

Proton Council. Council, as per adjournment, met at 10 o'clock on Monday, Feb. 11, 1879, at 10 a.m. The members present, J. J. P. Egan, presiding.

Christian Liberty. There are no record curious instances of giving in support of religion. A collection was taken up for a special object. What was the sum collected? Let us hear. As this was told—Addressing his students the other day Mr. Spurgeon told a good story to illustrate the need of preachers being attractive. "When I was in Arran, quite recently," said Mr. Spurgeon, "I heard a minister who preached in a certain church, and, at the close of the service, was strongly urged to promise for a future supply. The collection after his sermon having been unusually large, 'Dear me,' said the minister with becoming pride, 'what might your ordinary collection amount to?' 'Last Sunday it was 24d.' 'What is it today, then?' asked the minister, expecting to hear a large sum. '24d.' was the reply. 'Who is it?' inquired the minister with interest. 'I moved the rapture myself.' This collection, says Irony, is a heavy one; and all the circumstances in connection with it occur not a little of the comic, with a bitterness and Christian sobriety. Akin in comic effect, is the artifice employed by clergymen to force the liberality of their people in the support of religion, or to prevent them from contributing to the cause of religion in small coins.

Domion Parliament. FIRST SESSION—FOURTH PARLIAMENT. From the Globe. On Thursday, the 13th inst., the House of Commons at Ottawa was fully represented, very few absentees being present. At three o'clock the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Hon. Mr. Ritchie, proceeded to the Senate, and the Commons having been called to the Bar, informed them that the Governor-General desired them to return and select a Speaker, and that on Friday His Excellency would deliver his message. The Commons returned to their chamber, where they were called to order by Mr. Patrick, Clerk of the House. Sir John A. Macdonald nominated Dr. Blanchet, of Lewis, for Speaker, and referred ecologically to his Parliamentary experience and general fitness for the position. Hon. Mr. Tilley seconded the nomination. Hon. Mr. Mackenzie said that there was no gentleman on the other side of the House that he and those about him could have greater confidence in than Dr. Blanchet. He then invited the Premier to not having practiced the Speaker of the late House, as he had formerly advocated. The motion was adopted, and Dr. Blanchet was led to his chair by Sir John A. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Tilley. The Speaker briefly re-arranged the House for the day, and then turned to the business of the day. The House adjourned until three o'clock on Friday.

Ontario. The first session of the Fourth Parliament of Canada was formally opened this afternoon. In the House of Commons the Speaker took the chair punctually at three o'clock. Considerable time elapsed before the Gentleman in Black rose to deliver his uniform, made his appearance, forcing his way through the crowded lobby. The doors of the Chamber were no sooner opened, after the usual formalities, for the exit of the Speaker and members, than a rush pell-mell of press representatives, civil servants, civilians, etc., took place via the Supporting Court Room for the Chamber of the Hon. the Speaker. The crush was tremendous, and outsiders for some time had evidently the preference, as few members were able to elbow their way into the Senate Chamber until the allotted space reserved below the bar for the faithful Commons had been at least half occupied by a promiscuous throng, composed in no small part of ladies, with a sprinkling of small boys. Never, perhaps, in the history of Canada, certainly not in the history of Confederation, has so curious a spectacle been presented on the opening of a session of Parliament. The throng surged hither and thither, owing to the intense anxiety which prevailed to obtain a glimpse for the many it was little more than a mad race. The Hon. the Speaker, as well as the Hon. the Attorney-General, Governor-General, and other members of the Government, attracted much attention, and the Hon. the Speaker's speech, which was read in English and French in a firm voice. This proceeding occupied quite a long time, and this gave ample opportunity for sight-seeing to those who were favoured by position. The Speech was as follows:—

Speech from the Throne: Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons: In meeting the Parliament of Canada for the first time I desire to express the gratification I feel at having been selected by Her Majesty for the high and important office of Her Majesty's Representative in the House of Commons with which I now seek your aid and co-operation. And in acknowledging with profound gratitude the reception which has been accorded to myself as Her Majesty's representative I am also commended by the Queen to convey through you to the people of Canada her thanks for the loyal, generous, and kindly manner in which they have welcomed her daughter. The contribution of Canadian products and manufactures to the great International Exhibition at Paris last year attracted much attention, and it is believed will have a beneficial effect on the trade of the Dominion with Europe. I congratulate you on the success, which must in no small degree be attributable to the kind and unceasing exertions of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as President of the Canadian Commission. The report of the Canadian Commissioners will be laid before you when received. I am pleased to inform you that the amount awarded for the fishery claims under the Washington Treaty has been paid by the United States, and that Her Majesty's Government has arranged with Canada and Newfoundland for the respective shares of the award. The papers on the subject shall be submitted to you.

Confederate Office, Feb. 11, 1879. Flour per barrel, \$4.00 to 4.25. Oatmeal per barrel, 4.00 to 4.25. Fall Wheat, 0.80 to 0.85. Treadmill Wheat, 0.80 to 0.85. Spring Wheat, 0.70 to 0.77. Barley, 0.40 to 0.45. Oats, 0.20 to 0.23. Potatoes per bag, 0.48 to 0.50. Butter per lb., 0.09 to 0.07. Eggs per doz., 0.12 to 0.15. Wool per lb., 0.17 to 0.20. Sheep skins, 0.40 to 0.70. Lamb skins, 0.40 to 0.70. Hay, per ton, 6.00 to 7.00.

Giving Away, Giving Away! 1,000 Cords of Dry Wood, AND 10,000 Bushels of Wheat and other Grain at D. DAVIDSON'S, Dundalk, for which the highest market price will be paid. January 2, 1879. That Bar of Iron. THE Subscriber begs to inform the people of Dundalk and vicinity, that he is selling carrying on the Trade of Blacksmithing, and is prepared to put a BAR OF IRON into any shape that Fancy or Necessity may demand. From early morning till dark, he will be at his anvil, and if you want a Nail made, he'll form it from a Bar. For favours sent, to Patrick H. Healy, Blacksmith, Dundalk. And if you want a Nail made, he'll form it from a Bar. When these were made and they were done, John Nerval, like a Car, took many a blast and held his post. And made things from a Bar. And when the times were out of joint, And each as scarce as a Car, He never failed to strike a Nail, He never failed to strike a Nail, And form things from a Bar. But times again began to mend, His iron was in a Car, Yet still without advance in price, John Nerval struck the Bar. And when Dundalk began to strive, Like the Morning Star, His Hammer with redoubled force, Came down upon the Bar. And now within that lively Town, He has declared a War, To fight the hammer, view and die, To fight the hammer, view and die. To mill and Grind and Bunk of men, No matter who they are, That want a job made along with iron, He'll form it with a Bar. A Bar of Iron in Toronto, Blacksmith, Dundalk. JOHN NIVAL, Blacksmith, Dundalk. December 16th, 1878.