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Dr. J. H. ...  
F. H. ...

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**HOUSE OF COMMONS.**  
The Estimates—The Chinese Question—The Law of Libel—The World's Fair on Sunday.

**THE NEW MEMBERS HERE.**  
Ottawa, March 16.—Yesterday was a great day for Conservatives. They commenced the proceedings by introducing the notice of the Commons five new members...

**THE ACTION FREE PRESS.**  
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1892.  
NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A dispatch from Ottawa says: The belated tone of the United States press over the Redoubt Sea question and Senator Morgan's fall to refuse bonding privileges are causing some apprehension here. The New York Press, an Administrative organ declares that Canada has for years been very unkindly towards the United States and must be "disciplined."

One of the arguments likely to be advanced against Mr. Wood's anti-bonus bill is that the leading municipalities have not come forward to its support. As a matter of fact many of the cities are keeping quiet, fearing that too ardent support might provoke opposition. There is, therefore, no reason why the matter should not be decided purely upon its merits as a question of public expediency.

The Newfoundland difficulty has, it seems, narrowed down to a question as to who shall be the first to extend the friendly hand of reconciliation. The organ of the Newfoundland Government, the St. John's Telegram, says: "All things considered, we are not unwilling to return to the old condition of things, provided, of course, that the authorities at Ottawa take the first step towards reconciliation. No childish objection against the taking the first step should prevent the Government from immediately coming to terms: the only rivalry that can exist to either country is as to who shall be the first to overlook the past."

Mr. Henderson's opponents have done wisely in giving up the idea of a protest, by which they could have gained little even though they succeeded in unsettling him on account of the bundling in the advertisement of the returning officer's proclamation for the late bye-election. The only reason of his escape from another election contest is a subject for congratulation. Halton will do very well with Mr. Henderson as her representative until the next general election and when that comes the Liberals of the county will not find themselves or their cause any the weaker on account of their present rebuffance.—Champion.

The imperative necessity of a twenty-foot channel for shipping is pointed out by the Cleveland Leader. The improvements now existing in the lakes reduced the cost of carrying wheat from Chicago to Buffalo from 17 cents bushel in 1870 to 11.80 cents in 1890; while the cost of carrying a ton of iron ore from Escanaba to Lake Erie ports was reduced from \$4.25 in 1870 to an average of \$2.30 cents a ton in 1890. A vessel which now carries 2,000 tons with a draft of fifteen feet, could in a twenty-foot channel carry 4,000 tons without overloading at the same cost. If 2,000 tons are carried for one dollar a ton, 4,000 tons could be handled at 62 cents a ton with the same earnings per trip. This rule would apply to grain as well as to bulk freight.

Whatever may be said for or against the appointment of commissioners to enquire into the question of prohibition, it will be admitted that the men selected have the ability to get together some valuable information, and sufficient training and experience to make good use of the material. Judge McDonald is fifty years old. He has had experience as a practicing barrister and legislator and has served nearly twenty years on the bench. Sir Joseph Hickson is over sixty. He has worked his way up from a humble place on an English railway to the responsible position of general manager of the Great Canadian railway. His ability and individuality have been recognized outside of railway circles, and his official experience will be of great advantage to this enquiry. The Rev. Dr. McLeod is one of the best known clergymen in this province. He is a fearless and uncompromising prohibitionist, but is enough of a student and an enquirer to go into the investigation with an open mind. Ex-Mayor Clarke of Toronto is one of the Opposition leaders in the Ontario Legislature. Mr. Clarke is a journalist and printer, and has a wide acquaintance with the people of Ontario. Of Mr. Gignac's fitness for the position we have no knowledge. Mr. Monaghan, the secretary, is a Halifax man, who is best known in the provinces from his long official connection with the Sons of Temperance, of which organization he was grand scribe.—St. John, N.B., Sun.

The Montreal Mirror has the following to say respecting elections in this county: "The people of Halton are never happy, except when they are at the polls. The election contest. Two or three elections are held in this county for every parliament, and this is the only reason why the people of Halton are so well known in the provinces from his long official connection with the Sons of Temperance, of which organization he was grand scribe.—St. John, N.B., Sun.

Mr. Charles' bill to suppress obscene literature and to provide for the punishment of certain immoral and criminal practices was introduced on Monday.

Mr. Samuel Hughes has determined on obtaining all the information that is obtainable about the importation of pork and hog products generally from the United States into Canada since 1888.

At the annual meeting of the Press Gallery of Parliament, which was held Monday evening, the following officers were elected:—President, T. P. Gorman, Ottawa Free Press; Vice-President, J. L. Payne, London Free Press; Secretary, W. J. Healy, Mail; Committee—R. M. McLeod, Ottawa Citizen; J. E. Atkinson, Toronto Globe; A. J. Maguire, Toronto Globe; ...

**THE HELDUP MURDER.**  
The Trial Now in Progress at the Assizes at Hamilton.

HAMILTON, March 16.—The trial of John Hartman and John Lettidge, charged with the murder of John Harding, at Ansonia, Ont., on Jan. 27th, 1891, was opened at the Assize Court in Hamilton on Tuesday. Several witnesses were heard, among them Miss Lettidge, daughter of the murdered man; and Samuel Goosey, the Indian, an accomplice of the murderers, according to his own confession.

**THE NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL.**  
Six Tenders Received—New Tenders for a Stone Building.

