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Our Ottawa Letter.

At the close of the tenth week of the session finds public business very little advanced, for the debate on the budget still drags weariedly along, and the stock of "oratory" is still apparently far from being exhausted yet. In a quiet, but nevertheless effective manner, the Conservatives are doing considerable obstructing, for scarcely a day passes without the introduction of some frivolous and unimportant matter, upon which the entire afternoon and a large portion of the evening session is frittered away in purposeless talk. One day Sir Charles Tupper will spend an afternoon discussing newspaper rumors respecting | blanks filled in as follows: commissions in the Imperial Army, another day Mr. Monk of Jacques Cartier, occupies a whole hour in inquiring of the Government what they intend to do with Mr. Tarte, in view of certain newspaper articles which have appeared about him, but which so far it has been impossible to either affirm or contradict. And so on, day in, and day out. Hours and days of public time and thousands of dollars of public money worse than wasted.

CRYING BEFORE THEY'RE HURT. At a session of the Committee on Agriculture this week the Deputy-Minister of the Interior, Mr. James A. Smart, took the opportunity to set at rest the various stories which have been circulating in the Tory press anent the wholesale departure of recently arrived Doukhobor imigrants to California. According to the most matured report, many of these people had already left Canada, and thousands more were preparing to leave that the very papers that had been doment for bringing them into the country, though at no additional cost to the treasury, were now making the most noise at the prospect of their going out again. The facts of the case, however, appear to be simply that a Russian connected with some California railway having heard stories of the people who had come out to Manitoba being destitute, started work among them through some Russians who had followed them and among whome were a couple of Nihilists. However, he only succeeded in getting nineteen Doukhobors in all, men, women and children, to leave. These were stopped at the border by the United States Government under the alien labor law, and the Northern Pacific Railway was compelled to return them to Canada, and they are now in Emerson. PROSPERITY PICTORIALLY PORTRAYED

The value of pictorial aids in educational matters has always been recognized, but while it has been a common first introduced by Mr. Fielding in journed until Saturday, May 20th, at connection with his budget speech last 10 a. m., and Court of Revision at year, and so excellent was the result 2 p. m. that he repeated it this year. With growth and development of Canada in | bridge between lots 25 and 26, con. 2. many directions is seen at a glance. tonnage since Confederation, and the has increased by 15,000, or nearly eight of this municipality. times since Confederation, railway traffic has increased five times since 1876. Business failures are \$2,000,000 less than they were 27 years ago, and roll for 1899. of course bear a similar proportion to the total business of the country. Deposits in the chartered banks were \$33,318,000 at Confederation, and savings banks increased in the same period from \$4,360,692 to \$66,135,000; deposits with loan companies and building societies from half a million Liceused Auctione or for the Counties of York to nearly nineteen millions, and so on.

Markham Council.

The Markham Township Council met at Victoria Hall, Unionville, on Tuesday, the 17th inst. The members all present, the reeve in the chair. Minutes read and confirmed.

A petition was received from Mount Joy road division asking the council to appoint J. Ramer r. o. for beat 56. Dimma-Eckardt-that the treas. pay Simon Baker \$10, being two thirds the value of two sheep killed and three

injured by dogs. Dimma - Summerfeldt - that Mr. Eckardt be commissioner to repair washout and renew culvert, if necessary, opposite 11, con. 5. Summerfeldt - Dimma - that the

reeve be commissioner to repair railing on roadway opposite lots 13 and 14, con. 2. Sisley-Summerfeldt-that thereeve be commissioner to improve 3rd con.,

pine plank was accepted as follows :-3x8, \$19 per M.; 10x12, \$20; cedar, were no requests for shop licenses. present stock, \$14.

Dimma-Sisley-that Mr. Summerfeldt be commissioner to put in culvert between lots 20 and 21, con. 5, and repair hill opposite lot 21, con. 5.

Sisley - Summerfeldt - that the clerk be instructed to have the township safe repaired.

of road grader was amended by changing the time of acday's operations Hughes Bros., R. Joyce, and Wm. from 10 to 9 hours. Mr. Summerfeldt on leave intro- and J. F. Haines, left over.

duced a by-law to appoint road overseers, and the by-law passed with the 1 Jos. Teeson 40 John Jackson 2eG. W.Robinson 42 Albert Smith 2wJohn Dean 43 Patrick Carrol 3 Jos. Comisky 45 G. McKinnon 46 Daniel Ramer 4 John Hart 5 David Lynett 47 John Gowland 6 Robt. McLean 48 W. H. Meyer 7 John Klinck 49 Jas. O. McCall 9 Samuel Wilson 50 Samuel Hoover 10 Geo. Robinson 51 John Fuller. 52 A. H. Crosby 11 Geo. Gohn 12 Wm. Ness, sr 53 J. W. Cowie 54 Tilman Shank 13 Wm. Tisdale 55sJonas Ramer 14 Hemry Bond 15 H. Heise 16 David Hoover 56 Peter Byer

55nGeo. Morrison 17 Daniel Doner 57 Joseph Hoover 18 R.Cunningham 58 J. A. Mitchell 20 W. C. Ormerod 59 D. Connor 21 Chas. Brodie 60 J. G. Freeman 22 W. F. Nicol 61 John Sheinhoff 23 Henry Hopper 62 D. Clendenin 24 W. H. Lever 63 John Postill 26 A., Douaidson, 64 Her. C. Reesor 65 Henry Grove 27 Jos. Payne 28 Thos. Hagerman 67 Isaac Reesor 29 Hector Paterson68 And. S. Dimma 30 Joseph Watt 69 Frank Reesor 31 Richard Frisby 70 Jas. Maxwell, sr. 71 W. J. Ramsay 32 Levi Grove 33 J. Cruickshank 72 J. F. Burkholder

