

## MOWAT'S BILL-OF-FARE.

### The Lieut.-Governor Delivers His Speech From the Throne.

**Difference Between the Province and Dominion—The Land Improvement Fund—The Agricultural and Mining Interests—Reports on Prison Reform and Fish and Game—Amendments to the Election and Education Laws—Expenditure of Public Funds and Estimates.**

TORONTO, Feb. — The Lieut.-Governor came down to the Parliament House at 3 o'clock this afternoon and delivered the following speech from the Throne:

I have great pleasure in welcoming you to your legislative duties as members of a new Parliament. I am happy to state that a considerable advance has been made since the last session of the Legislature towards a settlement of most of the long-pending differences between the Province and the Dominion. At a recent conference which took place between my Government and the representatives of the Governments of the Dominion and Quebec, definite arrangements were made for an arbitration to settle questions of account, and for referring to the courts in friendly actions some of the constitutional questions which have arisen. Other differences are still the subject of negotiation. A settlement of most of these matters during the present year may reasonably be expected. A Bill as to the proposed arbitration will be laid before you.

**LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND.**  
I regret that the Government of Quebec retains its old attitude with respect to the land improvement fund, and in view of the continued delay, and of the arrangements effected for the amicable settlement by arbitration and otherwise of most of the other questions in which the two Provinces are interested, I commend to your consideration the propriety of now paying over to the municipalities concerned the share chargeable against this Province, without waiting longer for a settlement of the balance which is claimed to be chargeable as the share of Quebec.

**FARMING AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH.**  
I am greatly pleased to observe the increasing interest which is taken in improved methods of agriculture, as evinced by the marked success which attends the sessions of Farmers' Institutes, and by the growing demand for the reports and bulletins of the Department of Agriculture. I take pleasure in directing your attention to the work done in promoting the public health through the operations of the Provincial Board, the disseminating of sanitary literature and the increasing efficiency of local boards. Endemic diseases have been notably less, and an impetus has been given to the construction of public water works and sewage systems. To aid efficient work of a scientific nature, a laboratory has been established in connection with the Provincial Board for investigations into the causes of disease. A Bill will probably be laid before you supplying some defects ascertained by experience in the present statutory provisions respecting the Board of Health.

**THE NICKEL LANDS.**  
It having recently been ascertained beyond doubt that the Province possesses immense deposits of nickel, a metal which is likely to be of great economic use and value in the immediate future, my advisers deemed the time opportune for making some changes in the laws relating to the sale of mining lands, and a part of the districts of Algoma and Nipissing in and near the nickel-bearing region was withdrawn from sale and location until you could be consulted. I commend to your attention a measure respecting our mining lands, which is to be submitted for your consideration.

**PRISON REFORM AND FISH AND GAME.**  
During the recess I issued a commission to inquire into the subject of prison reform and another into the subject of the fish and game laws. The reports of the commissioners on both subjects are expected to be completed and ready for distribution during the present session, and in case of their being received in time bills will be laid before you for consideration.

**NEW LEGISLATION PROMISED.**  
Among other bills to be submitted for your consideration are a bill making certain improvements in the election law which another general election has suggested; bills making some amendments in our education laws in the light of the five years' experience which has been had since the last revision; a bill regulating the charters to be granted to loan companies; a bill scouring a lien to workmen on sawlogs in the western districts of the Province, and a bill to make provision respecting the marriages of Quakers and others.

**SALE OF TIMBER.**  
The public interests and the wants of those engaged in the northwest of the Province appeared recently to require that a limited number of timber berths west of Port Arthur should be offered for sale. A public sale was therefore held in October last and fair prices were realized. A return of the particulars will be presented for your information.

**EXPENDITURE AND ESTIMATES.**  
The public accounts for the past year will be laid before you. You will be pleased to learn that the expenditure has been kept within the appropriations and that the aggregate revenue has exceeded the amount anticipated. The estimates for the current year will be presented for your approval. They will be found to be framed with a due regard to economy and to the necessities of the public service.