The School Board met last Friday evening. The principal business before the Board was the opening of the tenders invited for the new school. Six tenders were received. These were all for brick buildings as had been asked for in the advertisement. In the interval an impression had been created that a stone building could be put up cheaper, present as good an appearance, answer the requirements as effectually, and after due consideration of the question the Board decided to issue supplementary specifications and ask the contractors who had tendered to present new tenders for a stone building.

The Board met at 8 o'clock. Members present G. Hynde, Chairman, James McLean, R. Holmes, H. Wallace, T. H. Harding. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The committee on Finance presented their third report recommending payment of accounts for the year 1891.

Moved by T. H. Harding, seconded by H. Holmes, that the report be adopted.—Carried.

Rev. G. B. Cook, entered and took his seat. A letter complaining of the illegal treatment and expulsion of children from the third department, was received from the parents of the children.

The Board adjourned to meet on Monday evening, 21st inst.

**THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.**  
The Bonus Bill Calls Forth Considerable Debate.—The Insurance Men Interested.

Toronto, March 16.—In the Legislature, the other day, in response to a question by Mr. Hammett, Mr. Mowat responded that it was not the intention of the Government at this session, to place in the supplementary estimates a sum of money to be applied for the purpose of celebrating the 40th anniversary of the discovery of the North American continent. The chief reason urged for such a decision was that the celebration affected the whole Dominion, and that the province peculiarly, if a grant were required, should be secured from the Dominion Government.

In moving the second reading of his bill to amend the Municipal Act, by repealing the bonus clauses, Mr. Balfour made a characteristically energetic speech. He explained fully and clearly his several provisions. He thought the public interest demanded a repeal of the bonus clauses of the Municipal Act.

Mr. Mack resumed the debate on the second reading on Monday. He spoke against the bill holding that municipalities, councils, and the local press were not in favor of the bill. Among other things he said that the bill was "a mere hunting ground for the opinion of vote-buying politicians. When a bonus was made it was with the intention of bettering the people's grant."

Mr. Gibbon (Huron) took issue with Mr. Mack. He said bonus powers ought to be curtailed. To bolster up bonus hunting individuals was "a mere hunting ground for the opinion of vote-buying politicians. When a bonus was made it was with the intention of bettering the people's grant."

A resolution representing the old-line companies, consisting of the Ontario Fire Insurance Co.; W. F. Barton, of Hamilton, for the Canada Life, and James Beatty, Q.C., and W. C. Macdonald for the Confederation Life Association, had an interview with Howard Hunter, the insurance inspector, in reference to the proposed act respecting insurance corporations.

**HALTON WINS THE SUIT.**  
The Grand Trunk's Appeal on the County Bond Judgement, Involving \$72,000, Dismissed.

County of Halton v. G.T.R. Co.—Judgment on appeal by the defendants from the judgment of the Common Pleas Divisional Court affirming the judgment of Robertson J., adjudging to the plaintiffs (the sum of \$65,000 and \$2,981.01 interest on a bond dated March 9, 1874, conditioned for the repayment of the sum named (being the amount of bonds granted by the plaintiff corporation to the Hamilton & Northwestern Railway Co.) in case within the period of 21 years the latter should cease to be an independent company, in default of such repayment for the payment of \$100,000. In 1891 an agreement was entered into by the Hamilton & Northwestern Railway Co. with the defendants, by which the two companies were amalgamated as one, and by which the plaintiffs claimed the former lost its independence within the meaning of the bond.

The defendants appealed from the judgment of the court below on the grounds, among others, that no damage accrued to the plaintiffs by reason of the agreement, and that therefore only nominal damages of 21 cents should have been awarded; that the \$100,000 being by way of penalty could not be recovered; that the union of the two companies did not destroy the independence of the Hamilton & Northwestern Railway Co., and that the plaintiffs by certain dealings with the latter company had waived their right to object to the amalgamation completed.

The court affirmatively confirmed the judgment of the court below and agreed with the reasons given. Appeal dismissed with costs. S. H. Blake, Q.C., and Walter Cassin, Q.C., for the appellants; Robinson, Q.C., and Bain, Q.C., for the respondents.

**Incendary Fire at Brampton.**  
Brampton, March 15.—The furniture warehouse of Messrs. Trevelyan, situated on the west side of the city, was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire broke out in the upper part, which was elegantly fitted and furnished, was seriously damaged by fire and water. The fire was the work of an incendiary. Mayor Trevelyan was fully insured.

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It is highly gratified with Hood's Sarsaparilla. He was lately run down and so appetite, what he did eat caused distress and he felt tired all the time. A few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla effected a marvelous change. The distress in the stomach is entirely gone. He feels like a new man, and can eat anything with old-time relish. For all such ailments, try Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is a certain and cordially recommended. Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is highly gratified with Hood's Sarsaparilla. He was lately run down and so appetite, what he did eat caused distress and he felt tired all the time. A few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla effected a marvelous change. The distress in the stomach is entirely gone. He feels like a new man, and can eat anything with old-time relish. For all such ailments, try Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is a certain and cordially recommended. Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is highly gratified with Hood's Sarsaparilla. He was lately run down and so appetite, what he did eat caused distress and he felt tired all the time. A few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla effected a marvelous change. The distress in the stomach is entirely gone. He feels like a new man, and can eat anything with old-time relish. For all such ailments, try Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is a certain and cordially recommended. Hood's Sarsaparilla.

**March.**  
It is very important that during the months of March and April the blood should be thoroughly purified and the system be given strength to withstand the debilitating effect of the changing season. For this purpose Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses peculiar merit and it is the best Spring Medicine.

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