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Our Toronto Letter.

The Ontario Legislature is still in session, although its labors for the present year appear to be drawing to a close. After a pretty full discussion the resolutions of the Inter-Provincial Conference were adopted on a straight party vote, the Government majority being twentyfour. Amongst the most important of the resolutions were those regarding the Senate and the exercise of the veto power. The plan for reforming the Senate is not acceptable to many of the Government supporters, and had this resolution been voted on separately it is not likely that it would have received their full support. According to the new proposal a part of the members of the Senate are to be appointed partly by the Dominion Government and the other part by the Local Legislatures. The Dominion Senate was created presumedly to protect the rights of the different provinces, which are not represented in it as they are in the House of Commons according to population. Filled as it is with broken down politicians who are strong supporters of the present government, it has made no attempt to maintain provincial autonomy, but has simply acted as a machine to register the decrees of Sir John Macdonald and to block progressive legislation There probably is not a legislative body in existence that possesses such a small degree of public confidence. If the Senate is to become a representative body and a guardian of provincial rights its members should all be elected by the Legislatures or by the people. A hybrid body, such as we should have were the resolution of the conference carried into effect would be a cause of continued & s satisfaction. To the transfer of the veto power over provincial acts from the Dominion Government to the Queen in Council, much exception cannot be taken. It is manifestly unjust that when a ditference arises between the Dominion and one of the Provinces one of the parties to the dispute should give the decision. At the present time any act passed by the Dominion Parliament may be disallowed by the British Government, and whilst that government has this power it hardly lies in the mouths of Conservatives to object to a change by which the Home Government would decide, not whether the people of Canada had power to pass a certain act, but simply whether that power lay with the Dominion or with the Provinces. If this change is carried into effect we shall be far more likely to have just decisions upon the acts submitted than we have had in the past.

Since I last wrote you, Liquidator Campbell, of the Central Bank, has been removed and Mr. Lye has been elected to fill his place. A dividend of twenty-five cents on the dollar is, I understand, shortly to be paid to the depositors. What amount they will ultimately receive is at present difficult to determine. party indebted to the bank to the extent of nearly forty thousand dollars has lately made an assignment, and has since made an offer to compromise at twenty-five cents on the dollar. The liquidators have so far declined the offer and are now engaged in examining interested parties in order to ascertain exactly how matters stand. Should many more cases of this kind arise the amount to be paid to the bank s creditors will be materially reduced. The liquidators are endeavoring. 1 believe, to wind up affairs as speedily as possible. Trade is very quiet at present. and a turn for the better is anxiously

looked for. Considerable interest has been taken in the question of voting by ballot at elections for Separate School Trustees, the subject having been brought up before the Toronto Separate School Board. Archbishop Lynch has from the pulpit denounced the promoters of the movement, and at the meeting of the Board, at which the question was to have been discussed, the chairman, acting under in structions from the Archbishop, refused to put the motion in favor of voting by ballot Quite a scene ensued, but the Board ultimately maintained the ruling of the chairman by a large majority. There is no doubt that the vast majority of the Roman Catholics of Toronto are in favor of the change in the method of voting, and if the next school trustee elections are fought out on this line there can be little doubt as to the result.

The interest in the Commercial Union movement shows no signs of abating. Meetings for the discussion of the subject are being held with great success in all now is a definite understanding with the United States that they will grant us the freedom of their markets upon the barriers on our side being thrown down. If | mont, Dundas and Glengarry. our people knew that it remained with themselves alone to say whether or not sweep away any party opposing it. The | majority. protected manufacturers who are now bleeding the country have got notice to

THE UNION MEDICINE CO., Toronto, Can not yet been appointed, but it is thought the death of the Emperor of Germany.

that he will be selected soon after the adjournment of the House. In connection with this matter I have heard a rumor and I give it for what it is worth, that the member for North York will shortly resign his seat in the Ontario Legislature.

SENEX.

Great excitement throughout the neighborhood of Richmond Hill over a very startling letter received from Wm. Turner, of Whitchurch, speaking in the highest terms of "Japanese Catarrh Cure," He says, "I have used one box, and I think one more will cure me. Mine was a very bad case of catarrh." Cures stuffing of the nose so troublesome to children, cold in the head, nose or throat. Sample box, 25 cents; large size, 50 cents. Joseph Dilworth, Chemist, 170 King St. East, next door to Nipissing Hotel, To-

## Baking Powders.

The Latest Official Test as to their Rel-

ative Purity. The recent official tests in the States of various articles of food have attracted much attention from the public and caus ed a wide discussion in the newspapers. The frauds in the manufacture of baking powders, and the determined efforts to torce various brands of alum powders upon the market, have caused the authorities of several of the States to look particularly after this class of goods Ohio State Food Commission has examined thirty different brands, and of these found twenty made from alum. Such a large number was not suspected, nor was it supposed that some of the cream of tartar and phosphate powders, whose manufacturers are representing them to the public as pure and wholesome, had become so deteriorated as they were found to be from the use of impure ingredients in their compounding. As many of these adulterated brands are sold in the Dominion, the report possesses a local interest.