I feel assured that your deliberations will be characterized by wisdom and patriotism, and will conduce to the happiness and prosperity of the people.

Mrs. H. M. Stanley was somewhat astonished at the opportunities for the study of anatomy which were afforded in Boston drawing rooms. She said: "At a drawing room in season you would not find any English lady as low out as we saw in Boston during our stay. Most of the anatomical exhibitions were pronounced 'quite good,' but others were, in American emphasis, 'simply fearful.'"

### A \$5,000 SEIZURE.

**A Case of Jewelry Gets Into the Hands of the Customs People.**

There arrived in Toronto a few days ago Samuel Close, a middle-aged Englishman, and his pretty wife, a petite blonde. They went to the Empress Hotel, at Young and Gould streets, where they yet remain. Since their arrival Close has made many unsuccessful efforts to dispose of large quantities of jewelry that he had in his possession by absolute sale, it is said, although he himself denies that he intended to do more than pledge the valuables as security for a loan. The last man he interviewed, he says, was C. M. Henderson, the Young street auctioneer, whom he called upon on Friday. Mr. Henderson asked him a great many questions and then requested him to call on Saturday, by which time he would have thought the matter over. On Saturday Acting Collector of Customs Douglas and Customs Officer B. Anderson went to the Empress Hotel, and after interrogating Close as to how the jewelry had got into Canada without paying duty seized the goods on the ground that the owner had defrauded the customs. They took them down to the Custom House and stowed them away in the vault. The amount that should have been collected on them would have been about \$1,000. Mr. Douglas values the jewellery at about \$5,000. Close, who lives in New York, came to Canada by way of Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and it is stated that he evaded the customs authorities at the latter point by concealing the jewelry under the seat occupied by his wife and himself.

**Irrigation in Australia.**

Australia has in her vast pastoral areas sources of wealth as great and more permanent than those of her mines. Already she has nearly 100,000,000 of sheep, which in the mild climate and under the sunny sky of the country require no shelter throughout the year, and no food beyond what they get on the open plains. It is true that the sunny sky may change to a sky of brass, and that drought is the dread of the Australian shepherd, herdsman and farmer. Occasionally there is a succession of dry seasons, and then sheep have perished by millions and cattle by thousands on the more remote stations. To master recurring droughts is the great problem of Australia's inland future. Here, as elsewhere, nature challenges man's free advance, and places some special obstacle in his way. Australians are facing their task with energy, confidence and the promise of much success. They have learned the art of drawing wealth even from scrubland of which a single sheep requires several acres for its support. Irrigation works on a large scale have been begun in Victoria and South Australia. The storage of water in reservoirs is being carried out in a large way by municipalities and private companies. Throughout New South Wales and Queensland the boring of artesian wells has met with satisfactory success. Once given the certain means of carrying the floods and herds through the occasional periods of drought, there seems no limit to the pastoral capacity of such immense provinces as New South Wales and Queensland. With completed systems of irrigation Australia promises to become one of the greatest grape and fruit growing countries in the world. The many difficulties with which men are confronted on this great continent are more than matched by its wonderful possibilities.—George R. Parkin, in Century.

**Baby's Education.**

Direct mental habits may be formed even in the youngest children. A baby not yet old enough to walk should be subject to an orderly and systematic course of training. In the tender years, when the indefinite is becoming definite to the pure thought of a child, the greatest of care should be exercised. Sarah E. Wiltse gives an interesting example in the case of a very young child and a watch: "A baby recently took my watch, and, as a matter of course was about to carry it to her mouth. I said, 'Not mouth, ear,' putting the watch to my ear, and then to hers. She undoubtedly caught the sound, and after a few efforts could carry the watch to her own ear, to her mother's, her sister's and mine, taking evident delight in the attempted order involved in giving each a turn. There was evident difficulty in overcoming the muscular tendency to carry the watch to her own mouth, the little hands flourishing about in a bewildered way when attempting this feat, but making much more direct and free movements when seeking the ear of another; in the latter she was, of course, aided by the presentation of the ear. It would have been a mental injury to the child had we puzzled her by presenting the mouth, or distracted her attention by presenting the ear for her to stroke."—The Kindergarten (Chicago) for February.

