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HOUSE OF COMMONS.
The First Division—Calling on the Militia—Free Press and Retention—Budget—Change.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.
Ottawa, Feb. 10.—The big debate of the session is now going on in discussion of the following resolution moved by Sir Richard Cartwright: "Resolved that it has become a matter of extreme importance that the Government and Parliament of Canada should acquire the power of negotiating commercial treaties with foreign states; that a humble address be presented to Her Majesty praying that she will empower her representatives the Governor General of Canada acting by and with the advice of the Government of Canada, to enter by an agent or representative of Canada into direct communication with any foreign state for the purpose of negotiating commercial arrangements tending to the advantage of Canada, subject to the approval of the House of Commons of the Parliament of Canada." This debate is likely to last till the end of the week.

OUR COUNTRY'S PROGRESS.
The following comparisons from recent Government reports, illustrate very concisely the progress of the Dominion:—
In 1885, population numbered 3,538,111; in 1917, they had increased to 7,534,111.
In 1885, the number of letters carried was 18,100,000; in 1917, they had increased to 90,656,000.
In 1885, the number of newspapers was 18,884,500; in 1917, they had increased to 85,066,326.
In 1887, the railroad mileage was 3,130 miles; in 1917, it had increased to 19,350 miles.
In 1885, the paid-up capital in railways was \$100,471,170; in 1917, it had increased to \$693,773,791.
In 1875, the number of railroad passengers carried was 5,136,416; in 1917 the number increased to 10,653,508.
In 1875, the tons of freight carried were 5,720,837; in 1917, they had increased to 10,356,331.
In 1897, the total exports were valued at \$75,706,288; in 1917, they had increased to \$29,515,811.
In 1902, the total imports were \$13,629,644; in 1917, they had increased to \$112,492,230.
In 1918, the bank notes in circulation were \$4,817,079; in 1917, they had increased to \$30,444,643.
In 1878, the people's deposit in chartered banks were \$39,508,104; in 1917, they had increased to \$112,681,799.
In 1885, the deposits in the savings banks were \$4,200,027; in 1917, they had increased to \$50,175,787.
In 1897, the coal mines in Canada produced 623,392 tons; in 1917, they had increased to 2,877,675 tons.
In 1897, the value of fire insurance risk was \$184,320,900; in 1917, they had increased to \$633,523,027.
In 1885, the amount of life insurance at risk was \$33,950,034; in 1917, they had increased to \$191,269,162.
In 1898, Canada exported of her fabrics \$3,857,510; in 1917, they had increased to \$6,575,810.
The foregoing is not a bad showing of progress, without annotation.

KNATCHBULL NEWS.
From our Own Correspondent.
Last Tuesday Mr. James Anderson, blacksmith, Eden Mills, accompanied by two ladies, set out on their way to Acton, and on getting about a mile on the way they met a load of furniture, and in passing it the rack caught the harness, almost disengaging it from the horse and breaking one of the shafts of the horse. Fortunately, the horse being a quiet one, no other damage was done beyond faintly frightening the occupants. Mr. Anderson afterwards secured a cutter from Mr. James Watson and proceeded on his journey.
Rev. A. K. Mustard is improving rapidly in health. He attended the Holiness Convention held at Hamilton on the 2d, 3rd and 4th inst., and last Sunday he delivered a grand sermon in the Bethel church, Knatchbull. The last time Mr. Mustard preached at Bethel was the day he took ill with hemorrhage of the lungs, almost six months ago.
The Rev. Mr. Connel, of Lockwood, is to preach at Bethel appointment next Sunday afternoon.
Mr. David H. Taylor, Nussagawa, lost a valuable mare last Friday night.
We are having rather strange weather this winter. A few days ago Mr. Mercury was away down below zero, but last Saturday morning he commenced to crawl up again, and it rained all day, and to-day there was quite a heavy snow storm.
The entertainment held at Bloomsbury, Friday evening, was a grand success and exceeded any previous entertainment held at Bloomsbury. The committee under Mr. McGregor's able management had an excellent programme provided, and their efforts were appreciated by a well filled house, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

