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PARLIAMENTS' SORROW.

There was a touching scene in the House of Commons Friday afternoon, when the premier, the leader of the opposition and other members arose to pay tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Stockton.

After Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden had spoken their keen appreciation of the deceased gentleman, Dr. Daniel, his colleague from St. John, started to speak along the same lines, but he was so overcome with emotion that he could not proceed, and what he had prepared to say was read by a fellow member. Mr. Foster too, essayed to speak, but like Dr. Daniel, completely broke down.

No words could be more eloquent of the sorrow felt in parliament at Dr. Stockton's death than the scene witnessed in the House. The deceased had endeared himself to both parties, and his loss will be greatly felt especially on the Conservative side which is poor in debaters, of the late Dr. Stockton's capacity, vigor, and skill.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

Only a few weeks before the lamented death of the late Hon. A. G. Blair, he announced his intention of seeking a seat in parliament from some New Brunswick constituency. Mr. Blair, in a conversation with The Herald, about the same time, intimated that he would likely try his fortunes in St. John, his old constituency, agreeably to the request of many friends, and there is no doubt had he lived he would again have had the satisfaction of sitting in the House of Commons for that city.

The time for his reappearance in the political arena was not likely to arrive until the next general election, but the unexpected death of Dr. Stockton opens a seat for the city, and county, which might have been at Mr. Blair's disposal had his life been spared.

But, alas, the hand of death is inexorable, and A. G. Blair and A. A. Stockton, two able men who so frequently met in political conflict as leaders of opposing parties in the legislature, and who afterwards occupied prominent positions in the wider federal arena, are now no more, and other men will rise to take the places so well filled by the departed statesmen.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Owing to the illness of Premier Pugsley, the legislature yesterday was led by Hon. C. W. Robinson, who admirably filled the position.

Mr. Bourassa is not inclined to let Mr. Fowler escape with his insinuations about "wine, women and graft" without making his charges definite, and by agreement between the leaders of the House the matter will come up for consideration on Tuesday, March 26th.

The Church of England has lost a faithful laborer, Woodstock an eminent citizen and the Province a highly esteemed gentleman in the death of Rev. Archdeacon Neales, which occurred at Woodstock at an early hour this morning.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

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Hon. Mr. Jones read the section of the act referred to and expressed his desire to have the matter fully discussed.

Mr. Tweeddale also agreed that the Act should be made general in its operation. \$40 was quite insufficient to pay the expenses incurred by circuses coming to a place and was certainly out of all proportion to the sum the circuses took out of the town.

Hon. Mr. Sweeney said that circus proprietors did not set up their shows in town if they could help it. They preferred to go just outside the boundary where they would be able to get the patronage of the town people and at the same time get off with the \$40 fee. He certainly was in favor of leaving it to the officials of the various municipalities to fix their own fees which he thought should vary in proportion to the size of the circus.

Mr. Robinson remarked that the arrival of a circus in a town was a great event and was beneficial to the town in a way as it brought a lot of money into the town from outside sources and he would be sorry to interfere with them coming.

Mr. Hazen moved that section 2, be struck out. After a little more discussion it was resolved that progress be reported.

The next bill discussed was to authorize the common council of St. John to issue debentures for the purpose of redeeming other debentures matured on school loan account which after an explanation from Mr. Lowell was agreed to.

The next bill considered was the bill relating to the Imperial Coal Co., Ltd. The Hon. Mr. Sweeney explained that the bill had been thoroughly discussed in committee and agreed to, with the exception of section 5, which had to be redrafted and section six, which was struck out.

Mr. Hazen wanted to know what was the value of the Company's property, as it appeared to him that the question whether they should pass the bill depended on what its value was.

Mr. Ryan enquired whether the Company had not power under their charter to issue the debentures. If so, why did they come to the House? Mr. Maxwell agreed with Mr. Hazen. It was highly desirable that when people were buying bonds they should know if they were getting value for their money. He thought the bill required some further explanation. He would like to know in what position the Company stood with regard to the Beersville Railway Company.

The Act incorporating the Coal Company, said they must supply all the coal that railway required, and if they were not doing so the leases held by them under the Crown were not carrying out their obligation. He would like to ask what was at present the par value of the Company's stock. Was it sufficient to justify the issue of bonds to such an amount as the Company asked for.

Mr. Hazen enquired could the Surveyor General tell him what was the exact amount of paid up stock. Hon. Mr. Sweeney said he could not. The bill had been thoroughly gone into before the committee and no objection had been taken to it then. Nobody was required to take up the bonds of the company and the legislature was not responsible for the worth of them.

Hon. Mr. Robinson did not know exactly how much money had been spent in the business of the company but he thought it was about \$50,000. It was desirable to develop New Brunswick resources and for that reason they should get money where they could. They had no information that the Company's property was worth \$150,000 and therefore they should be very guarded in dealing with the bill.

Mr. Hazen—This company is incorporated under the Joint Stock Company's Act and this Act gave ample borrowing power to any Company. They can borrow up to 75 per cent. to the amount of their paid up stock and he thought they must go very slowly before giving the company authority to borrow money when such ample powers were given by the Joint Stock Company's Act. He thought the bill required more consideration and a good deal more information.

