Notes of Proceedings in the Local Parliament.

DEALING WITH CATTLE THIEVES

H J. Pettypiece, M.P.P., seeks in a biil to have the municipal law amended by adding the following clause regarding the apprehension of cattle thieves:-The council of every county and city may provide by by-law for the whether or not the members were to payment of a reward to any person or persons who shall pursue and apprehend or cause to be apprehended throw the onus of the matter on the any person guilty of stealing cattle Opposition. He said the question was within the said county or city, and may provide that such reward shall be paid out of the funds of the corporation on the conviction of the thief on the erder of the judge before whom the conviction is obtained.

SUING FOR STATUTE LABOR.

Up in the sparsely settled districts the authorities have a great deal of trouble in persuading farmers to do statute labor. C. F. Farwell, M.P.P., mer. for East Algoma, has a bill amending the clause of the Assessment Act relating to the suing of non-residents for statute labor in the unorganized territories. These are the words he wants added to the present act: "The commissioners may sue in any Division Court having jurisdiction, any person hable to perform statute labor wil- of the work of the session. fully neglecting or refusing to perform the same as aforesaid, for the amount \$1 per day."

COUNCILLOR'S QUALIFICATION. ardson. It is to amend the Municipal ance. Act by the addition of the following clause: "Provided that if at the time der command of Captain Michie, with of the election the residence of a mem- the band of the reg ment, composed a ber duly elected to the county council is within the county council division office, the town or place in which he the House prorogued. resides is separated or removed from the jurisdiction of the county, such separation or removal shall in no man- Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the ner affect the qualification of the member so elected, but he shall continue to be qualified as a member of labours of the session, I have to thank the county council until the expiration of the term for which he has been public duties imposed upon you and elected."

PORTRAIT OF SANDFIELD MAC-DONALD.

orning the chamber.

hand.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

that adopted with regard to the imposed will not be burdensome to World's Fair at Chicago. Then the any of the classes affected. Dominion and the provinces made I assent with much pleasure to the separate exhibits. This year there act respecting aid to certain railways. the auspices of the Dominion, to which the Assembly have been directed tothe provinces would be asked to con- wards the development of all sections tribute as a part of Canada. They of the province, and as a result of a were thus relieved of much responsibil- wise and prudent expenditure of pubity, and would not need to spend so lic moneys, nearly all the outlying J. L. Lumsden, C. C. James and Au- been placed within easy reach of the brey White would be asked to confer markets of the world by the improved with the Dominion commissioners as transportation facilities thus afforded. ment would appoint an honorary com- tural resources of the northerly and sommission would be appointed by the opened for further settlement, and time in Paris.

THE FISHERIES BILL.

the Premier. It prohibits netting in other resources of those districts may struck on the rocks. Other reports, streams frequented by speckled trout. be made available, the further exten- however, place the number of drowned Every provincial constable is made an sion of our railway systems to those much higher. to him. Every licensee or lessee of be obtained by railway to the agri- the offices of the London and Southfishing privileges is obliged to submit cultural lands in the Rainy River dis- Western railway at both places. Many an annual statement of weright and trict and the mineral and timber lands Guernsey families lost relatives. Husing the year. The overseers appoint- Arthur. I am also pleased to notice and wives are asking for their husplaces at which nets may be set. The tems projected it is intended to place lost children, and children are looking white fish, salmon, or lake trout under communication with the tide waters half-masted at St. Peter-le-Port. two pounds are prohibited. Exporta- of Hudson's Bay, thus opening a new tion beyond the borders of the province region to the energies of our own of such fish is prohibited. Exporta- people and establishing a new hightion of speckled trout, bass, and maskinonge is also prohibited for five years. of Hudson's Bay and the northern STRIKING AT BRITISH COLUMBIA. territories of the Dominion.

The Government has announced that it will impose a tax on all mining corporations dealing in properties outside this province who sell stock in Ontario. This is a blow at some of the British Columbia companies.