NEW
Importations This Week
AT
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GREAT
Stock-Taking SALE
AT
R. B. JERMYN'S
ACTON,
We commence Stock-taking on Feb. 12th and previous to that we will slaughter Winter Goods.
Look to Your Interests
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Remember you don't have to buy a certain number of dollars worth in order to get a trilling discount.
Our reduction means 50 per cent. and your five cents buys at the same price as your neighbor's five dollars. Do not delay as now is the time to procure a supply at your own prices.
Below we give a list of reduced goods which hold good till the 12th of February.
Overcoats, Ulsters, Jackets, Blankets, Furs, Underwear, Flannels, Shirts, Sheetings, Tickings, Towelling, Tabling, Curtains, Carpets, Dress Goods, Dress Silks, Plushes, Velvets, Ribbons, Laces, Corsets, Bustles, Gloves, Hosiery, Embroidery.
Men's Felt Boots only \$1.50
All Wool Blankets large size \$2.50, regular price \$3.25.
This reduction is for Cash Only.
Butter and Eggs Wanted.
R. B. Jermy

The Acton Free Press.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1918.
NOTES AND COMMENTS.
Sir Richard Cartwright's motion in the House of Commons on Monday night in favor of the acquisition of the power of making her own treaties was defeated by a majority of twenty-eight.
The Toronto Ministerial Association have appointed a special committee to prepare a deliverance on the encroachment of the Roman Catholic Church in Quebec, and to report on the advisability of holding a popular meeting in the city to condemn the Jesuit Estates' Bill.
The *Osborne Record* gravely remarks that "from facts which we would to record a warning of Protestant intolerance has not yet been issued and is working its baleful way across the Dominion." Wonder what it is the cause of it—*London Free Press*.

Mr. Graham has introduced a bill into the Legislature dealing with ditch running along the highway. The bill grants that no corporation or party who dig a ditch along the roadway for drainage purposes of less depth than two feet shall be liable for damages arising from accidents or otherwise for not covering the same.
That a town is judged as to its progress by its local press, is an indisputable fact. Outside of this column as an index to the life and ambition of the community. And so it comes to pass that a well conducted local journal, loyal to its town, and desirous of worthy representation of its own progress, can accomplish a work to the credit and advantage of the community which can be effected in no other way.—*Patriot Review*.

It is rather a singular fact and also a very significant one that in the face of the generally obtained failure of the Scott Act to do its work through the aid of the Government in its enforcement, petitions should be filed from many of the county councils of Ontario and particularly by those which have tried the Scott Act, for prohibition. Emphatic and earnest is the demand, and it is in no other way it is significant of the fact that the Scott Act has been a great educator in a temperance sense.
A good many provincial papers are calling attention to the fact that recently some sixty-eight Ottawa hotel keepers entered into an agreement to raise their bars according to law on Sunday. Copies of the agreement, with signatures attached, have been printed and posted in the different houses. Have not these men, in this action, which they evidently consider extraordinary, given complete demonstration of the fact that the liquor traffic is deemed a law-abiding institution, and that liquor-sellers only obey the statute on special occasions, and by special agreement?

DEATH OF MR. C. J. BRYDGE.
Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—Mr. C. J. Brydges died suddenly Saturday afternoon at 1:30 while paying his customary visit, with Mrs. Brydges, to the General Hospital. Mrs. Brydges, to the general hospital, when she was in the room, when he fell over, and before medical aid arrived, although several doctors were in the building, he was dead. The cause of death was apoplexy of the brain.
The news of his death caused a profound sensation and was received with general regret. Mr. Brydges was appointed general manager of the Great Western railway in 1914 and managing director of the Grand Trunk in 1917 and was appointed Government inspector of railways. In 1917 he received the appointment of Hudson Bay Land Commissioner at Winnipeg, which position he held at the time of his death. He occupied several important positions in Manitoba, having been president of the Board of Agriculture and director of the hospital, and connected with other institutions. His wife and four children survive. He was considered an executive head of first class ability.

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THE PROHIBITION RESOLUTION.
Ottawa, Feb. 15th.—Mr. Jameson moved that in the opinion of the House it is expedient to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors except for sacramental, medicinal, scientific and medicinal purposes. That the enforcement of such prohibition and such manufacture, importation, and sale as may be allowed shall be by the Dominion Government through specially appointed officers. He quoted statistics to prove that there had been a decrease of crime under the Canada Temperance Act. If local option had a salutary effect, he contended that general prohibition would be equally successful. The number of actual settlers in Canada last year was 95,700, an increase of 4,200.
A deputation urged the Government to subsidize the Kincardine and Teeswater Railway, the extension of which to Kincardine will give the C.P.R. an outlet on Lake Huron.
The are over a thousand convicts in Canada. The Inspector recommends the indeterminate sentence system as a reform.
Last year 2,367 patients were treated in Canada.
The trade on farmers' committees is again sitting.
Messrs. Collier and Barwood, new members, were introduced last week.

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