The Ohio Commission made tests for strength and purity, and declared that baking powder the best-as it was of course the purest-which, being of effective scrength, contained residuum in smallest quantities. In the baking powders named in the following percentages | Samuel Preston, and almost murdered of residuum or inert matter were found:

Per cent. of Name. Zipp's Crystal (alum)......11.99 Sterling ......12.63 Dr. Price's ......12.66 Jersey (alum).......16.05 Forest City (alum)......24 04 Silver Star (alum)......31.88 De Land's ......32.52 Horsford (Phosphate) ......36.49

rectly upon the question of health. That in Royal is declared to be perfectly harmless. In the case of the alum powders it is considered hurtful, yet the amount found in three of the cream of tartar powders-Cleveland's, Dr Price's and a proper state of repair by the said county Sterling-average more than that in the Crystal, an alum powder.

The importance of the information conveyed by these figures can be best understood by a simple comparison. Take for instance the two first named powdersthe Royal and Cleveland's. The inert matter or residuum found in Cleveland's is seen to be about 3 in 7 more than in the other, which is a difference of 40 per cent., the Royal being purer than Cleveland's by a corresponding figure. The relative purity of all the brands can be compated in like manner.

I am so sure that I can cure the worst case of catarrh in the nose, head or throat that I will forward, free of charge, a sample box of Japanese Catarrh Cure to any address in Canada, United States or Great Britain, provided they will furnish with order a letter from any reliable person or clergyman. If the Japanese Catarrh Cure gives satisfaction, I would expect them to forward the small amount of 25 cents. On the other hand, if it does not prove effectual no payment will he expected. Joseph Dilworth, Chemist, 170 King St. East, Toronto.

# NEWS ITEMS.

Hon J. B. Plumb, Speaker in the senate, died suddenly yesterday morning at parts of the country. What we want his residence at Niagara, in his 72nd year.

> Voting on Scott Act repeal takes place on April 19th in Bruce, Simcoe and Stor-

Mr. Jones, Provincial Treasurer in Mr. continental free trade should prevail, the Greenway's cabinet, was elected for movement would attain a force that would | Shoal Lake on Saturday, by about 200

The Prince of Wales celebrated his silver wedding on Saturday, but the cere-The Sheriff of the County of York has mony had to be curtailed on account of

Rev. John Stonehouse, Methodist minister of Adelaide village, was arrested in Strathroy on Saturday, on a charge of attempting to blackmail hotel-keepers.

The Government organ in Ottawa yesterday morning practically informed Messrs, Greenway and Martin, the Manitoba delegates, that their mission is not appreciated by the Dominion authorities, and that it is destined to fail.

At last night's meeting of the Toronto City Council grave charges of breach of trust and malfeasance of office were made against Inspector Lackie, of the Board of Works department, and generally against that department, and an investigation was ordered before the County Judge.

At Alliston, on Saturday, Scott Act Constables Morrison and Hanks were committed for trial on the charge of shooting Patrick Carroll and Daniel Foley. The condition of both men is critical but it is thought they will recover. The wounded men had previously succeeded in freeing a prisoner from the constables.

A return brought down by Mr. Hardy shows that last year \$93,215 was received for Scott Act fines in counties, and \$31, 466 in cities and towns. Middlesex received the largest amount of any single county-\$10,094; Northumberland and Durham received \$7,001; Port Hope \$2,922; and Cobourg \$1,500. The sum of \$10,150 was collected in the Town of Peterboro'. The amount collected in Halton was only \$1,302.

A prize fight between John L. Sullivan, of Boston and Charles Mitchell, of England, took place on Saturday, on the grounds of Baron Rothchild, in France. There were 39 rounds fought and the match was finally oeclared a draw. Sullivan gained most of the rounds but was badly punished by his opponent. The brutal exhibition was witnessed by a large crowd of sporting men.

A brutal affair took place near Bolton village last Friday morning. Mr. John Forester, a highly respectable farmer, was attacked in the woods by his hired man, with an axe. The villain then went to the house and made a ferocious attack on Residuum, etc. Mrs. Forester, leaving ner insensible. He Royal (Cream of Tartar Powder). 7.25 | threatened to hang her if she would not man was afterwards arrested and lodged in the Brampton jail to await his trial.

> The council of the newly incorporated village of West Toronto Junction, at its last meeting passed the following resolu-

Moved by Mr. McCormack, seconded The nature of the residuum bears di tive Assembly of the Province of Ontario is respectfully requested to abolish and disallow all toll-gates as well as the imposition and collection of tolls on the York roads in the County of York, and to provide that the said roads shall be kept in -- Carried.

## DEATHS

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