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PARLIAMENTARY JOTTINGS.

THE TRUE INWARDNESS OF A PINE TIMBER
SALE.

In the house of commons on Wednesday last.—

Mr. BARBORD asked "At what date was the sale completed of the pine timber upon Indian reserve No. 6, under the Robinson treaty, known in the treaties as Shawan-
kisic's reserves? To whom was the said pine timber sold? What was the cash price paid by the purchaser to the govern-
ment?"

Mr. DAWNEY replied that the sale was completed on the 30th September, 1886, and the license issued on October 14th, 1886. The pine under certain circumstances and sold to Mr. Hon. Robillard, M. P., and the cash price paid was \$316. (Laughter and "Oh!")

Hon. P. MITCHELL—"It was just before the elections." (Laughter.)

Commenting on this transaction the Ottawa Free Press says: Mr. Robillard has a large interest in the lumber business, about \$50,000, and a lumber merchant operating in the neighborhood of Whitefish lake says that the man who purchased from Mr. Robillard now wants \$75,000 for the timber. Had the pine on the Indian reserve been offered at auction, on the Ontario government's plan, it would probably have brought \$100,000 but the money would have gone to the Dominion treasury instead of into the pockets of a ministerial favorite. At the time Mr. Robillard obtained his limit for the nominal sum of \$316, he was a member of the Ontario legislature. This was a large grant of Indian timber lands made to him with the view of preventing his secession from the party on account of the Riel affair?

THE ESTIMATES.

Hon. George E. Foster gave parliament something of a surprise last Friday by laying on the table a copy of the estimates for the year ending June 30th, 1889, and intimating that the discussion thereof would begin on Tuesday next. The total controllable expenditure proposed reaches \$28,439,593.39, to which must be added \$16,146,293.71, authorized by statute, thus making a grand total of \$44,583,710.39, exceeding the \$40,000,000 estimated in the estimates of last year. The manner in which this decrease comes to light, however, when it is noted that the contingent expenses in many departments are hewn down, that \$4,000 charged last year to the liquor license act is not required this session, and that there is a saving off the amount set apart for the redemption of the debt of \$637,110.

THE JESUITS' ESTATES BILL.

Mr. Mercier, the premier of Quebec, says the Ottawa correspondent of the Huron Expositor, has furnished the present Tory government with a very hard nut to crack in the Jesuits' estates bill. The unanimous opinion of Protestant Ontario, and I fancy the opinion of the majority of Roman Catholics, who have shown no great love of the Jesuits in the past, must be that this measure by which a claim dead for a hundred years is being revived to the tune of \$1 million dollars of public money, is an unwise and unjust one. But the people of Ontario who have fought so gallantly and so successfully for provincial rights, will recognize that any veto of this bill should come from the people of the provinces of Quebec. On the other hand, the Conservative party in Ontario which has fought against the rights of its own province is not likely to be satisfied with any piecemeal concession. When the government that disallowed the stream bill to serve a party purpose says, as this government has said, that provincial rights must be recognized in the case of the Jesuits' bill, it is a little too much to expect the Conservative party to be satisfied at once.

The government, contrary to custom, has announced long before the time limit in such cases had expired, that it would not disallow the Jesuits' bill. This was done, of course, to prevent an agitation being raised. The majority of the professional Protestants who have been instrumental in raising the opposition, have at once agreed to the bill, and there are Protestant conservatives who have convictions and who will not keep quiet merely because they have received the wind from the government to do so.

The feeling of these people is pretty sure to manifest itself in the house during the session and the family quarrel between these factions of the great Anti Provincial Rights party will be watched with interest.

A LIVELY TILT OVER MR. DEWDNEY'S APPOINTMENT.

There was a lively debate in the house which was listened to with rapt attention and deep silence. Before the house rose on Tuesday Mr. Laurier intimated that he was going to make some enquiry about the recent changes in the cabinet, but as the first minister was not in his place he reserved the matter until the afternoon, when Sir John Macdonald gave the reply which was given the second time. The premier's answer was as follows: It was thought desirable that Sir C. H. Tupper should resume his position as high commissioner in London and Mr. Foster was made minister of finance. Then it was arranged that Mr. C. H. Tupper should become minister of marine in place of Mr. Foster. Mr. McLellan, the postmaster-general, was appointed governor of his native Nova Scotia, and Mr. Blake was induced into that portfolio. Lastly Hon. Edgar Dowdney was called to fill the place of the late lamented Mr. White, as minister of the interior. That was all there was about it. Mr. Laurier passed in friendly terms upon all until he came to the name of Mr. Dowdney upon whose nomination he said: "The name of the opposition made a vigorous protest. Mr. Laurier said he meant nothing personal in the attack, but he could look upon Mr. Dowdney's preference with nought but the gravest censure. Mr. Dowdney, first as an officer of the government in the territories, and later on as the governor of those territories, was alone to blame for the conduct of the Indians and the sacrifice of many lives on the banks of the Saskatchewan. Mr. Laurier reviewed at length the position of the half breeds in that country, their claims for justice that had been repeatedly made, their meetings and threats which finally wound up in the fire of the first gun of the rebellion at Duck Lake."

