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During the present Session of the Imperial Parliament the Bill to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister has passed the House of Commons by a small majority. Whether it passes the House of Lords or not this Session it will very soon do so, and an anomaly in our laws will be rectified which hitherto has been productive of great hardship, if not of decided injustice.

Another attempt is to be made shortly to discover a north-east passage from Europe to China. Since the year 1688 various attempts have been made with more or less success by British, Russian and American navigators to solve this problem, but hitherto with little success as the various efforts to reach the North pole. However, a Professor Nordenskjöld, of Sweden, is tolerably confident that with the appliances of the present day he will be able to leave Stockholm, in June to reach Behring Straits sometime before winter, and return home by way of the Suez Canal. Let us wish him soft breezes and an open sea.

The Conservative press has waxed very indignant against the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec for dismissing the Government of M. De Boncheville from his counsel, and as is the wont of these gentlemen, in their denunciations they have drawn very largely on their billings-gate vocabulary. Indeed it is no wonder that very great confusion and horror would prevail in the Tory camp in consequence of this untoward event, for the fall of the De Boncheville ministry, the sole remaining Conservative administration that Sir John A. Macdonald's great National Policy—Canada for the Canadians—is a failure, and that something more substantial is required in order to raise the flagging hopes of the party of Liberty and Progress. The immediate cause of the dismissal of M. De Boncheville and his colleagues from office was the attempt on their part to force through the Legislature two measures, a Railway Act and a Stamp Bill, which the Lieutenant-Governor in the exercise of his prerogative refused to sanction on the ground that both measures were of a tyrannical and oppressive character. Mr. Joly has succeeded in forming an administration, and it is to be hoped that under the blessing of a Reform Government Quebec will soon reach the advanced position which she should long since have occupied among the Provinces of the Dominion.

THE DEBATE ON THE BUDGET.
The debate on the Budget has been conducted upon the whole in a very temperate manner, and forms a pleasing contrast to that on the address. Even Dr. Tupper's speech was much less Tupperian in its style than his utterances usually are, and with the exception of an attempt on the part of Mr. Langevin to prove the courageous character of St. George Cartier when he took up arms at St. Denis against his country, there was very little of the *argumentum ad hominem*. One thing stands out very prominently in this debate and it is, the utter inability on the part of the leaders of the Opposition to make good the charges of recklessness and extravagance so frequently made against the Government during the picnic ramblings of last year.

Notwithstanding the great expenditure incurred by the Pacific Railway surveys, the opening up of the North-West, and the establishment of law and order in that region, the opening of the Intercolonial Railway, the annexation of Prince Edward Island, and the increased outlay on Public Works, the expenditure was nearly one million and a half less last year than in 1874, the last year of the administration of Sir John Macdonald—the exact figures being £1,872,838.92 in 1877, and £1,287,683.87 in 1878.

Notes from the Capital.
(From our own Correspondent.)
Ottawa, 9th March, 1878.

One of those sudden squalls that occasionally occur in the House arose Thursday night, 28th ult., on the occasion of the member for Charlottetown, Hon. Mr. Langevin, asking for returns regarding certain tenders for contractors on the Welland Canal in September or October, 1878. In doing so the hon. gentleman took occasion to criticize the present system of letting contracts and of contrasting it with the system under the late administration, and, along with Dr. Tupper, imputing corrupt motives on the part of the present Government in the letting of contracts. The hon. member for Charlottetown, Hon. Mr. Langevin, in his speech, pointed to the fact that the ordinary expenditure under the present Government had been reduced by the large sum of \$1,488,998. He showed that under the late Government the average per centage of expenditure was ten per cent. per annum, while under the present Government it was less than a third of one per cent. per annum.

Mr. John A. Macdonald has moved his amendment to Mr. Cartwright's motion on making the Budget Speech. The tone of debate on the Opposition side of the House this Session showed that protection was not quite so interesting a theme with these gentlemen as it was wont to be, and the amendment has verified that opinion. The amendment is very characteristic of the policy of the Opposition "everything by force and nothing long." Protection in Ontario, Free Trade in the Maritime Provinces. It is simply everything or nothing, just as it may suit the expediency of the hour.

NOT TO BE THOUGHT OF.
Although Mr. Gordon has distinctly stated that unless the Toronto, Grey and Bruce track and equipment be renovated, the cars must cease running, the people along the line will not go to admit the possibility of the latter contingency, knowing as they do that the renovating process will certainly be gone on with by the Government. The stopping of the road is out of the question. The T. G. & B. has become an absolute necessity to the sections for whose convenience it was built, and that they know full well. The best thing to be done is to set about providing the funds without delay, and this the municipalities can do. No better arrangement, none fairer or more sound could be proposed than that announced by the Directors. They offer the Company's second mortgage bonds in return for the bonds asked for, and thus a plan for recouping every dollar now advanced is suggested by the public, but there is no better to suggest. It will be something for the farmers and business men of Grey and Bruce when they can point to their road as one of the first-class, complete in all respects, and able to carry their grain and produce to the remotest markets of the Continent, besides having an important share in the supply of Europe. Take the progress of the past ten years with a narrow gauge road, and compare it with ten years to come with a wide gauge road, and the uniform continental system, and anticipations of the most hopeful character may be confidently entertained. It is to be hoped that no delay will interpose, and that the work will be quickly followed by the deed.—*Con.*

