our apples in particular, which hitherto have been excluded for the want of proper carrying facilities. This new line will make St. John and Halifax its ports for the winter season.

The loan of \$1,000,000 to the Montreal Harbor Commissioners was also debated on Tuesday. Very little opposition was presented to it. The object of this loan is to enable the commissioners to provide elevators and to properly equip the harbor for the immense business which is practically in sight, and this is a matter in which the maritime ports of Canada are profoundly interested. This loan

Is in no Sense a Gift.

as the receipts of the harbor are ample for the purpose of paying interest charges, and all previous advances have been dealt with promptly and on a thorough business basis. Moreover, the Government in this case is only doing for Montreal what it has done for other harbors of the Dominion.

Incidentally the subject of horses for the English army came up during the week, and the western members pointed to the immense resources of the prairie provinces in this regard. Experience had shown that Canadian horses had done better in South Africa than any others, although the purchases had necessarily been made in a hurry and without careful selection. There are large areas in the Northwest that are specially adapted for the raising of horses, and with the assurance that the Imperial authorities will buy largely from us every year this industry will probably

Assume Greater Proportions

than it has in the past. At the same time, there is room for the profitable breeding of suitable remounts in the Eastern Province which are now being scoured by Colonel Dent, of the war office, in search of strong and healthy animals.

The House observed Ascension Day by knocking off work. Notwithstanding this interruption there is now no doubt that the members will be able to set off their 24th of May fireworks at home. They are firmly resolved on doing this and there is no obstacle in the way. The spirit of industry has taken possession of them and for the time being there is a lull in political hostilities, although on Wednesday afternoon Mr. Haggart returned to the steel rails contract in a very belligerent mood. This is a particularly sore point with the Opposition because it has shown up their inconsistency more than anything else which has transpired since the change of Government, and they have very little left to go upon in that regard.

The committee charged with the investigation of the

Complaint Made by Mr. Cook.

simply reported the evidence to the Senate on Monday last. This blank report was received without comment by anybody and fled away among the archives. Thus ended a matter out of which the Conservatives had hoped to make a good deal of capital against the

government; but even the Tory majority on the Committee could not so far forget their judicial position as to find that Mr. Cook had made out a case. From start to finish this case has been the attempt of a disappointed office seeker to wreak a mean revenge.

The bill introduced in the Senate in behalf of the Bell Telephone Company was withdrawn on Wednesday last. This measure contemplated an increase of the present rates in large centres of population; but public sentiment has been aroused over the matter and the promoters thought it prudent to withdraw. Senator Dandurand's bill with respect to lotteries has passed the Senate, and he announced that next year he would introduce a further measure which would be absolutely water tight against any form of drawing in Canada. This move will be generally approved.

WEAK, NERVOUS WOMEN.

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Fred Pike, twenty-three years of age, of Brasher Flats, New York, committed suicide Thursday by shooting himself in the head with a rifle. Pike was married only two weeks ago. He had been to Brasher Falls with a neighbour and returned home Thursday. In company with his wife he went to the barn to milk the cows, and while thus engaged, he arose to his feet, and said he was going to shoot himself. He went to the house, took down a rifle and went behind the barn, his wife following him. Before she could overtake him he stepped behind a clump of bushes, placed the muzzle of the weapon to his head and pulled the trigger. Pike had been drinking, it is said.

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It is easy for a king to be popular if he goes the right way about it. There has just appeared a story which indicates that one monarch has a genius for doing "the right thing." It was at Mr. Gladstone's funeral, when the Prince of Wales, instead of leaving the Abbey, walked quietly to where Mrs. Gladstone was seated, took her hand in his, stooped over it, and kissed it. A very uncourtier-like Radical who saw the scene exclaimed: "This atones for a good deal. I'll never say another word against him as long as I live." There was a great deal more than tact in it, however, for Mr. Gladstone had no more confirmed admirer than the Prince of Wales.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Items of Interest Condensed from Herald Exchanges.

A manuscript Bible, richly illuminated, of about the year 1410, was sold at auction in London, Friday for 1,200 guineas.

Dr P R Moore who went from Sackville to Los Angeles a few years ago, died last week at the home of his son at Butte City, Montana.

Now it is the girls' turn. They talk of a boycott. When a member of the club comes around to make his bimonthly call he will meet a cold reception.

Mr E B Osler, Conservative member of Parliament for Toronto West, has subscribed one thousand dollars to Lady Minto's cottage hospital scheme.

Captain Bernier has raised \$15,000 by subscription towards the North Pole Expedition. He proposes to start a five cent subscription in the schools.

Lord Aberdeen was, on a recent Sunday morning, ordained an elder of the Church of Scotland by the Rev A Ritchie in the Established Church, in Methlick, Aberdeen.

The British Columbia Methodist Conference, now in session, has passed a resolution to the effect that Government control of the liquor traffic would be appreciated.

In Toronto they put Sir John's statue on the spot that had been selected for a statue of the Queen. Now there is a proposition to make the old chieftain take a back seat.

