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—EXCITATION IN THE SENATE.

There was a big row in the Senate Committee on Railways yesterday when the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company's bill came up. Walter Harcourt of Toronto, who represented the Ontario Bank and the estate of McFarlane, one of the contractors, charged that out of the \$200,000 subsidy received from the Quebec Government \$100,000 was given to the Minister Government for election purposes. The charge created a sensation and the committee broke up in confusion. Mr. Harcourt declares that he can produce witnesses to sustain his statement, and consideration of the bill was postponed until Thursday next.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Over 2,000 samples of sugar have been sent to the laboratory of the Canadian Department since the new sugar duties came into effect.

His Excellency, the Governor-General returned to Ottawa from Cape Cod Saturday.

An order in council has been passed providing that in future no person be appointed to the civil service entitling him to the benefits of the superannuation unless at the time of appointment he furnishes a medical certificate showing that he is then in good health.

Many of the Maritime members have secured a raise, until August 1st. They have gone home to look after business. On their return they will be prepared to stay in Ottawa until well into the fall. The prospect for parliament is therefore not very cheerful.

The report of the census, as regards population, will be presented in a day or two.

Capture of An Enormous Shark.

PAPEE, Aug. 4.—An enormous shark was caught in the harbour here last week. It measured 24 feet in length, and was 6 feet in diameter at its greatest width. The flesh was cut off, and the dorsal bone is to be preserved. The skin is about half an inch thick. The monster is known as the "beastly shark." It was captured by a harpooner known as a "tremor" on the steamer Bolivar while in the vicinity of Tobago Island. And the steamer was completely turned round and round by the powerful tail when it was first captured.

The farm, stock, and household effects of the late Mary Thompson, lot 1, Con. 2, Penetanguishene, will be offered for sale by auction on Friday, Sept. 1, 1886.

100 hours One dollar.

—The biggest bargain in Canada—will

go to A. J. F. Thompson, Galt, Ontario,

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