MAY QUASH BONUSES.

amendment to the Municipal Act by classes of the community. which a town that has been robbed of proceedings to quash the by-law by to the manufacturer.

CHANGE IN REGISTRATION.

A change in the statute law was also Introduced, by which Boards of Registration in towns and cities of less than lessening the costs of the procedure 20 000 population shall sit three days instead of four, one of which days must be a Saturday.

MONEYS OF ESTATE.

Dr. McKay introduced a bill increasing exemptions by the addition of the following clause to the Assessment Act. Capital moneys of any estate in the possession or under the control of any trustee, guardian, exceuter or administrator awaiting investment where the amount of such vince. papital moneys so awaiting investment ls \$19,000 or under, except the income this session has been unprecedently of the boats, into which I was helped. have of Egypt. This is inevitable."

thereof earned by such capital moneys pending investment.

Mr. Conmee's electric light bill was passed by the Municipal Committee by a vote of 21 to 12. The bill provides that in going into the business, municipalities shall take over the plant of electric light companies at a valuation to be determined by aebitration, in default of an agreement as to price being reached between the corporation and the municipality.

THE SESSIONAL INDEMNITY.

Mr. Conmee made an enquiry as to

receive their full sessional allowance. The premier seemed disposed to one for the House, and not for the Government. It had been the original intention that last August's sitting and the present session should rank as one, and one indemnity cover both. Circumstances had made the former position impossible, but the question remained whether they should deduct \$125 from the present session's allowance to make up for what might be considered an over-payment last sum-

THE HOUSE PROROGUED.

The formal prorogation of the Ontario Legislature took place on Saturday afternoon. In the House there were plenty of the members' seats empty, the legislators having gone home on Friday after the conclusion

Lieutenant-Governor Sir Oliver Mowat's aides were Lieutenent Elmof such statute labor commuted at sley, Royal Canadian Dragoons, and boats and forty persons belonging to Commander Law. Besides there were the Stella. Col. Otter, D. O. C., Lieut.-Col. Delamere, Lieut.-Col. Crosby, Lieut.-Col. Bil! 231 bears the name of John Rich- Bruce and Colonel Lessard, in attend- who was among those rescued, says

The 48th Highlanders 100 strong, unguard of honor.

Sir Oliver read the usual speech, for which he has been elected, and thanking the members of the Legisafterwards and during his term of lature for the work they had done and

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

Legislative Assembly: you for the attention given to the for the valuable legislation which I have just sanctioned.

I cordially approve of the measures adopted for supplementing the re-Mr. Whitney made a suggestion that venues of the province. By the act funds be provided to secure a portrait of last year, which required the manufor the Legislative halls of the First facture of sawlogs in Canada, it was Premier of the province, John Sand- inevitable that the receipts from the well until the afternoon, when the field Macdonald. He also hoped to see Crown Lands Department would be a portrait of the present Premier ad- impaired, and, when to the probable loss of revenue is added the expendi-Mr. Hardy approved of the first part ture arising from the increase of popu- through the fog bank, and the steamer | Young Frenchman Takes a Terrible Reof the suggestion, but as to the por- lation and the growing needs of the trait of himself he was sure he would people, the public interests required not feel at home unless a portrait of that provisions should be made for all Mr. Whitney was hanging close at necessary expenditure and for the maintenance of the financial standing of the province. I am glad that you have been able to effect this by a Mr. Matheson asked what provision moderate tax upon the accumulation the Government proposed to make for of capital and by a reasonable ina provincial exhibit at the Paris Ex- crease in the duties upon distillers' hibition. Mr. Hardy responded that brewers' and liquor licenses. It is the system would be different from gratifying to believe that the taxes

would be one complete exhibit, under Since Confederation the energies of much money. Messrs. Archibald Blue, portion of e older settlements have to the exhibit. The Federal Govern- In order, however, that the agriculmission, and it was probable that a westerly parts of Ontario may be Ontario Government to remain a short that the valuable mineral deposits now generally believed to exist in great the officials of the London and Southabundance in the same districts may Western Railway Company, not more country. be brough within the possibilities of than 70 persons were drowned, out of The Fisheries bill was introduced by development and that the timber and the 220 on board the Stella, when she way between our own province by way