In the North-West Assembly Thursday Dr Elliott presented a petition signed by 926 persons in favor of a plebiscite on the liquor question to be followed by total prohibition if majority in favor of it.

Mgr. Falconio, the Papal delegate, has not received any intimation, official or otherwise, that he is to be removed from Ottawa to Washington, as repeatedly reported in dispatches. The rumor is not credited at the Delegate's Palace.

The London Telegraph sympathizes with President McKinley in his hour of trouble. The sympathy shown to us at the moment of the late Queen's decease, not only by the President himself but by the partner of his life, is recalled.

Mrs Lyman J. Gage, wife of the secretary of the treasury, died at her residence, Washington, Friday night, after an illness of nine weeks duration. Heart trouble, the result of grip complications, was the immediate cause of death.

The failure of the spring crops in India is already severely felt. Lord George Hamilton, the India secretary, in the House of Commons Thursday, said that the number of persons now receiving relief was 381,000, and it was expected to increase rapidly.

A big series of Farmers' Institute excursions has been arranged from all parts of Ontario to the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, between June 11th and 30th. Two or more will be run each day and a total attendance of 40,000 people is expected.

On Thursday a robber entered the home of Benj Stockdale, on the outskirts of Coldwater, Mich. He raged and bound Mrs Anna Williams, the housekeeper, ransacked the house, and got away with \$2,000. Officers with bloodhounds are in pursuit.

The steamer Cress, from Sydney, B. C., for Bell Island, Nfld., loaded with iron ore, went ashore Friday afternoon near St. John's, Nfld., and was wrecked and is likely to be a total loss. A dense fog and the variable current led to the disaster. The members of the crew are safe.

Mr. A. H. Notman, Assistant General Passenger Agent, and Mr. H. P. Timmerman, Division Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific, left Toronto Friday for Buffalo, to look into the terminal facilities there, in view of the approaching Pan-American excursions from Canadian territory.

Sergt Glencoe Holme, of Belleville, who won the gold watch offered by Mrs F R Lingham, of Belleville, to the Canadian who first planted the Union Jack on Pretoria jail, had the watch presented to him on Thursday night. He has left for Dawson City having secured a fine position in the Yukon.

Dr. Geo. Q. Dickerson and Calvin L. Fox, of Houlton while they were on a trip through the Provinces recently, arranged to have special trains and excursion rates from St. John and Fredericton to Houlton on July 4th. They also made arrangements whereby the Tarrar baseball team of Fredericton will play the Houlton team on July 3rd—Bangor News Cor.

The Irish People, William O'Brien's paper, contains a nine column attack on Mr. Wyndham, the Irish Secretary, for the recent seizure of the paper because of its insulting references to King Edward. The general policy of Mr. Wyndham is also assailed. "Villainy," "treachery," "hypocrisy," and "mendacity" are frequently used with reference to Mr. Wyndham, who in conclusion is called a "liar, sneak and back-biter."

Ten young men of Muncie Indiana, have organized a club to restrict "going with girls." The following rule is adopted: "Each member of this club will be allowed to go with the same girl but once within a period of two months, or six times a year. He may have as many girls as he chooses, but during the two months must go with a new one each time he desires girl company. No member will be allowed to marry within two years after he is initiated."

At Wickham, Queens county on Thursday night last, the death occurred very suddenly of an old gentleman named Daniel Haslam. After retiring, his wife noticing that he appeared restless in his sleep, sought to discover the cause, but found that he was dying. The shock was very severe to Mrs Haslam for her husband had been previously enjoying good health. Neighbors were summoned but by the time of their arrival Mr Haslam had passed away. He was 85 years of age and generally respected.

Andrew Carnegie's gift to Glasgow, of £100,000 pounds for free libraries, is a unique method of celebrating the 53rd anniversary of the sailing of the Carnegie family for America, and also an effective rebuke to the municipal authorities for neglecting this branch of public education. While Glasgow has been the most progressive municipality in the United Kingdom it has not availed itself of the provisions of the public library act, whereas in nearly all other great provincial towns there are municipal libraries.

The Druggists are Busy

Druggist report great demand for the new 25 cent size of Catarrhzone, and today's sales almost cleared out their stock. They explain this rapid run on Catarrhzone by the fact that it gives better satisfaction than any other remedy on the market. Druggists say that Catarrhzone is the only remedy that really does cure Catarrh, Bronchitis and Asthma. It relieves quickly, is pleasant and convenient to use, and guaranteed to cure, or your money back. Readers suffering from Irritable Throat, Bronchitis, Catarrh, etc., are strongly advised to try Catarrhzone; it never fails to cure even the worst cases.

Australian papers represent New Zealand as seriously considering an application to join the federation. A New Zealand federal commission has been travelling through the federated states in each one of which the feeling was strongly favorable to New Zealand entering the commonwealth. The commission has prepared a report, favourable to the project which will be submitted to the New Zealand parliament. It is probable that the question will be referred for determination directly to the New Zealand electors.

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