At this stage it was decided to report progress. The House went into committee on consideration of the bill respecting the qualification and registration of dentists.

Mr. Hazen said the bill had been before the Law Committee, who had recommended the addition of certain clauses which had now been added. The bill put dentists in the Province in a similar position to those in other Provinces. The bill was agreed to.

The Bill in respect to sewerage maintenance in the City of St. John, was agreed to.

The committee then took up the consideration of the Bill respecting the issuing of debentures by the City of Fredericton in respect to the water supply of the City.

On motion of Mr. Whitehead, progress was reported.

The Bill to amend the acts incorporating and relating to the Town of Woodstock, after having been explained by the Hon. Mr. Jones, was agreed to.

The bill to amend the act authorizing the county council of Gloucester County to effect temporary loans was agreed to.

The House adjourned till Monday.

No kitchen should be without scales to test the integrity of things purchased by weight, and to measure the quantities of various receipts.

FOUND IN LIBRARY BOOKS.

Absent-Minded Readers Leave All Kinds of Queer Things.

That strange things are sometimes found in library books is well known though, as a rule, librarians are not very willing to disclose information on the matter. The writer, however, recently interviewed a gentleman who has charge of one of the biggest of our public libraries, and from him were gleaned some facts which are well worthy of record. It may not be generally known, perhaps, that in most libraries all returned books are thoroughly examined, dusted with the "disinfectant rag" (as it is termed in library parlance) and, if necessary, repaired before being replaced on the shelves. As a rule, books are treated fairly well by their borrowers, but at times one comes back in so dilapidated and soiled a condition that it has to be destroyed. In such instances, if the delinquent is known he or she is made to pay for a new copy and membership is suspended for a time. These instances, however, are very rare, says a writer in Tit Bits.

Eternal Hairpin.
In every big library, said my informant, after cogitating deeply as to whether he should give the information requested or not, there is one man whose sole work consists in examining books that have been returned, and that he occasionally finds queer things between the leaves is perfectly correct. Whatever he finds he brings to me, and I am sometimes amused at the kind of articles which find a hiding-place within the covers of our books. Few volumes, for instance, borrowed by lady readers come back without at least one hairpin which has been used as a book-mark, but I would rather they used that implement of feminine usefulness than turn down the pages, which is unpardonable.

Kitty's Secret.
Many letters fall out of volumes which have been returned to the library, and in one case I remember the missive, which we were unkind enough to read, contained a proposal of marriage addressed to "My Own Dear Kitty." The letter was not in an envelope, and, though we might have found the name and address of the owner, we are far too busy to return such unimportant things as love letters. But the next day a pretty young girl appeared, asked to see me, and then, with many blushes, explained that she had left a letter in "The Heart of Midlothian" and would be glad to have it back. I returned it to her and when I drew it out and handed it to her so rapid a look of pleasure came into her face that I felt sure as to the nature of her answer, and rather envied the happy man who had won her.

Best Kind of "Lover."
Paper money and cheques are sometimes found between the leaves of books returned to a library, and occasionally the sums involved amount to quite a high figure. I read recently that in a certain well-known library a copy of "Much Ado About Nothing" was returned with a ten-pound note pinned between the leaves, together with a letter written in a lady's hand, which read as follows: "As nearly every person is always more or less in need of this wretched thing we call 'money,' I feel sure that the loan pounds will fall into the hands of one who needs it. With it goes my best wishes. From one who has money to spare and is a lover of Shakespeare."

Foreign British Peers.
There are three peers, if not more, who belong to families that have for generations been settled in distant countries, and which have practically had nothing to do with our own land for very many years. Indeed, some of these peers have never even set foot in England at all.

There is, for instance, the Earl of Seafield. Early in the last century the then earl emigrated to New Zealand, and married there. His sons have never seen their father's native land. The family has remained, and to-day James Grant-Ogilvie, of New Zealand, thirty years of age, and also married, is the undoubted Earl of Seafield, though he never uses the title, but works hard with his hands to earn his living, just like any newcomer into the colony.

Then there is Baron Fairfax of Cameron, whose forefathers went out to Virginia long ago. The present lord was born in America in 1870, and certainly never used his rightful title, nor even came to England until he was well past thirty.

Even more striking is the case of Baron Aylmer, who is a Canadian in every way, for both he and his father were born in Canada. Lord Aylmer is practically unknown in this country, says the London Express.

Shelley's Notebooks Sold.
Following the manuscript of Milton's "Paradise Lost," three unique note books of Shelley, which were the distinguishing feature of the recently sold library formed by the late Dr. Richard Garnett, who was for many years chief librarian of the British Museum, have entered into the possession of F. R. Halsey, owner of the best Shelley collection in the United States.

These note books were given by Shelley's widow to her son, Sir Percy Shelley, who passed them on to Dr. Garnett.

All his other note books are in the Bodleian Library, at Oxford, and it is much regretted in England that the three books in question were not saved for this country. They are especially valuable, as so much of the matter contained in them is unpublished.

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