The amendments which you have made to the statute laws of the province, and to the Municipal and Assessment Acts for the purpose of facilitating the administration of justice and rendering more effective the government of municipal corporations and for other purposes will, I am con-The Attorney-General introduced an fident, be of material advantage to all

The Acts respecting Public schools, an industry by another town may take | the amendments to the election laws, the further improvement of our minwhich inducements have been extended ing industries, for the protection of our fisheries, and for the better administration of the game laws, meet

with my hearty approval I have with much satisfaction assented to an act for facilitating and by which workingmen who suffer injuries in the course of their employment may obtain such compensation as I am confident it is the desire of the Assembly they should receive. have no doubt this act will greatly aid Stella disappeared forty or fifty perin securing to workmen and render less onerous upon employers the cost of recovering compensation in the event of such accidents as are incident to many of the industries of the pro-

I notice that the private legislation

bear evidence of having received care- clinging to the rocks." ful consideration.

tions which you have made for the the Lynx. public service. The supplies which The passengers all agree that per- ed holders to ask more money. Holdyou have granted will be expended fect order and discipline prevailed on ers asked from 69 to 70c, north and with prudence and in the public interest.

AN ENGLISH STEAMER WRECKED IN A DENSE FOG.

on the Casquets-Migh Speed Kept Up Through the Fog -The Crew Showed Great Heroism.

A despatch from Southampton, England, says:-The passenger steamer Stella, plying between this port and the Channel Islands, crashed upon the dreaded Casquet rocks, near the Island of Alderney, on Thursday afternoon, in a dense fog, and foundered in ten minutes, her boilers exploding with a tremendous report as she went down. It is estimated that between 60 and 100 persons were drowned. The coasting steamer Lynx, which brought the news of the disaster here, picked up four

The second officer of the steamer, that a collapsible boat was launched full of people, but he thinks she struck on the rocks owing to the fog. Another steamer has picked up a boat containing 55 persons, including 20 women, who escaped from the wrecked steamer. They have been landed

The Stella, which belongs to the In dismissing you from the arduous Company, left Southampton at noon on Thursday, conveying the first daylight excursion of the season to the 185 passengers on board, taking an Easter holiday, and the crew numbered

> HOW THE DISASTER HAPPENED. The weather was foggy, but all went of Enquiry. fog became most dense. At 4 o'clock the Casquet suddenly loomed up almost immediately afterwards struck am dship. The captain, seeing that the Stella was fast sinking, ordered the lifeboats to be launched. His instruccelerity, and the women and children were embarked in the boats. Then the captain ordered the men to look after themselves.

others put off from the Stella in a small boat. The sea was calm, but there was a big swirl around the rocks. away from the wreck the boilers of story of the tragedy. the Stella burst, with a terrific explosion, and the vessel disappeared stern foremost in the sea. The last thing the survivor saw was the figure of the captain of the Stella standing calmly on the bridge and giving his last orders. The captain perished with his vessel, owing to the very great suction caused by the sinking

The Great Western Railroad Company's steamer Vera, from Southampton, picked up 40 others of the survivors, and landed them at Guernsey.

SEVENTY PERSONS DROWNED. According to the latest estimates of

ex-officio overseer. The finding of sections becomes necessary. I am The disaster caused intense excitenets or prohibited devices in possession pleased therefore, to think that within ment in the Island of Guernsey and of anyone is to be prima facie evidence two or three years access will probably here. There were harrowing scenes at ed by the Government are to fix the that through part of the railroad sys- bands; parents are seeking news of sales of bass under 10 inches and of the capital of the province in direct for missing parents. All the flags are

Up to noon Friday, 120 passengers had been accounted for, including Mr. J. Parton and his wife. Mr. Parton is the manager of the West London office of the American line.