—Saturday afternoon the Windsor & Sandwich Street Railway changed hands. The consideration was \$25,000, and the purchasers were James H. Clark, of Toledo, Ohio, capitalist; Willis C. Turner, of Detroit, electrical engineer, and Edward A. Gott, of Detroit, councillor-at-law.

**A RECIPE FOR A DAY.**

Take a little dash of water cold  
And a little leaven of prayer,  
And a little bit of morning gold  
Dissolved in the morning air.  
Add to your meal some merriment  
And a thought for kith and kin,  
And then, as your prime ingredient,  
A plenty of work thrown in.  
But spice it all with the essence of love  
And a little whiff of play,  
Let a wise old book and a glance above  
Complete the well-made day.

The Princess of Wales says that the reason why she does not appear more in public in London, and why she does not take more exercise outdoors, is because, go where she will, she is annoyed by crowds of loyal noddies, who hover around her steps and stare at her in undisguised admiration. Queen Victoria is said to dislike London for similar reasons, but undoubtedly that is one of the discomforts of high rank.

Jack Dempsey and his wife have arrived at Portland. Before Dempsey left New Orleans a benefit was arranged for him, and Fitzsimmons volunteered to box Kilrain. Dempsey refused to accept, saying that the public did not have any use for a loser.

### A PECULIAR CHARACTER.

**Who Was denounced From Buffalo, Writing Offensive Letters in This City.**

The Chief of Police has been advised of the presence in this city of one John Patrick Clifton Pritchard, who since arriving here less than a week ago has been amusing himself by writing offensive and insulting letters to the police, to the magistrate and to private individuals in Buffalo who befriended him while there. A week ago Pritchard was given the option of getting out of Buffalo in an hour and a half or of going to the workhouse. Mr. Bursham, steward of the Phoenix Club, of that city, on whom the man is said to have sponged, laid an information against him. Since coming to Hamilton the fellow has been writing offensive letters to Rev. Melville Boyd, who conducted the mission at Christ Church Cathedral, Rev. E. M. Bland and others, and has even addressed the Chief of Police. Pritchard attended a service in the Cathedral and dropped an insulting letter in the offertory plate. Subsequently he wrote to Mr. Boyd re the collection. A postscript to his letter read as follows:

P. S.—Differences between me and results of Mr. Boyd's actual begging and obtaining and Mr. Pritchard's alleged begging: Mr. Boyd has a large and assured income; Mr. Pritchard is actually and veritably starving for bread and had no place the night to sleep in. He was sent to Mr. Kiteon and got one dollar and was told he could have no more. This dollar was all he ever had or asked from Christ's followers, and all he ever would accept now. Mr. Boyd got probably 50 or 100 dollars. Who was the smartest beggar?

To another letter the man added the following postscript:

Two of the most brazen-faced scoundrels in the way of begging I ever met are your neighbor, De Witt Kitzage and Mr. Joseph (he calls himself doctor), City Temple, London. These two men "take the biscuit" as two arch-impostors. General Booth is smarter than either, but I think Booth is sincere.

Chief McKinnon had Pritchard on the carpet and gave him a warning on Saturday, but since then he has written to the Chief. He is an Englishman about 40 years old, 5 feet 7 inches high, and wears a moustache. He is from London, and poses as a journalist and expert accountant.

**Wm. Hendrie's New Deal.**

The transfers last week in Michigan avenue property will easily figure up to over \$400,000, the principal sale in this direction being the Ten Eyck farm of 600 acres to a syndicate composed of George and Streathern Hendrie and Cameron Currie, of Detroit, and Wm. Hendrie, of Hamilton, Ont. This farm lies on both sides of Michigan avenue, and has about a mile and a half of frontage on the Rouge River and about the same on the Michigan Central Railroad. A portion of the farm is still in a primeval condition and rises gradually from the river bank, making it one of the grandest places for subdividing anywhere in the vicinity of Detroit. The deal was made through Edward I. Simson, who also sold the Franklin Moore farm for James B. McKay. This farm consists of 190 acres and fronts on the south bank of the Rouge, directly opposite the Ten Eyck farm. It is cut through by the Rouge Dearborn and also by the River Rouge road.—Detroit News.

