

OUR OTTAWA LETTER

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—At an ancient banquet an Ambassador desired the seven Wise Men of Greece to deliver each of them some parable that he might report to his King the wisdom of Greece, which they did. Only one was silent who, when asked why, replied:—“Report to your lord that there are of the Grecians those who can hold their peace.”

This wisdom does not commend itself to the loyal Opposition, and so in the debate on the Franchise Act they complained frequently that the Ministerialists would not defend the Act but held their peace. The debate began on the motion of Dr. Wilson of Eglint, to repeal the Act and adopt the old Provincial franchise. The Opposition urged that this was more convenient and less expensive and it enabled such of the Provincials as had manhood suffrage—Ontario, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island—to avail themselves of it in the Dominion elections as well. Mr. Laurier, however, declared himself opposed to the principle of manhood suffrage.

The Hon. J. A. Chapeau, Secretary of State, was the chief exponent of the views of the Government. He declared for a national franchise framed by the national parliament based on the principle of uniformity. He hoped they might be able to simplify the machinery and also reduce the cost. He gave the cost of the first revision in 1886 as \$413,000 and of the second, in 1889, as \$152,000. He did not think it necessary to have an annual revision of the voters lists.

The discussion lasted three days a number of Ministerialists responding later on to the invitation and warmly defending the Act.

The appointment to the Senate of ex-Lieut. Governor Masson to succeed the late M. Rodier is a very popular one. A moderate man, of high character, Mr. Masson has the respect of both the great political parties. He was Sir John Macdonald's first Minister of Militia in 1878 but resigned in 1880 on account of ill health, and was called to the Senate in 1882, a position he resigned in 1884 to become Lieut. Governor of Quebec. He is now summoned back to the sphere he then left.

Friday evening saw the first liveliness of the session altho' the session was three weeks old. It arose in Committee of Supply over a statement submitted on Tuesday by Hon. C. H. Tupper as to the expenditure under the different governments for advertising in and subscriptions to newspapers. The Opposition charged that the statement was misleading and intentionally so. This brought young Tupper to his feet with an explanation that his statement was only intended to be partial and he had said so at the time. Finally Dr. Landerkin began to banter the Minister of Marine about his father, the High Commissioner, and used the term “falsehood” as applicable to Mr. Tupper's action. Young Tupper's blood was now up and he taunted the witty doctor with being the buffoon of the House and declared his language more fit for a bar-room than for Parliament. Landerkin, who would joke on his debauched, again proved his title to be the jester of the House, after which the pot was allowed to simmer down, but only for a few minutes.

This time the Opposition started in to badger Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, over his travelling expenses, and Dr. Wilson was wicked enough to refer to some certain trip of Sir Adolphe's to the sea side with a fair fellow traveller. At this the Minister rose quickly to his feet and hotly retracted Dr. Wilson's insolence. A hubbub followed and Mr. Laurier asked that the word should be retracted. Sir Adolphe continued speaking notwithstanding that Sir John Macdonald frequently motioned him to sit down. Sir Adolphe was naturally angry and he told the chairman that he would not retract, but in a few minutes at the Premier's command he did so. Most of the Ministerialists enjoyed Sir Adolphe's predicament as he is disliked by the Ontario men. The Premier too plainly showed that he was angry at the minister's method of meeting the stings of the Opposition bees, as in committee of supply all the other Ministers exhibit an even temper and a disposition to furnish all proper information.

Wednesday (to-morrow) is fixed for the big discussion on dual languages over Dalton McCarthy's bill. A special excursion from Montreal is expected on that day. There are two amendments proposed but only one will be moved as Mr. Davin's like Mr. Robert White's, is to the effect that the whole question be left to the people of the Northwest themselves. This is the one the government will take and the

amendment is certain to carry. The debate will be an exciting one but an effort to close it Friday night will be made.

To-night Mr. Laurier's amendment to Supply, providing that the rebate of the duty on imported corn made to distillers when they export whiskey the product of that corn, will be probably discussed. I learn very privately that when the government bring down their tariff changes the House will find that this matter has already been disposed of.

Glasgow.

Standard Correspondence.
A traveller once termed this “the garden of Glenelg,” yet it is being depopulated rapidly. The late J. Nickel farm is vacant. R. Smith has rented his place and left. J. Duncan has leased and is also going away. T. Hastings had a sale last Monday and is leaving. We regret to see our neighbors leaving and so many vacant farms, but perhaps they will return ere long. Robert Smith returned from Manitoba on a visit recently.