The steamers Vera and Honfleur are cruising in the vicinity of the wreck. MANY BODIES ON THE ROCKS.

Later accounts say that the Stella had 140 passeagers on board, and that her crew numbered 42 persons. Another steamer of the same company, which arrived at the Island of Jersey at about noon Friday, reported having passed many bodies of victims of the disaster about the Casquet rocks.

A survivor of the Stella named Bush says the speed of the vessel in the fog was not diminished, though the fog whistles were sounded. Bush adds that at 3.30 a.m., the engineer showed him in the engine-room a dial registering a speed of 18 1-2 knots, and that the vessel struck within 25 minutes afterwards.

boats were sunk with the steamer, which after resting on the rocks for disappeared.

sengers and crew had been provided | concludes :with life belts, and there was little

large, a fact which marks the ever in- We rowed supposedly in the direction creasing wants of an active popula- of Guernsey, but seven hours later we tion. These measures, some of which found ourselves near the scene of the are of a very important character, wreck, and saw dozens of persons Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c.

The boat in which Bush was a pas-I thank you for the liberal appropria- senger was afterwards picked up by

> board the Stella. The crew promptly west, for red and white wheat, and 70c took up their stations when the steam- for goose. Exporters are still out of er struck, served out the life belts and the market, freights being the princilowered the boats. The scene at the pal difficulty. Manitobas strong, No. moment of the sinking of the vessel | 1 hard, North Bay, was held at 84 1-2c was heartrending. Women were to-day, and g.i.t., at 85 1-2c. No. 1 screaming and praying and people hard is scarce. The wheat, it is rewere clinging to spars and other wreck- ported is not grading well, No. 1 hard age in all directions. Those who had May being scarce. succeeded in getting into the boats had Flour-Firm. Exporters quote \$3 the sinking vessel.

> The voice of Captain Rooks from the bridge was frequently heard urging the rowers to pull for their lives. The boats were adrift for fifteen hours, outside mills, are quoted at \$14 to \$15 during which time their occupants were without food or water, and, as their clothes were drenched, they suffered greatly.

CAPTAIN AND MATE CENSURED.

Result of the Enquiry Into the Wreck of the Castillan.

A despatch from Halifax, N.S., says: -Captain Barrett and First Officer low, but some local demand causes bet-McAffer, of the wrecked Castilian, are ter prices. Holders asked 56c to-day censured by the Court of Enquiry which investigated the disaster to the Allan liner on the Gannet Rock ledge, Corn-Firmer, in sympathy with the but the court refrains from interfer- rise in wheat. Caradian yellow, Chating with their certificates. The lat- ham, is quoted at 35c bid and 37c askter course was decided upon by the court in view of Captain Barrett's long | DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS and successful service in Atlantic navigation and also in consideration of cer- and the market fairly active. In protain circumstances attending the disaster which had a partial bearing on its causes.

One of these was the exceptionally Northern hogs. On the street farmers strong current running into the Bay leads sold at around \$5.25 to \$5.40 for London and South-Western Railway of Fundy a the time the Castilian ran mixed lots. on the recks. The court says this had Quotations are as fellows:-Dry saltsomething to do with carrying the ed shoulders, 6 1-2c; long clear bacon, steamer out of her course, but not to car lots, 6 3-4c; ten lots and case lots, change it to such a serious extent. To 70; and backs, 7 3-4 to 20. Channel Islands. There were about Captain Barrett's errors of judgment Smoked meats,-Hams, heavy, 91-2 to in not paying sufficient attention to 10c; medium, 10 to 10 1-2e; light, 18 soundings the wreck is largely attri- 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 10 1-2 to 11e; buted in the decision, which was de- picnie hams, 7 1-2 to 7 3-4c; roll balivered to-day by Commander O. G. V. con, 8 to 8 1-4c. All meats out of pic-Shain, R.N.R., chairman of the Court kle 1c less than prices quoted for smok-

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

venge Ipon His Indian Sweetheart.