**One Humane Driver.**

One day during the winter a fine-looking horse attached to a grocer's wagon fell down in the middle of a slippery pavement. The driver did not jump down and belabor the animal with a club as most drivers would have done. He did alight from his wagon and loosen the harness upon the horse. Then he took from the wagon a lap robe and spread it upon the slippery pavement near the fallen horse's feet. The intelligent animal did not mistake the mute suggestion. He eyed the robe for a moment, then he edged around until his feet were upon it. With an effort he struggled to an upright position and then lifted his feet while the driver picked up the robe.—Our Dumb Animals.

**How a Beautiful Flower was Named.**

An old legend tells of two lovers, walking by the river Rhine. The lady begged her suitor to pluck a little pale-blue flower, growing on the bank. In doing so, he fell into the water, and was drowned; but, while sinking, he threw the flower to her, and cried: "Forget me not!" Thousands of women will never forget what Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has done for them. It is prepared specially to cure those diseases from which they alone suffer, and often in silence, rather than consult a physician—as periodical pains, weak back, prolapsus, and all uterine troubles. Purely vegetable, and guaranteed to give satisfaction in every case, or money refunded.

**Refused to be Lied About.**

A gay young married woman of Cairo, Illinois, was sauntering homeward the other night when a young man coming up with her took her arm and volunteered to escort her. She repelled him and blabbed that it was a young married neighbor. He denied. She cornered him in his own home before his young wife. He denied again. She jerked forth a horse-whip. He grabbed her, took her across his knee, spanked her soundly, looked her in a room and sent for her husband, to whom he turned her over as slightly off mentally.

General von Braun committed suicide at Berlin yesterday.

Old Mr. Hustle (to young lady applicant for position as typewriter)—Can you spell well? Young Lady Applicant—Yes, sir, ordinarily; but I sometimes get tangled up when it comes to "artesian."

"I always start my fire with the Bazoo," said the editor of the Clarion. Why do you do that? "Its editorials are highly inflammable, and its affidavits save the expense of a blower."

The wives of the Scotch railway strikers were even more enthusiastic than their husbands, and urged them to fight to the last ditch. In many cases they undertook the duty of picketing. The wife of an engine driver who displayed reluctance to leave his work, finding her husband remained deaf to her remonstrances, climbed up on his engine and, pulling him off, carried him away in triumph.

Farmer Peastraw—Well, son, what did you learn at college? Son—I learned to fence, for one thing. Farmer Peastraw—That's good; I'll get some nails to-morrow, and we'll have a bout.

### ATTACKED BY ALBATROSSES.

**A Man Falls Overboard and is Killed by the Birds.**

During the passage of the Nova Scotian barque to Liverpool a most extraordinary affair is reported to have occurred, showing alike the ferocious and dangerous proclivities of the albatross, says the Fall Mall Gazette. The barque had just got out of the latitude where rough weather is always encountered, and was sailing with fair wind when the cry of "Man overboard" sounded throughout the ship. The unfortunate fellow was a Dane, one of the crew, and he was seen at a short distance breasting the waves. The barque was brought round, answering her helm instantly, and the vessel was soon on her way to the struggling man. Suddenly two large albatrosses were seen to descend with an eagle-like swoop and attack the poor fellow in a terrible manner. Both birds dashed at him, and to those on board the vessel it seemed as if they were endeavoring to gouge out his eyes with their hooked bills, while with their wings they kept beating the unfortunate man about the head. The sight was a terrible one, but it did not last long, as the barque sailed over the course where the Dane had fallen overboard about seven minutes before, but he was nowhere to be seen. There was no doubt in the minds of those on board that the poor fellow was killed by the albatrosses, as he was a powerful swimmer and seemed to fight desperately for a few moments with the ferocious birds.

