

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

On no occasion will the names of Old Advertisements be inserted here. To Lumber Merchants—Address A. B. Attention—James Adams. Regular Monthly Meetings. T. J. O'Connor, C. K. S. Reg. Fines—P. S. Hill.

LOCAL NEWS.

They are splendid!—This is the general expression regarding the repeating rifle and revolvers sold by Watrous. Today is the last of his stay here, and as his stock is being rapidly reduced, those who wish to purchase had better be sharp.

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The Ottawa Times

OTTAWA, AUGUST 14, 1866.

For Arrival and Departure of Mails on 14th Inst.

The House meets to-day at eleven o'clock, when the Government will announce the hour of prorogation—probably three in the afternoon.

The business of the Session, in so far as the Legislative Assembly is concerned, was practically brought to a close last night, and the House meets this morning merely to receive such messages as may be sent from the Council, relative to the measures yet before that House.

The discussion of the bill to postpone the Legislative Council elections until next year did not elicit a great display of eloquence. Several members other than the regular opposition, took strong ground against it, prominent among whom was the member for Lamton.

which the bill contemplated, though the argument was turned rather abruptly against him by other members, who reminded him that he had himself opposed an appeal to the people on the great Constitutional revolution for which the Quebec resolutions provide.

The fact is, that the bill is, under the circumstances, if not a necessary, a very expedient auxiliary to the legislative action of the House relative to the change in our governmental machinery, and no man who has endorsed that action throughout, can lay claim to much credit for retreating his support to this bill, which merely obviates the necessity of holding a dozen useless elections throughout the country, which would not have been entered upon by either party to the contest, in the face of complying with the objections of the law under which they would have stood.

No candidate would have supposed that he was offering himself for eight years' service to the constituency, and a constituency would have supposed he would serve it for that period. It would have been well understood that either the candidate was being elected for a mere empty honor which would never bring duty nor responsibility, or that he was entering the field to compete for a life membership in the Council, in either of which cases the election would have been a sham, utterly at variance with the intentions of the law under which it was being held.

Under these circumstances we utterly fail to see any impropriety in the measure; and as to its being a violation of the Constitution, the plea is a very weak one as the Parliament is omnipotent over its own acts, and the bill rendering the Legislative Council elective, is not yet so long on the statute book, but that most people remember pretty well how it got there.

The third-reading of the Supply Bill was made the occasion of airing a few peculiar notions by some of the members. The Hon. Mr. Brown charged the member for Huron with having supported the Government as a consideration for the office of Registrar for that county, which is now vacant. The imputation was a very unjust one, especially from such a quarter. The member for South Oxford ought not to have forgotten what Mr. Dickson said in support of the Coalition Government. It was as a follower of Mr. Brown himself that he went into the ranks of the Coalition supporters, and Mr. Brown must have noticed, during the session, that Mr. Dickson was not the only member whom he led across the floor of the House, and failed to lead back again when it pleased his own vanity to change his seat. Had the party who went in with Mr. Brown, come out with him again, would the member for Huron, or could have understood that there was at least a colorable ground for the imputation, but when it is found that the exception is precisely on the other side—that Mr. Brown led nearly all his party behind him, it cannot be said that the circumstances of Mr. Dickson's supporting the Government ought to be recognized as the price of the office referred to. It may very truly be said that Mr. Dickson was not a member of the Government, but that the rules which regulate the distribution of patronage are sufficiently well known to the hon. member for South Oxford to make him understand that it may be fairly and honestly conferred upon the member for the county as upon any other. The fact is, that the Hon. Mr. Brown has shown a great deal of imprudence during the session; and the member for Huron is certainly one of the many who have disappointed expectations in the several shifts, and he resented to be embarrassed or defamed by the Ministry, and he may be pardoned for taking up this pretext to vent a little of his pent-up spleen.

Col. Haultain availed himself of the session of Parliament to give utterance to his views on the withdrawal of the Lower Canada Militia, and his deep sympathy for the minority in that section; but we are constrained to confess that he did not receive such a grateful acknowledgment, as his tender solicitude for their future welfare would seem to have demanded. These Lower Canadian Militia, as represented in Parliament, took very much like people who were not afraid of being able to maintain their rights, and fight subjects for the imitation, than the confidence of their sympathizers.

Police Court.—Philomen Leveir, charged with wandering about town, and frequenting Major's Hill at times when according to the theory of the police virtue, she should be in bed. Mafemouille did not speak English, but she insisted through Mr. Lett, that she had been waiting to receive money to enable her to leave, which she was prepared to do, but if His Worship would let her go, money or no, rather than go to prison. Accordingly, she was permitted to depart. James Huxton and Ellen Skelld, charged with being found in a house in ill-repute. The girl had obtained permission on Saturday night from her mistress to go to the circus, and James took her to the circus, but they did not go in; they went to the other place—and the girl's character is gone forever.

—Prince Edward Island papers complain that hundreds of American vessels are fishing in that neighborhood without paying for licenses.

The Annual meeting of the Press Association of Upper Canada will be held in the Mercantile Buildings, Montreal, at 10 o'clock on the 22nd inst.

Gigantic combats on a new model have been commenced in the city.

The Ontario Association of Farmers and Horticulturists will meet on the 14th inst.

Attorney-General Macdonald moved the third reading of the bill to enable compensation to be made to the heirs of Mrs. Elizabeth McKellar, deceased, in respect of the Crown of letters patent for lands to which she was entitled.

Hon. Mr. Brown objected to the consideration of the bill, as it was not a public bill, and ought not to be proceeded with at this time.

The point of order was decided adversely to Mr. Brown's views.

The merits of the bill were then discussed by Hon. Messrs. Cameron, J. H. Cameron, Brown, and others. The opposition urged that the bill was an unconstitutional one, and that it was an attempt to open a door to such claims as hundreds of cases existed throughout the country of a similar character.

Hon. Mr. Brown moved, in amendment, that the bill be not read a third time, until the Committee of the Whole on the bill be reported accordingly.

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