James Lablanche, a young Frenchman, tail buyers are holding off in anticipations were carried out with the utmost stabbed and killed his Indian sweet-A survivor states that he and 25 Island, and during the winter months to 95c. the inhabitants are isolated. The steamer American Eagle has just ar-When this boat was a short distance rived from the island bringing the 8c; turkeys, per 1b., 9 to 12c.

were lovers and last summer they 75c per bush. plighted their troth. The marriage Dried apples-Unchanged. Dealers ceremony was to have been performed pay 41-2 to 5c, for dried stock, delivershortly. When the young Frenchman ed here, and small lots resell at 5 1-2 went to call on his sweetheart last to 6c; evaporated, 9 to 16c, in small lots. week, he learned that another, an Am- Honey-Round lets of choice, deliverican from Sandusky, had usurped his ered here, will bring about 51-2 to 60 place in the maiden's heart. He was dealers quote from 6 to 7e per lb., for distracted. He induced the girl to take 10 to 60-lb., tins; and in comb at a walk with him, and when near 'Lover's Rock' he stabbed her, kill ing her instantly. He threw the girl's body into the lake, and after stabbing himself, fell into the water after her. "Lover's Rock" is a promontory \$6. famous throughout this section of the

QUEBEC DEATH DUTIES,

An Important Change Made in the Succession Tax.

A despatch from Quebec, Que., says: reached by the Quebec Government man left a legacy of \$10,000, though he actually received only \$9,000, he was compelled to pay the tax on the full amount, \$10,000. A complaint based on the above incident was made to the Government. Hon. Mr. Marchand, after consultation with the law officers of the province, came to the conclusion that the costs of inventory and division must be deducted from the amount of such estate before calculating the succession tax, and all collectors of provincial revenue have been notified to that effect.

THE MASTERS OF ABYSSINIA

French Have Lost Prestige, But the British are Feared and Respected.

well-known French Painter, Aime Nicholas Morot, who has just returned to France from Abyssinia, tells a pitiful tale of the manner in which he was treated by the Abyssinians and of Bush further asserts that two life- his disappointment over the loss of French prestige. He says a very ten or fifteen minutes split in two and wrong idea obtains in France regarding the influence enjoyed by French-Continuing, Bush said:-"When the men in Abyssinia. He claims Frenchmen are contemptuously looked down sons were discovered clinging to pieces upon and are regarded as less than of wreckage or cabin furniture, and nothing, while the British, on the concrying piteously for help. All the pas- trary, are feared and respected. He

"From what I have seen, I am perpanic as the ship sank. I first slipped suaded the English will soon become into the water and then swam to one masters of Abyssinia, just as they

in the Leading Marts.

Toronto April 4. - Wheat - The strong market in Chicago to-day caus-

a narrow escape from being enguifed for straight roller, in barrels, middle on account of the suction caused by freights; and car lots for local account sell at \$3.10 to \$3.15.

Millfeed-Continues scarce. Ton lots of bran at the local mills are quoted at \$14, and shorts at \$16; ton lots, at for bran, and at \$16. to \$17 for shorts. Oatmeal-Steady. Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track here, are quoted at \$3.60 per bbl; and in bbls, at \$3.70.

Peas-Steady. Car lots, north and west, are quoted at 66c bid; and east 67c is bid.

Oats-Steady to firm. Car lots of white, north and west, 29 1-2c, and east at 30 1-2c.

Rye-Scarce. Export prices are still for car lots, outside.

Buckwheat-Scarce and higher. Car lots outside, 55c. asked and 52c. bid. ed. American, No. 3 yellow, track, Toronto, 43c, and m xed at 42c.

Deliveries of dressed hogs keep steady visions the market is about steady. Dressed hogs, car lots, are quoted, or track at around \$5.15, mixed weights, delivered, and \$5.20 to \$5.25 for select

ed meats.