**The Good Old Times.**

"Then times were good,  
Merchants cared not a rush  
For any other fare,  
Than Johnny cake and mush."

But now times have changed, and the plain and simple fare of the forefathers is done away with. Patent flour, and high seasoned food, and strong drinks, have taken its place, and as a result, dyspepsia, impure blood, and diseases of the stomach, liver and lungs are numerous. This great change has led one of the most skillful physicians of the age to study out a remedy for these modern diseases, which he has named his "Golden Medical Discovery." Dr. Pierce in this remedy has found a cure for Dyspepsia, Bronchitis, Asthma, Consumption, in its early stages, and "Liver Complaints."

**A Hard-Hearted Husband.**

A coroner sees many strange sights. Deputy Coroner — was telling of a circumstance that came under his notice recently that surpassed anything ever heard of in the way of heartless indifference. He was called to investigate a case where a man's wife had died very suddenly. It was plainly a case of heart failure, but the husband insisted upon an autopsy. He not only wanted the autopsy, but he wanted to see it performed. The body was placed on a table and the doctors began work. The husband watched every movement very closely. Finally the liver and heart were exposed, and the heart was found to be greatly enlarged. The husband, more deeply interested than ever, stepped forward and took hold of the heart with his fingers. "It made my blood run cold," said the deputy, "and I pushed the man away." He seemed to resent the coroner's action very much, and insisted on knowing what caused his wife's death. The doctor explained that it was caused by an enlargement of the heart. "Wall, by thunder!" mused the man, "I don't understand that. I supposed a big heart made folks generous-like, but that woman was the dumbest, stingiest critter I ever see."—St. Louis Star.

**Football.**

The Chicago Cricket Club decided to organize from among its members a football team to go to Canada and play the various clubs there. The start will be made about May 22nd, and the first game is to be played at Toronto on the 24th, the Queen's Birthday.

**A Hundred Years to Come.**

Wouldn't you like to live until the year A. D. 2000 just to see the people and the world generally? Who knows but you might, if you observe the laws of health, and keep the Stomach, Liver and Bowels in full action. The best medicine known for this is Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They are small, sugar-coated granules, but powerful to cure; produce no nausea or griping; easy to take, and a sure cure for biliousness, constipation, headache, and diseases produced by an inactive liver. A convenient vest pocket remedy.

Senator Edmunds is known to be a man who rarely displays any warmth of temper. Yet, a Washington correspondent says, he got very angry a week or two ago. It seems that a change had been made in the Senate coterie. The new coterie was not aware of the New England fondness for the succulent bean prepared in Boston style. Now, to prepare the bean to suit the New England palate, involves a large amount of skill and energy which the new coterie thought unnecessary so long as he could get the article prepared in cans, and as a result he offered the latter to his patron, Senator Edmunds, who is a judge of beans, immediately detected the cheat that was being put upon him, and he raised a rumpus that ceased only when the genuine bean prepared in Boston style, on the spot, was placed before him. There are things over which the great New Englander will permit no trifling, and the bean of our forefathers is one of them.

The Princess of Wales has given orders that nothing need be submitted for her inspection, or that of her daughters, in which birds are used as trimming.

### DO HOUSEKEEPERS KNOW

**As to These Various Little Matters Now Mentioned?**

That a little powdered borax added old starch stiffens linen beautifully?  
That a basin of cold water placed in an oven will soon lower the temperature?  
That in baking cake with granulated sugar you should use a little less than the recipe calls for?  
That clothes-pins are too cheap to stand out of doors in cold weather pinning two garments together with one?  
That a teaspoonful of pulverized sugar sifted (through a sieve) over the top crust of a pie will add greatly to its appearance?  
That if fruit jars are filled with nice apple sauce as soon as emptied it will be very acceptable for sauce, pies, puddings, etc., next spring.  
That when scot falls upon a carpet or rug, if covered thoroughly with salt, it can be swept up without leaving a trace? If one trial is not sufficient, give it another.  
That if a little soft (not melted) lard or butter is rubbed over the top of bread dough when in a mass and after being molded into loaves, a hard crust will be avoided?  
That if a teaspoonful of cold water is added to a well-beaten egg and enough of the mixture used to moisten the ground coffee before it is made it will be quite a saving of eggs over the old method?