73 Isaac Reaman 34 Wm. Brown 35 Robt. French 74 John Reesor 36 Joram Eckardi 75 Jas. Boyd 37 Wm. Pingle 76 Ben Hagerman 38 H. S. Wilson 77 J. Medill 39 Wm.Carruthers 79 Ira Brown Dimma-Eckardt-that the treas.

pay for the use of the municipality 12 stone hammers. The Yonge Street account was passed amounting to \$42.75. Sisley-Eckardt-that the treas, pay the following accounts: T. F. McMahon, printing by-laws. \$50 00

W. Teasdale, removing culvert. 3 00 F. Pearson, repairing washout.. 2 50 R. Malcolm, half day's work Stouffville Corporation, work ... Jos. Ham, digging grave..... 2 50 Corson & Son, printing ... 3 00 R. McLean, drawing lumber.... 1 25 H. S. Reesor, hauling plank 1 50 H. S. Reesor, repairing culvert. 1 50 B. Baker, gravel..... thing in the training of children to aid D. & G. Harrington, lumber 8 50 the ear with the eye, it is a somewhat R. Campbell, unloading cedar .. 200 new departure to introduce it into | Eckardt-Summerfeldt-that when public affairs. The innovation was this council adjourns it stands ad-

Summerfeldt - Eckardt - that Mr. the aid of a number of diagrams the Sisley be commissioner to repair Dimma-Eckardt-that whereas the Among other facts of considerable Schomberg and Aurora R. R. Co. are practical interest it is shown that since seeking legislation in the House of Confederation the total trade of the Commons to enable them to build a D BLOUGH | country increased from \$131,000,000 to | freight railroad to connect with the \$321,661,000. The increase in imports | Metropolitan R. R. Co., therefore be it Licensed Auctioneers for the County of York, re- has been \$89,000,000, and in exports resolved that the reeve and D. James \$101,000,000. Shipping has doubled in be appointed to oppose, in conjunction with the representatives of other muntonnage of the coasting trade has icipalities, any legislation which they trebled since 1876. Railway mileage may think detrimental to the interest

> Summerfeldt - Eckardt - that the treas. refund \$1 deg tax to J. E. Miles, levied through error in assessment Council adjourned.

> > Victoria Square

Mr. L. Stoutenburgh contemplates taking a position with the firm of Massey-Harris Company. Mr. Hislop's horse ran away, caus-

ing serious damage to his buggy. The roads are getting in pretty good shape for wheeling, and Alex. Reid now makes use of his bicycle to and

from High School. Cecil Klinck has been laid up with measles. Frank Nichols had a taffy-pull last

Saturday evening in the bush. By the time they got through the guests externally.

The remains of the late Wm. H. Lundy were interred in the Buttonville burying-ground on Friday. The funeral was largely attended, deceased being well known and highly respected in the township. For a number of years he was a member of Markham Municipal Council.

East York Licenses.

The East York License Commissioners met at the Clyde Hotel on Saturday, April 21. The three who constitute the Board were present, viz., G. Wood's Phosphodine is sold in Richmond's opposite lot 20; also hill between lots F. Morgan, chairman; D. Lynett, Hill by W. A. Sanderson, Druggist.

A tender from Harrington Bros. for secretary; and Mr. Harrison; also the inspector, Mr. Jas. Eckardt. There After the reading of the Inspector's report, the Board disposed of the applications as follows:

East Toronto-S. W. Harris, J. Lambert, granted.

Richmond Hill-J. Palmer, granted; J. Ellston, held over hip safe repaired.

The by-law regulating the operating Mrs. J. Torrance, J. Torrance, granted.

Markham Township - N. Button,

Meek, granted; M. R. Hemmingway Scarboro Township-Wm. B. O'-Leary, E. Sanderson, R. A. Andrews, and J. Maxwell, granted; Geo. Hayes,

left over. York Township-G. Empringham, J. Evans, F. H. Schmidt, J. Gamble, Mrs. T. Wall, Mrs. S. Hackett, R. W. Bachelor, D. B. Birrell, M. O'Sullivan, and R. H. Crew, granted; A.J. Tymon.

jr., left over. The Board will meet again on April 27 to consider those left over, and the Inspector will be at the Clyde Hotel on Tuesday, the 1st of May, at 10.30 a. m., to distribute the licenses to those to whom they shall have been granted.

Maple

The concert in the Masonic Hall last-Wednesday evening was fairly well attended. The program consisted of solos, recitations, and a mock trial, ail given by the members of the Literary Society. The proceeds amounted to about \$14.

Those who attended Mrs. V. V. Moore's concert at Hope last week, express themselves as well pleased with the entertainment.

Mr. A. Shunk's sale last Saturday

was well attended, and all the articles went at a good price. There has been a good deal of moving here this week. Mr. G. Wilson and family have come back from Davenport, and Mr. M. Moffat has moved into the house lately occupied by Mr. M. Duffy. Mr. R. Baxter has gone to Penetang, where he has obtained a situation as engine driver in a mill, and Mr. J. Folster to Fort

William, to take charge of a section Mr. Charlie Chestnut left on Monday evening for Barrie, where he purposes

taking a situation. Business appears to be booming with Mr. H. C. Bailey, as he has engaged Mr. Harry Rumble to assist him during the summer.

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