OUR OTTAWA LETTER

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—The attention of the Parliament has for ten days been almost exclusively occupied by the debate on Mr. McCarthy's bill. But before dealing with that let me first refer to a few other matters.

The outrage upon the taxpayers of this country perpetrated by the changing managers of Rideau Hall, the official residence of the Governor General, is now fully realized by Parliament and steps are being taken to put a stop to it. The Public Accounts took the testimony of Mr. Huchison the outside manager and clerk of works of government house. Some of his facts were interesting. For example he told us that it required 221 heating apparatuses to keep Rideau Hall, with its 265 rooms and corridors, warm and even then the blue blood of the inmates was often chilled. There are about a dozen furnaces. Then it takes 500 gas jets to light up the establishment. Only 500! the fact can no longer be concealed that on the departure of each Governor General Rideau Hall is plundered of almost every thing that can be removed, the property of Canada. Thus upon the entry of a new viceroy the place has to be refurnished and refitted and altered and improved at the public expense. Of course the retainers do the plundering and His Excellency is ignorant of it. It is the system that must be changed. Scarce a rag of linen fit for use is found there by a new Governor Gen'l. Then a requisition for more is made on the Dept. of Public Works. There are no table napkins in the country good enough for this household and we had to pay $1000 for 400 napkins for Lord Stanley's use, all made to order. Of the 400 napkins used by Lord Lansdown none appear to have remained. So with carpet. Over 700 yards were put down for Lord Stanley. Altogether we spent last year in repairing and furnishing Rideau Hall $31,644! This imposition on Canadians by English servants has lasted too long.

The great debate, the greatest perhaps since Confederation ended at ten o'clock Friday night when an amendment to the McCarthy bill was carried by 149 to 50. The bill of the member for North Simcoe abolished French as an official language in the Northwest Territories, in the Legislature and in the courts. The Government amendment which was passed left it to the Legislature of the Northwest after the next general election to say whether they would print their proceedings in one or two languages.

There were half a hundred speeches during the ten days the debate lasted. The galleries were crowded to excess and the House absorbed in its attention to this one subject. So great was the division of opinion that each party called three caucuses to consider what kind of an amendment would be most acceptable. The Ministerialists were more successful than the Opp. in arriving at an approximation to unity. The Government and all the Opposition leaders except Mr. Charlton united on one amendmet yet there were no less than fifty votes cast against it. Of these nine were Conservative English speaking members and thirty Liberal English speaking members.

The speeches all alluded to the future of the country and dwelt on the danger of a conflict of races and the possibility of civil war. Sir Hector Langevin talked of relying on the assistance of a million and a hal fot French Canadians residing in the United States and Col. Amyot quoted a prediction that the first gun for Canadian Independence would be fired by a French Canadian in the States. Mr. Bechard declared they would turn their eyes towards the Stars and Stripes if denied protection under the flag of Britain, and Mr. Charlton told him that the U. S. would more likely treat Quebec as another Utah until Quebec improved her institutions. But most of the speeches called for peace and harmony and deplored the race feeling aroused by Mr. McCarthy's course. Mr. McCarthy himself made a speech of marked ability and disavowed any intention of interfering with the French in their own Province but submitted that, in view of the demand in the Northwest for the Bill, it should pass. On the other hand the view of the majority leaned to the autonomy basis as the principle of settlement.

Mr. McCarthy declares that he will bring in his bill again next session.

Senator McInnes of British Columbia thinks the occasion a good one for a joke so he has introduced a bill into the Senate making Gaelic an official language in Canada.

It is probable that in introducing a bill as will have to be done to give effect to the Government amendment to the McCarthy bill, the Govt. will include a scheme for a redistribution of seats in the Northwest Assembly so that the French minority up there may be represented in the Assembly which is at present exclusively English speaking.

During the debate the Order Paper has grown to large dimensions and there are now about seventy five different matters on it. Among these are Mr. Brown's notorious bird bill, the three reciprocity in wrecking bills, fixed for joint discussion, the adjourned debate on the motion to repeal the Franchise Act, Taylor's Alien Labor Bill, Cook's civil service and railway bills, Casgrain's Independence of Parliament bill, the Atlantic mail service, Health Dept. resolution, several fiscal motions, Davin's motion for a select comtee. to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Herchmer Commissioner of Mounted Police, Northwest half-breed claims.

In addition to these there are lla the Gov't. measures and all the private bills.

The Finance Minister will in a few days bring down his Budget and tariff charges when another week or two's debate can be counted on.

The Dom. Fruit Growers have just held their annual convention here.

Mr. McLaren the new Senator from Eastern Ontario has not yet taken his seat. What with discussing the Orange Bill, dual languages and Imperial Federation the senators are apt to grow dizzy with excitement.

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BEFORE AND AFTER.

Editor Standard.

