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Montreal Ware-house.-Jas. Martin & Co.

The Ottawa Times

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1868.

The Insurance Bill was passed through the Commons last night, despite the threat of the Opposition against it. Of all the measures of the Session we look upon this as the most practical and commercial in its provisions. It stipulates for complete coverage of the national financial policy. But why the fact that the general public will benefit by the Act, should have been held as an argument against the special security which the Bill proposes to individual savers, puzzles us a little, and we think that never did an Opposition pin its fortunes to a more frivolous position than when it tried by the rules of parliamentary formality to defeat the Bill in question.

It is about time that our correspondents on the railway route question should give their words more weight than they have hitherto done to a mere personal quarrel, in which the public can take little interest. It is not at all likely that anything they may say in the future will influence the determination of the railway route; and as we have been waiting patiently for an opportunity to "blat down" upon them, whenever we could do so fairly to both parties, we beg to inform them that the letter, published elsewhere yesterday will be the last of the series. In so far as the main argument is concerned, it appears to us to stand entirely unaffected by anything that has recently been written, and if the claims of the MAJOR R. ASSOCIATION are to be set aside, it must be for reasons which our correspondents in opposition to it have not yet set forth. We trust, therefore, that our correspondents will from this time leave the question in the hands of the Government, or send their communications directly to the Privy Council, as our readers get tired of so many rehearsals of the same matter.

One of those scenes which give spice and piquancy to the dull routine of Parliamentary proceedings was enacted at the morning sitting of the Commons yesterday, when the Hon. Mr. HOLTON "threw himself out" for the purpose of monopolising the sitting, to the exclusion of the consideration of the Insurance Bill, which the Government were anxious to press upon the attention of the House. It was bad enough when the Clerk had to read, on the request of Mr. HOLTON, the minutes of the previous day's proceedings, filling several pages of closely printed matter; but when the same performance was required to be gone through in French, there was something Bone-Bardish in the torture which the member for Chateauguy had contrived to inflict on the unoffending Clerk. Fortunately for the latter, the opportunist arrival of the printed minutes, enabled Mr. SPEAKER to rule out this request, and the Clerk was spared. The member for Lambton, however, set himself in order by moving the adjournment of the House, and went at it with a will in vindication of the rights of Parliamentary minorities, and in severe denunciation of the occupants of the Ministerial benches.

Mr. McKENZIE succeeded, thanks to the interruptions from the other side, in raising several points of order, against the decision of the SPEAKER, on one of which he appealed to the House, and had the verdict given against him. The point was this: Mr. McKENZIE charged Ministers with having "bullied and threatened" the Opposition; Mr. BELLEROSE raised the point of order that his language was unparliamentary. Mr. SPEAKER decided affirmatively, and Mr. McKENZIE appealed, mainly explaining that the "family jars" ministerially confirmed that the Opposition had not been absolutely bullied. The member for Lambton had been in fact the very peak of courtesy and concessions. Opposition, and he of Chateauguy had at least some times acted so as to deserve and receive the thanks of the leading lights on the Treasury benches for the assistance rendered to the progress of the public business. In this happy frame of mind, it is needless to add that both sides of the House discovered that they had better go to work at the business before them; but Mr. McKENZIE, out of respect to Mr. SPEAKER, who is held in high esteem by both sides of the House, and whose judgment he did not desire to show had been impugned by him, suggested that the points raised, and the rulings, should be omitted from the Journals, a suggestion which was readily endorsed. He also expressed his regret that the "very expressive words," "bullied and threatened," should have been taken; and in this regret we have been heartily sympathized with. They are both sprung from unimpeachable Saxon roots, and we think Mr. SPEAKER's judicious judgment calculated in this particular to emancipate the healthy vigor of parliamentary debate. It is true that "bullied" has some very vulgar associations. "The bully boy with the glass eye" is a mythical personage of modern invention, whose surroundings it may be, are not quite respectable; and "bully for you" is a very emphatic, but hardly a polite complimentary salutation. While, therefore, we cannot impeach the wisdom of the SPEAKER, in expanding from the Parliamentary vocabulary, a phrase bordering closely on the regions of slang, we can afford, with Mr. McKENZIE, to bewail the fact that its "expressiveness" has been lost to the Commons. But was it not a cunning contrivance

of the member for Lambton to have the sentence against his favorite phrases omitted from the Journals of the House? Who shall say hereafter, that they are unparliamentary in the absence of any recorded judgment against them? And thus it happens that the "very expressive words" still stand a chance of doing service in Parliamentary debates, notwithstanding their unrecorded condemnation yesterday.