Lard-Tierces, 6 3-4c; tubs, 7c; pails 7 1-4c; compound, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c.

PRODUCE. Eggs-Light deliveries again to-day and dealers here are holding firm at yesterday's top figure, 13c, and in some A despatch from Toledo, Ohio, says:- instances were demanding 13 1-2c. Re-

tion of a drop. Potatoes-Prices well maintained. Car heart, Olga Possamie at Pelee Point, lots, on track, are quoted at about 70 Ontario, and then stabbed himself to to 72c for strictly choice; farmers' loads. Ontario stock, sell at around the heart. The Point is near Pelee 75 to 90c; out of store dealers sell at 84

Poultry-The market is dull, Quotations are;-Chickens, per pair, 50 to 65c; ducks, 80c to \$1; geese, per lb., 7 to

Beans-Choice hand-picked beans sell Lablanche and the pretty Indian girl at \$1.10 to \$1.15, and common at 60 to

around \$1.25 to \$1.40 per dozen

Baled hay-Quiet and unchanged. Strictly choice, car lots, is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton; and No. 2 at

Straw-Featureless .- Car lots are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50, on track. Hops-Movement light. Dealer here sell at 18 to 20c; and are paying holders, outside, about 18c.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter-Steady movement for good choice dairy, but there is too much in--An important decision has been ferior stock coming in. Creamery holds steady. The quotations are as follows:-Dairy, tub, poor to medium, with reference to the succession tax. 10 to 12c; choice, 14 to 15c; large rolls, variety of all fish caught by him dur- lying between Rainy Lake and Port bands are enquiring for their wives Hitherto the tax has been paid on the 141-2 to 15c; small dairy, lb. prints, face value of the estate. Thus, if a about 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 20 to 21c; lbs., 21 to 22c.

Cheese-Dealers here holding firm on all choice at from 101-2 to 111-2c.

Milwaukee, April 4.-Wheat-No. 1 Northern, 73; No. 2 do., 71 1-2c. Rye-No. 1, 56 to 57c; No. 2, 56c. Barley-No. 2, 47 1-2c; sample, 40 to 46 1-2c. Toledo, April 4,-Wheat-No. 2, cash, 74 5-8c. Rye-No. 2, cash, 57c. Cloverseed-Prime cash, old, \$3.25; new, cash and April, 88,50s, bid.

Minneapelis, April 4,-Wheat - No. 1 Northern, April, 78 1-2c; May, 70 1-2 to 70 3-4s; July, 71 7-8c; on track, No. 1, Lard, 71 3-8c; No. Northern 70 3-4c; No. 2 Northern, 68 7-8c. Flour-First patents, \$3.80 to \$3.90; second do., \$3.50 to \$3.60; first clears, \$2.60 to \$2.70.

Duluth, April 4.-Wheat - No. 1 hard, cash, 73 1-4c bid; April, 73 1-4c; A despatch from London says:-The May, 74 3-4c; July, 74 3-4c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 70 1-4c; No. 2 Northern,

Buffalo, April 4.—Spring wheat -Dull weak; No. 1 Northern, 81 3-4c. Winter wheat-Unsettled; No. 2 red. on track, 76 to 76 1-2c bid. Corn-Weak; No. 2 yellow, 39 1-4c; No. 3 yellow, 38 3-4c; No. 4 yellow, 38c; No. 2 corn, 38 1-4c; No. 3 corn, 37 3-4c. Oats -Dull and easy; No. 2 white, 33 1-2c; No. 33 white, 32 3-4c; No. 3 mixed, 29 1-2c. Barley-Nothing doing. Rye-Dull and weak; No. 2, on track, offered at 63c. Flour-Quiet, easy.

Detroit, April 4.—Wheat closed:—No 1 white, cash, 73 3-4c; No. 2 red, cash 74 1-4c; Mry, 75c; July, 73c.

The impression prevails at Buchares that Turkey is preparing for a wa with Bulgar's