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perform which he grossly neglected. He knew perfectly well about the disaffection of the Indians and was duty to call the attention of the government to their grievances. The hon. minister of the interior knew all about these difficulties but he never once informed the government of the serious aspect that had involved the half-breeds in the Northwest."

Sir John Macdonald is ready to say: "I cannot know that the hon. gentleman and his wife, whose names were warmly and loyally expressed, were ever of the interior. I think, is in every way the equal of the hon. gentleman, and in many ways I would not compare them. The gentleman who has been so unjustly attacked had just as much to do with the events that followed him as the Orangemen who attacked him. Mr. (Sir) Dowdney had nothing whatever to do with the half-breeds or the granting of lands in the Northwest, and he could not influence the government of that time to the extent of one-quarter of a section of land. He had nothing whatever to do with the half-breeds."

A voice: "What did you?"

Sir John Macdonald: "The government of the day. We assume the whole responsibility. The government of those days and the government of to-day are alone responsible. The attack of the hon. gentleman is altogether unwarranted and un-called for. The government is quite willing to take care of the Orangemen and the people of the country have also done well upon them. In no way whatever can the minister of the interior be charged with complicity in the rebellion or with neglect or with acts of commission or omission in respect to these troubles."

Then Sir Richard Cartwright took a seat. "I do not know that the only thing in which he did not agree with Mr. Laurier's remarks was the statement that Mr. Dowdney was to blame for the rebellion. The first minister, by his own admissions, was primarily to blame."

CLARKE WALLACE'S BILL AGAINST COMBINES.—

The other business of the house consisted of the introduction of a couple of bills, the answering of questions and consideration of various notices of motion. Clarke Wallace introduced his bill for the prevention and suppression of combinations formed in restraint of trade. The bill, which is as follows, was read a first time:

1. Every person or incorporated company who combines, agrees or arranges with any other person or incorporated company, with any railway, steamship or steamboat or transportation company;

(A) For granting to any person or party to such combination, agreement or arrangement any facility for the purchase, sale, transportation or supply of any article or commodity which is an object of trade, which facility is by such combination, agreement or arrangement not to be granted to any person who is not a party thereto;

(C) For unreasonably enhancing the market price of an article or commodity which is an object of trade;

(D) For unduly restraining the traffic in any such article or commodity;

(E) For limiting, lessening or preventing the production or manufacture, sale or transportation of any such article or commodity;

(F) For preventing or restricting competition in the production, manufacture, sale or transportation of any such article or commodity;

(G) In guilty of a misdemeanor and liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000 and not less than \$200, or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding twelve months and not less than three months, or to both;

(H) In guilty of a misdemeanor and liable on conviction of a misdemeanor under the provisions thereof, shall thereby forfeit its corporate rights and franchises so far as the same have been conferred by or exist in virtue of any law in Canada.

It is to be noted that this act contained shall be construed to modify or affect in any manner chapter 131 of the revised statutes of 1885.

MILK FRAUDS.

Mr. Burdett's bill against the dilution of milk is framed upon the lines of the Ontario act, which was pronounced ultra vires by the courts, but it likewise contains a number of valuable new provisions. It makes the selling to butter and cheese manufacturers of diluted, tainted or diseased milk, or that devoid of "strippings," a criminal offence, punishable by a fine ranging \$5-\$50. It also renders it impossible for any dairymen's association or manufacturers of butter or cheese to exist, unless they are registered with the bill, though they thought the provisions might be modified. Mr. Meredith signed his warm approval of the proposed legislation.

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WOMAN'S RIGHTS—MR. MOWAT'S HAPPY REPLY TO THE LADIES.

Last Friday was another great day for Mr. Mowat. Scarce had the echoes of the perorations of Mr. Balfour's speech in support of his amendment to the municipal act died away among the cobwebs of the dingy old legislative chamber than the Little Premier was ushered into the presence of crowded deputations in the library. The fair sex formed a large proportion of the audience. There were ladies in hats and others in bonnets; ladies of figure and ladies of comfortable proportion, and as Mr. Mowat advanced to meet them whole batteries of bright eyes were concentrated upon him and he surrendered at discretion.

Major Clarke did the introduction act.

Mr. Mowat's speech was a joint production from the W. C. T. U. and the Enfranchisement Association, and they came to urge that women be given the ballot in provincial elections, as they now have it in municipal and school elections. They put their case very strongly, and when Mr. Mowat rose to reply:

Ladies said he, "I have listened with pleasure to your eloquent addresses. I

see that the same can convert the arguments you have brought forward, but I will honestly say that I cannot, and I sincerely trust that I shall remain in power long enough to grant your request.