The Washington Chronicle of Monday last has the following: "The Secretary of the Treasury recently submitted to the House of Representatives, a supplemental report upon the various trade questions between the United States and the British North American Provinces, including the subject of the free navigation of the river St. Lawrence and the Gulf fisheries. The supplemental report was written by Mr. George W. Hays, at the request of the Secretary, and taken in connection with that gentleman's recent report, covering substantially the same ground, will be particularly interesting at this time, when public attention is awakened by the threatened re-opening of the long silent fishery dispute. A resolution has been passed in three thousand extra copies of the report. Mr. Breg's former report was written with marked ability and candor, and has caused a very favorable impression upon Congress. It is understood that the Committee of Ways and Means will take the matter up as soon as the Tax Bill is disposed of. The question of trade with Canada is of no little importance, ranking, as it does, third in the list of countries with which we hold commercial intercourse; but added to that question is the consideration of an adjustment of the free navigation of the St. Lawrence, the national outlet to our vast northern territory, and a settlement of the vexed fishery disputes. The importance of a speedy solution of all these matters can scarcely be exaggerated."

Mr. BREG is now in this city prosecuting further inquiries relating to the subjects above mentioned. Our readers may remember that some time ago we gave a pretty full review of Mr. BREG's "supplemental report," mentioned by the Chronicle, and are exceedingly glad to find that it has made a favorable impression upon Congress, as well as to learn that the subject of the trade relations between this country and the United States, is soon to engage the attention of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.

THE INVESTIGATION.

We understand that Patrick Murphy, grain dealer at the market, was brought up yesterday and examined. His testimony went to show who were the frequenters at Michael Stutz's tavern. From what we said we understand that both the Eggletons, Whelan, and certain other parties, who for the present shall be nameless, but who are under the strict surveillance of the authorities, were in the habit of meeting almost nightly, and discussing over merriment common interest in a friendly way.

Mr. O'Rilly intended to have left last night for Toronto, for the purpose of investigating the cause of the riots in Toronto under the Habeas Corpus Suspension Act.

LOCAL NEWS.

New hoop skirts just received by Magee and Russell. The season for muslin dresses and lace shawls being close at hand, ladies should see the great variety of novelties at Magee and Russell's.

NO BUSINESS AT THE MONTREAL HOUSE.-This being a statutory holiday no business will be done at the Montreal Warehouse, Sussex.

THE BAY.-The Rifles Band was listened to throughout their excellent programme yesterday on Major's Hill, by a large assemblage of admirers.

REAR ADMIRAL.-The subscribers to the Metropolitan Rifle Association will hold a general meeting this morning at ten o'clock, for the election of officers.

FRANKLIN JEWELLERY, broker jewellery and a large collection of other goods suitable for wedding and other presents can be seen at Young & Radford's, all new and selected goods will be sold cheap.

POLICE COURT.-There was little business done at the Police Court yesterday. One case for inflicting the licence law, was adjourned for a week, and an adjourned nuisance case was dismissed.

THE OTTAWA PARLIAMENT.

1st PARLIAMENT, 2d SESSION. THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1868.

The SPEAKER took the chair at eleven o'clock a.m. After routine. Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill intended to incorporate the Canada Shipping Company, was read a third time and passed.

Also, "An Act to declare certain persons therein mentioned infamously and to vest as members of the House of Commons, while holding certain offices under the Crown."

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Mr. HON. MR. SANBORN said the feeling of the Senate was against passing this and the other Bills on the Criminal Law this Session. The expression of the Hon. Mr. Campbell's Government should give them assurance that these Bills should be revised next Session by a Committee skilled in these matters, and this revision should be upon the regular course assumed.

An Act respecting the Governor-General, the Civil List, and the salaries of certain public functionaries, was read a first and second time.

Also, "An Act respecting trade marks and industrial designs," was passed through its several stages with some amendments, and will be sent down to the House of Commons.

Excise duties on spirits and petroleum. The House went into Committee of the Whole on a Bill to impose excise duties on spirits and petroleum.

Also, "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Canada West Farmers' Mutual and Stock Insurance Company, and to change the name of the Company to the Canada Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company," received two readings.

Also, "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the improvement and management of the harbor of Quebec, and the Act to amend the harbor of Montreal," were read a first and second time.

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legislating respecting it. He had heard nothing to induce him to oppose the second reading of the Bill, but on the contrary he ordered it to be committed to a Committee of the Whole on Monday next.

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relative to the construction of a canal connecting the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, with those of the Bay of Fundy, may be procured from the Executive Government of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and submitted to the Commissioner of the Board of Works for his report thereon, to be laid before Parliament at its next Session.

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