A Markdale youth, just budding into manhood, prepares for an evening party.

His toilet is made, complete in all its details, and as an object of vision he was real pretty. From the bristling tips of his pompadore hair to the dazzling sheene of his freshly painted boots he was a thing of beauty and a joy forever. But his mind—for he actually has a mind—was troubled. As he stood before a large French glass mirror at his boarding place fondly, yea, lovingly viewing his pretty figure and faultless dress he gracefully raised his christie stiff and with tenderest care caressingly touched his lovely hair, remarking to his friend as he did so, is it too cold to wear this hat? Yes, said the friend. But, if I do not, said the mild eyed youth, the cap will ruin the artistico mechanico arrangement of my loved pompadore, and as I desire to appear and look my very sweetest to-night, Mr. hat I will wear. And he did.

The night was bitter cold and ere the wee sma hours it colder grew. Our youthlet so superbly but thinly clad, sallied forth like a conquering hero on his return trip and, like other common clay, was hustled into the big sleigh with other members of the party. The ruthless north-polar breeze whistled gloomily round the artistic curves of his "christy stiff" which had served so well to keep his loved pompadore in *statuquo*. Suddenly an acute pain darts through the lower lobe of his left ear. Instantly the pain ceases. All is serene and he softly caresses the icy fingers of the gentle being by his side heroicly forgetful of self. Yet, the pink wart that adorns the dome of his aforesaid left ear has, by easy stages, assumed that deathly white appearance characteristic beneath the closed eye of a dead swine, and the palor spreads until tiny pellucid atoms gleam and glisten across the broad expanse of that unwashed ear like myriads of dazzling infinitesimal diamonds. Ye gods, the ear is frozen! but the precision and perfect comliness of the pompadore is preserved.

The next day a modern slugger would have been proud of that ear. However, it was saved from utter ruin by frequent hyperdermic infections of cream oil and the notorious, never-failing Bush's eye salve.

CEUM.

Sam Jones Moves to Kentucky.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 17.—Rev. Sam Jones announces that he will soon move with his family to his farm near Eminence, Ky. The Rev. Sam has for long years made his home at Cartersville, this state, where he has a beautiful suburban home. He gives no reason for the change, and the announcement creates great surprise throughout Georgia.

THE GOLDEN WEST.

A TEMPTING DISPLAY OF THE MINERAL AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OF THE NORTHWEST.

The C. P. R. car with its exposition of the products of Manitoba and the Northwest was besieged with crowds of interested agriculturists and citizens at the G. T. R. depot yesterday. The interior of the car is tastefully decorated with the different kinds of grains and grasses, including wheat, oats, timothy, millet, peas, vetches and hops, each of which by their excellence came in for unstinted approval. The exhibition of cereals is exceptionally fine, the samples of wheat and oats being remarkably clear and clean and well calculated to turn the agriculturists's eye with rapture to the land in the Far West.

A good showing of the mineral products is arranged in suitable cases and boxes, and includes several specimens of silver quartz of good comparative value, and also samples of bituminous and anthracite coal from the Alberta mines. Potatoes are shown which would average in most cases half a pound each, and some are sufficiently large to supply an entire family with a dinner. The left side of the car is devoted to the exhibition of the different garden fruits of British Columbia, which are put up in glass jars. To many this is the most wonderful part of the exposition. Crawford peaches are shown as large as the average apple and Bartlett pears that rival the usual squash in point of size. The exhibit is complete in every detail, and numbers in its collection strawberries, grapes, currants, plums and berries, each sufficient in itself to excite the curiosity and interest of the most unconcerned observer.

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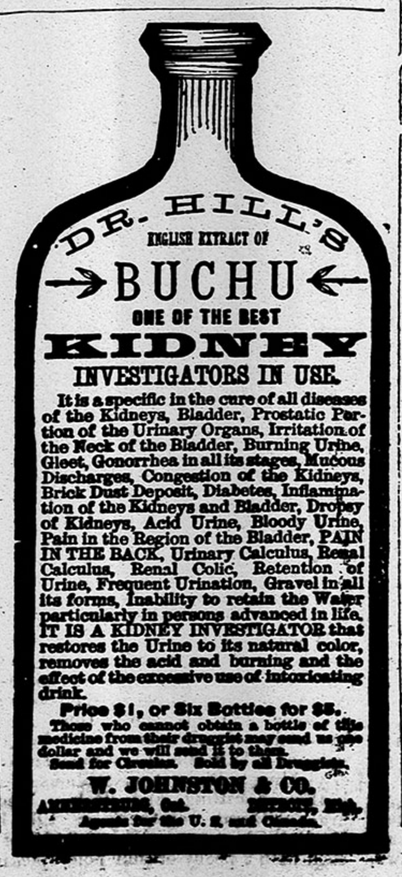

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