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A Soiree was held in the West Bentnick Presbyterian Church on the evening of the 8th inst., under the auspices of the congregation of that church. The bad state of the roads did not prevent a large and respectable audience assembling, who were in due time served with an excellent tea accompanied by the choicest viands, which were amply provided by the ladies of the neighborhood. Mr. S. Dickson was called to and ably occupied the chair. Prayers to tea being served the choir, led by Mr. Cranston, sang "Burnham," after tea "Whosoever Will," after which the intellectual part was opened by Mr. J. Ritchie, who made a few remarks chiefly on "Bashfulness," following with a reading. The choir then sang "Whiter than Snow," after which Mr. James Smith gave an interesting recitation. "Scatter Seeds of Kindness" having been sung, Mr. William Irvine, superintendent of the Sabbath School, made an instructive speech on "Sabbath Schools," in which he dwelt chiefly on the importance of Christian training of the young and the duty of parents and teachers in attending to this matter. "The Ninety-and-Nine" being added to the musical programme, Mr. Cranston was called upon and, after some appropriate remarks, recited in his usual humorous way "Peggie Tialoe," which did not fail to produce much laughter among the audience. The "Weary Gleaner" was next sung by the choir. The Rev. Mr. Duff followed with an address on the subject "Sacred Song," in which he encouraged the young to participate and not only to give attention to the music, but also to the sentiments contained therein. He also made some valuable remarks on the "History of Hymns," and concluded by urging parents not to neglect the musical talents of their children. Votes of thanks were tendered to the ladies of the vicinity for trouble taken in providing the "good things" for the occasion, chairman, choir and others. After "Pull for the Shore" had been sung, the meeting was concluded by singing the "National Anthem."

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A sad accident occurred near Yeovil on the 16th concession of Egrement, on Wednesday, last week, in which a son of Mr. Edward Henderson, aged six years, was killed by a falling tree. The child, accompanied by his sister, went to the bush where a young man had been placed as chopping, and, unfortunately getting into the range of the descending tree, was instantly killed. The parents have the entire sympathy of the neighbors in their bereavement.—*Mount Forest Examiner.*

Wellington & Georgian Bay Railway Company.
On Monday last a meeting of the provisional Directors of the above Company was held in the Town Hall, here. J. H. Hunter, Esq., M. P. P., was called to the chair. The following officers were elected: President, Gilbert McKelvie; Vice-President, Henry Parker; Secretary, A. C. McKenzie. The Secretary was authorized to open stock books. The board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Priceville Items.
The union meetings of the Methodists and Presbyterians of Priceville still continue to be held nightly, and are largely attended. It is very creditable to these two bodies thus to go hand in hand, and would be still more creditable to the Presbyterians did they make union like charity, to begin at home.

DUNDALK.
On Saturday last several young men were in Dundalk from Proton, and about noon started up the railway track for home. When about half a mile up the track, one of them proposed that they should have a game of cards. The day was fine, and the young fellows set down on the railway and commenced playing cards, and when busy with the game the moon train came along and disturbed them. When the train was passing, one of the men, named Beamish, threw a stone at a passenger car, which went crashing through a window, but fortunately no person was in the seat at the time. A warrant has been issued against Beamish, and the others that were with him will be prosecuted for trespass.

Bentnick Council.
A special meeting of the Bentnick Council was held at Chittick's Hotel, Allan Park, on Tuesday, the 12th March, inst., at 9 o'clock a.m. Present: McNeil, Reeve; Laidlaw, Deputy-reeve; Reid and Fursman, Councilors.

Complimentary Dinner.
Last Wednesday evening a complimentary dinner was given Mr. Archibald McArthur, at Priceville, previous to his removal from this locality, having rented his farm of 150 acres for a number of years. Mr. Thos. Stoddart took the management of the presentation on Wednesday forenoon, and although only a very short notice was given, a large and select assemblage of the prominent citizens of Priceville and vicinity testified their regard for Mr. McArthur by their presence at the dinner, provided by Mr. Alexander Livingston, of the British Hotel (late Tryon), which did ample credit to the culinary skill of the worthy hostess, who prepared such a bounteous and excellent repast upon so short notice. Thos. Nichol occupied the chair, which duty he discharged in a very able manner. The usual toasts were given and responded to by the Chairman, Dr. Ghent, J. McArthur, R. H. Evans, C. McArthur, and others. Several sentimental and humorous songs enlivened the proceedings, and a truly happy evening was spent. The guest of the evening leaves us with the best wishes of the entire community, and we trust that wherever his lot may be cast that the sunshine of prosperity may ever surround him.—*Con.*

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