The want of sleighing is a felt want. Jim said he would petition the council about it, but it's no use. That was done last summer and they refused. They are very charitable all the same. The Grippe was pretty general around here but not of a serious character. The shoddy pedlar nuisance has also visited this neighborhood and clings with even greater tenacity than even the Russian influenza.

We visited the premises of Mr. Jas. Bell recently and were much pleased with what we saw. Mr. B. has a lot of the finest horses we have seen. His spacious, substantial and very comfortable out-buildings are indeed worth a visit. The sheep house, hog pen and henry are his own handwork and second to none in the country. We also saw his bees; they are doing well.

More Anon.

Maxwell.

Standard Correspondence.
The snow storm on Friday and Saturday has given us sleighing again and we hope it will make times livelier. Notwithstanding the ravages of la grippe the population of this town continues to increase. Mrs. W. H. Guy has just presented her husband with a “girl baby.” Please accept congratulations friend Harry.

Mr. Hutchinson, of Dundalk, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church Sunday evening, the 10th inst., but la grippe occupied the attention of a large share of the congregation.

Death has again visited us. Mrs. Wm. Phillips died of inflammation of the bowels on Monday, the 10th inst.

Walter's Falls.

Standard Correspondence.
“Epistolarum Commercium.”
The sleighing, although next thing to a minus quantity is being well made use of by the farmers and is causing business in the Falls to assume a brighter aspect. Mr. R. McCullough, of Georgetown, paid a visit last week to brother Dr. McCullough, of this place. Mr. and Mrs. P. McCullough, of Markdale were also among the visitors of last week. Mr. John Taylor, who has been living for some time in Owen Sound, has moved back to the village and now occupies the house lately left by Mr. S. J. Davey.

The first shipment of bibles and testaments has been received from the Upper Canada Bible Society. These books are kept for sale at the Depository, bonnell Bros. store.

Mr. Geo. Walter, who had his leg broken about three weeks ago, is progressing very favorably. He is under the care of Dr. McCullough.

Mr. Henry Bonnell has rented his farm on the town line, Holland and Euphrasia. This is good news to his many friends, as it is an indication that he still intends to remain among us in the capacity of storekeeper.

A number in the village and vicinity are recovering from La Grippe, and some from some other kind of “grip” which one doctor refuses to acknowledge as the grip of the Russian visitor. We still hear of new cases and the number of sufferers is quite large.

The members of the Presbyterian church, on the Blind Line, Sydenham, have decided to meet during the coming summer, a brick church to replace the holding used as a place for purposes of worship. We understand that steps are being taken to have plans and specifications drawn up at once.

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Andrew Kelly is erecting an addition to the stabling of Mrs. Delaney.
Mr. Maurice Doolan is expected home shortly. Welcome in advance.
A wedding is on the tapis of which you will be duly informed when it takes place. It is expected by the known ones that when the ice is broken there will be a boom in the matrimonial market. Even the knotted, doubled and twisted married ladies have caught the craze, and have secured the services of the little God Ariel, to slip thro' keyholes and report proceedings; otherwise they have a repertorial staff of eavesdroppers. One, among many instances of this detestable espionage came under my notice recently. One of our most prudent young men made a friendly call upon the family of an acquaintance, and the next day, Mrs. Eggelow, mentor of the Ariel brigade, gave a verbatim report of the proceedings, and was so much convulsed with laughter that she distended her facial orifice to such extent, that a bystander solemnly avers he could distinguish the program color of the lower extremity of the inner garment worn upon her person. I would advise: Don't try it again—lockjaw might ensue.

Markway.

This neighborhood has been this week called upon to mourn the death of an old and respected citizen in the person of Mr. E. W. Moore, who died on Sunday last, aged 63 years. Mr. M. had been ailing for over a year, but was in usual health up to two days before his death. The funeral on Tuesday was largely attended when the Rev. Mr. Buggin preached an appropriate sermon to a large and appreciative audience.
La Grippe has been quite general, and many have reason to remember his unwelcome visit for many a day. Mr. Joseph Halbert joins the army of benedictos on Wednesday, 12th. Miss Maggie Taylor being the happy bride. Our respected young friends have our congratulations. Guess Bob will be an old maid, eh?

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