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THE LEGISLATIVE DEBATE.

Mr. Morrissey and Mr. Grimmer, two of Mr. Hazen's new boys, delivered their maiden speeches in the legislature yesterday, and were well received.

Mr. Morrissey, who has run a great many elections, has cultivated a vigorous style of oratory which is no doubt popular on the stump, where there is generally no opponent to set him right. He deals in generalities, makes very broad assertions, which may pass in the heat of an election campaign, but which when produced on the floors of the House run the risk of immediate and complete refutation. Mr. Morrissey has a grievance against what he calls the lumber lords of the North Shore. It appears from his statements that these dreadful men have been robbing the province by non-payment of stumpage, and incidentally keeping Mr. Morrissey out of the legislature and out of parliament. This is a serious matter.

Mr. Morrissey, however, when challenged to name one lumberman who is playing the robbery game and not living up to the demands of his license, failed to deliver the goods.

Mr. Morrissey also impugned the honesty of the government scalars, but when challenged to be more explicit, declined again to deliver the goods.

These charges have been made over and over again and as often refuted, and it is a pity that Mr. Morrissey rather spoiled an otherwise vigorous and well delivered speech by hazarding assertions which he was not prepared to make good on the spot.

The member for Northumberland has a fine, resonant voice and an easy manner, and will no doubt be often heard in the debates. He is a little bitter at his frequent defeats, but that will fade away under the influences of a naturally generous disposition, and the good fellowship which he will find on both sides of Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mr. Dann is not a frequent talker in the House, but his observations are generally to the point. He knows his departmental business thoroughly, and was able to meet and overcome Mr. Morrissey's wild assertions. The surveyor general is a successful administrator and an honorable man, his words always carry weight and are promptly accepted in the legislature as they are in the country.

The House yesterday also enjoyed listening to Mr. Grimmer's maiden speech, and readily sized him up as a gentleman to be reckoned with in the debates. He has a vigorous, methodical, even eloquent flow of language, considerable imagination, as his turnip anecdote indicated, and generally an impressive, argumentative style of oratory which will be popular, especially with the galleries, where the hard hitter, on whichever side, is always appreciated. Mr. Grimmer's chief grievance was against the government's treatment of mineral matters in his county, and he also pitched into the agricultural department. Mr. Hill is replying and we shall publish the speeches of both gentlemen in our next issue.

THE REDISTRIBUTION BILL.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has introduced the redistribution bill in parliament demanded by the constitution after each decennial census. The number of members in the House of Commons is to 214—one more than at present, and there are to be quite a number of changes in some of the provinces. Nova Scotia is to have 18 members instead of 20, New Brunswick 13 instead of 14, P. E. Island

4 instead of 5 and Ontario 86 instead of 92. All the provinces east of Lake Superior, therefore, except Quebec, whose representation remains stationary, will lose a part of their representation in the house. On the other hand British Columbia, which at present has six members, will be represented by an additional member and have seven altogether. The province of Manitoba will have its representation increased from seven to ten. The Yukon will have one member as at present, and there will also be an increase in the territories to ten members.

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island local governments have been making strenuous efforts to prevent a decrease in the representation of these provinces, of which Sir Wilfrid said:

"Everybody is aware that in the eastern provinces there has been some excitement, and well intentioned persons have been endeavoring to convince themselves by torturing the letter of the law, that the law itself might be made to express the reverse of what it actually does. The same thing has occurred at every redistribution. Certain provinces have been forced to lose some part of their representation and naturally protests were made, but the point has been debated and determined by such able jurists as Sir John A. Macdonald, Hon. Edward Blake and Sir John Thompson, and the letter of the law is such as not to allow of any doubt.

"For my part I am indeed sincerely sorry that certain provinces will have to lose part of their representation, but it is not possible to avoid this. We have to abide by and apply the law, and in applying the law the question is more one of mathematics than anything else. We have only to take section 51 of the B. N. A. act and the figures of the census and find the result. In this matter parliament is not a free agent. It has no discretion to exercise, but is simply the instrument and creature of the law, and in this particular we have only to take the result of the census and make the redistribution accordingly."

The bill provides for the appointment of a committee of the House of Commons composed of four Liberals and three Conservatives to arrange the boundaries of the various constituencies.

If New Brunswick has its representation in the House of Commons reduced as seems probable, it will be through no fault of the local government, which through the Premier and the Attorney General have strongly urged that the law does not demand the decrease. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, however, seems to think otherwise, and what he says will go, unless after reference to the courts our contention should be upheld.

It is positively denied that Sir Hector Macdonald, confessed his guilt when he was at military headquarters, or broke down and wept like a child. On the contrary, he asserted his innocence at Pall Mall precisely as he had denied in Ceylon the charges made against him. The remains of the distinguished soldier, were buried at Edinburgh and less than 200 persons were present at the funeral.

Lumbermen were strongly in evidence in Fredericton today, attending the Winding Ledges Dam hearing and the annual meeting of the Log Driving Company. They are an intelligent, influential class, a very large part of the backbone of the country, and are sometimes credited with getting pretty nearly all they want.

Mr. Costigan's resolution in the House of Commons in favour of home rule for Ireland was carried by a vote of 102 to 41. Both the party leaders voted for the resolution, and the majority included all the Liberals except Charlton and McLaurin.

The Ontario legislature has adjourned till April 21, when it is expected the investigation into the Gamey charges will be completed. The enquiry opens on Monday next.

The King and Queen are to visit Ireland in July or August of this year.

The ice departs slowly, but the prospects are that the river navigation may be open the last of this week.

Mr. Hazen has a very high opinion of the new debating talent in the opposition. See his despatch in this morning's Sun.

After all, isn't it a little nervy for these Madawaska people and their Yankee friends to want to dam the St. John river.

Four members of the Quebec legislature are seeking the appointment of chief game commissioner for the province the salary of which is \$1,600.

Our legislators are no more profane than their predecessors but it is astonishing how often one hears "dam"—Winding Ledges Dam, around the corridors, and in the committee rooms this session.

The Charlotte coalition ticket is likely to have a serious split in the House. The session is less than a week old, and already Mr. Hill is engaged in repelling Mr. Grimmer's attack on the government's mining administration.

Quebec sportsmen are urging the government of that province to prohibit the killing of partridges for two years and to grant a bounty for the destruction of wolves, which are said to be very plentiful and destructive to deer and sheep.

April Showers.

Yes, April showers will be quite the correct thing now, and you know they do sometimes wet a person unless provided with a good rainproof garment from Edgcombe's, and one of their silk umbrellas. They have a fine stock of rainy day goods.—d.

Fresh Oysters.

A shipment of fresh oysters was received at Liadey's restaurant today.—Apr. 1, dli.

N H Murchie, of St John, is among the visitors to the city today.

The New Brunswick Gas and Power Company

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature at its present session for the incorporation of a Company to be called the New Brunswick Gas and Power Company, with power to construct and equip gas and electric light and power plants, also with power to acquire the power and franchises of gas and electric companies.

HUGH H. McLEAN,
Solicitor.

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Dinners	20 cents
Oyster Stews	25 "
Fried Oysters	30 "
Beans	10 "
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa or Chocolate with Pie	10 "
Ham and Eggs	20 "
Beef Steak	20 "
Lamb Chops	20 "
Veal Cutlets	20 "
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\$3 for best and largest exhibit Sweet Peas,
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