"Jimmy is a very unfortunate boy," said Mrs. Simpson. "He joined an athletic club and the first time he went there he broke one of the best records they had."

A portrait of President Garfield, which was painted at the order of General Collins to present to Queen Victoria, was exhibited at the rooms of the Ohio society in New York Monday night.

The first gymnasium or college for women in Rome is to be opened on April 1st, in accordance with the order of the Cultus Minister Boselli. The grade of the new institution is to be that of the technical schools, and the object is to enable young women to prepare themselves to enter the universities.

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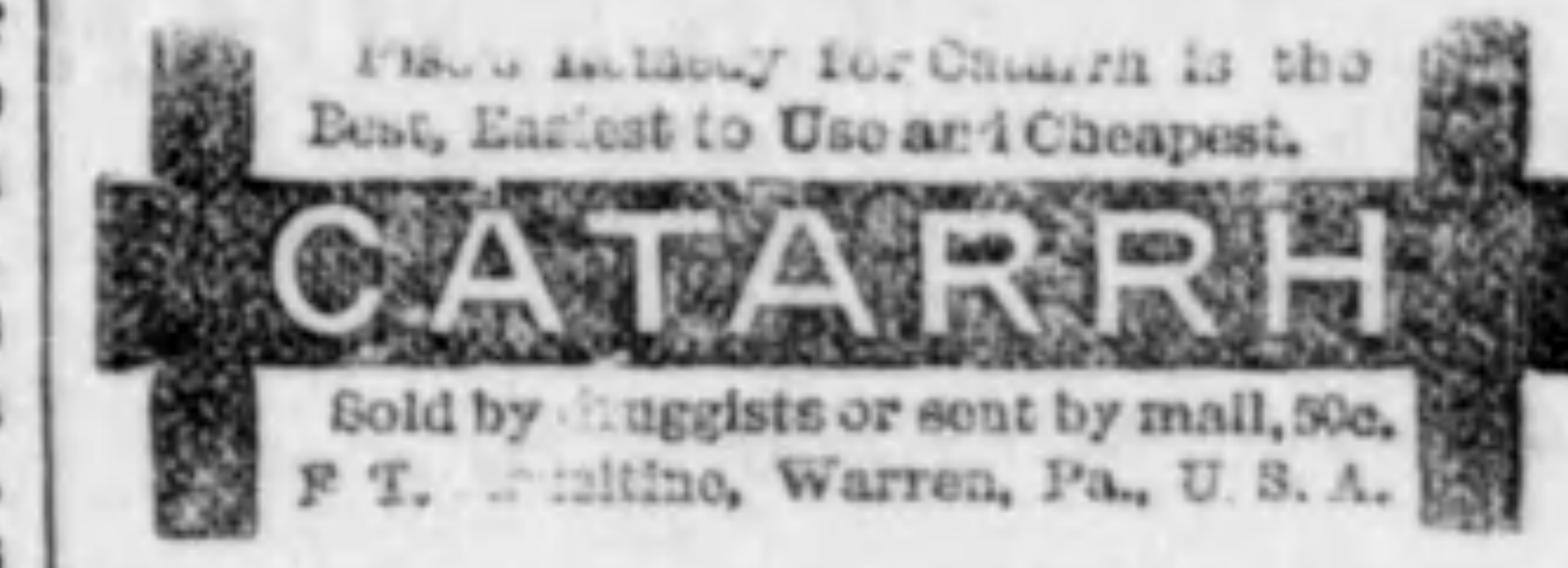
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