(Applause.) Speaking for myself I think the privileges you already enjoy have been very well used, and have not yet had the same experience as you have for the province.

(Applause.) The ladies had expressed their appreciation of Mr. Mowat's efforts in their behalf, and desired an opportunity of thanking him publicly. In his response that gentleman expressed the hope that even at this session the ladies' highest desire would be granted.

MR. CLARKE WALLACE ON THE JESUITS' BILL.

Mr. N. C. Wallace, M.P. for West York, was called Monday by an Ottawa Free Press reporter, what were the views of the Orange body with respect to the Jesuits' estates bill, lately ratified by the Dominion government. He said that those people who were crying out against that measure should come and ally themselves with the order. The Orangemen had already spoken on the matter. At Winnipeg last summer the grand lodge declared that it was ready to co-operate with all other Protestants to obtain what was desired. The Jesuits' estate bill, requiring as it does the interference of a foreign prelate, must be reviewed by the utmost care.

"I am not able to answer that question," replied Mr. Wallace, "but I think that the right of the government to disallow it is undoubted."

It is charged that the Jesuits control the federal ministry and through them the territories, and later on as the governor of those territories, was alone to blame for the conduct of the Indians and the sacrifice of many lives on the banks of the Saskatchewan.

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FARM AND FIRE-SIDE.

How to Make Farming Pay.

A contemporary remarks apropos of the recent meeting throughout the land of the Farmers' Institute, a dairymen informed the Oswego Times that "during the past year he had sold his butter for over three hundred dollars more than it would have brought him except from profit by suggestions he had heard at a farmers' institute in relation to preparing and marketing his butter. And still farther, from suggestions made at the institute in relation to feeding, etc., he had made at least a saving of one-quarter of his hay, and from suggestions in relation to milk he had very much increased the yield of butter from a given quantity of milk." This is evidence that the institutes may well be of value. It is gratifying to hear of actual cases of benefit occurring from sound theory being put into practice. A new country cannot go on forever labouring in a crude fashion. All branches of agriculture now owe much to science, and all competitors in agriculture must make themselves acquainted with scientific methods. The farmer who keeps his eyes and ears open is bound to succeed.

The Out-look for Wheat.

Bradstreet's latest New York dispatch says: Wheat here has advanced some 3¢ on the week, at Chicago about 6¢ on the week, and as ocean freight continue strong the outlook for shipping our 10,000,000 or 12,000,000 bushels surplus grain on the Atlantic seaboard is not bright. This is particularly true in as much as French, English, German and Belgian wheat markets tend lower, with 22,000,000 bushels of wheat reported at Odessa available for export. The re shipment of wheat west from New York for milling purposes, characterizes the scarcity of stocks at the interior. Bradstreet's reports of visible stocks of wheat east of the Rocky Mountains aggregate 47,416,612 bushels on February 1, a decrease during January, 1889, of 5,325,781 bushels, 10 per cent or more than 1,000,000 per week. The decrease in January, 1888, was only 3,611,531 bushels, 5 per cent, or about 700,000 bushels per week. One significance of the heavier decline last month lies in our having exported but 11,000 bushels of wheat from Atlantic ports during that period, against 14,682,000 bushels in January, 1888. Counting wheat and flour as wheat the gross Atlantic port January exports in 1889 were but 2,095,000 bushels, against 4,220,000 in 1888, yet the decline in the visible supply each week in January, 1889, was fifty per cent, heavier than in January, 1888.

EARTH CLOSETS. An Important Subject.

COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES.

In the assembly Thursday the chief matter of interest was Mr. Fraser's bill amending the compensation for injuries act. The effect of the measure is to afford increased protection to employees and after the number of the second reading had fully explained its provisions and their relation to existing law, Mr. Meredith signed his warm approval of the proposed legislation.

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Chips From The Wood-Pile.

If you find smut in wheat, burn it. The stuff is poisonous.

Concet will not make good butter, nor bray a good horse.

Why buy more land, when you are not half working what you have got now?

Now turn fallen timber and dead trees into piles of stove-wood for summer and fall use.

It is said that the highest price ever paid for a cow in New York State was \$35,000 or shorthorn Teufel Duchess of Geneva, purchased by the Earl of Bute.

The farmer's institute is a practical college for the practical farmer who has passed his school days, and the wife and daughters should attend it with him.

Philadelphia Farm Journal: If by careful planning and forethought you can lessen the cost of your next year's crops ten per cent, you may add 100 per cent to your profit.

The men who laugh and sneer at the enterprising farmer who buys a pedigree sire are very likely to be the fellows who will try to "borrow" his use for the improvement of his own stock.