

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

FIFTH SESSION—SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

INSURANCE ACT.

Mr. Foster introduced a bill to amend the Insurance Act. He explained that in the Act passed last year a certain time was fixed for the production of reports of companies, but distinction was made between foreign or Canadian companies, and it was impossible for English institutions doing business in all parts of the world, and having their annual meetings within a short period of the date fixed in the Act, to comply with its provision. The bill extended the date for the production of reports of such companies.

A KINGSTON MORTGAGE.

Mr. Foster introduced a bill respecting the discharge of a mortgage to her Majesty known as the Kingston mortgage. He said the bill was to enable the Government to discharge a mortgage on certain property in Kingston, which at present was unremunerative because they could neither sell it nor realize upon it.

LETTERS-CARRIERS AND LIQUOR.

Mr. Foster introduced a bill to amend the Post-Office Act. He said the object of the bill is to prevent carriage of her Majesty's mails—but not railway or steamship companies—from carrying in vehicles from place to place intoxicating liquors, as they do in many parts, and thus violating the by-laws that are passed by municipalities. There is another clause at the end suggesting that in the case of the carriage of carrying mail a provision be inserted.

CHICAGO RAILWAY.

Mr. Welsh drew attention to statements in the morning papers to the effect that Mr. Provand, member of the British Parliament, had waited upon the Dominion Cabinet and asked for an extension of the time for the completion of the Chicago Marine railway. He was a serious matter, he said, and the taxpayers of this country would be affected to the extent of \$3,000,000 if this scheme were carried out.

MR. FOSTER'S VIEW.

Mr. Foster—it is true that Mr. Provand has been here and has had the case of the company before the Government. The Government has not yet arrived at the decision upon it.

FIRE ON THE INTERCONTINENTAL.

Mr. Stairs enquired what was the extent of the damage by fire to the Intercontinental railway buildings at Richmond, Halifax, and whether measures would be taken to promptly provide the necessary facilities for continuing traffic.

MR. HAZARD'S REPORT.

Mr. Hazard reported that he was notified of the fire on the previous day. He mentioned the buildings that had been destroyed, and added that he had not yet come to any decision in the matter, but that immediate action would be taken for carrying on traffic. He did not know the total loss. There was no insurance on any Government property along the Intercontinental.

IMPORTATIONS OF SUGAR.

Mr. Edgar asked how many pounds of sugar above number sixteen Dutch standard in country of refined sugar were imported during the 27th day of March and the 28th day of March, 1894, and between the 27th day of March and the 27th day of May, 1894, and between the 27th day of March and the 27th day of May, 1895, both inclusive.

MR. CLARKE WALLACE'S REPORT.

Mr. Clarke Wallace reported that between March 27th and May 3rd, 1894, the importation amounted to 70,077 pounds, and between March 27th and May 3rd, 1895, the amount was 52,143 pounds.

MR. EDGAR'S REPORT.

Mr. Edgar, Mr. Wallace said that 20,525,012 pounds of sugar, not of Dutch standard, and other qualities of sugar were imported during the 27th and 28th of March, 1894. During the same period of 1895, the amount was 35,519,717 pounds.

TRANSFER OF INDIANS.

Mr. Daly informed Mr. Girouard (Two Mountains) that 142 Indians had been transferred from Oka to Maniwaki since 1872. The extent of land occupied was 25,582 acres. During 1893 and 1894 only two Indian families left Oka for Maniwaki.

COLLECTIONS OF COINAGE.

Mr. Clarke Wallace, replying to Mr. Fraser, said that collectors of Customs were not allowed, either with or without the knowledge and consent of the Government, to act as brokers in the Customs house when they discharged their duties, excepting along the boundary in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, at which points they were especially instructed to assist settlers in making their effects entries, but so charge of any description was allowed.

LONDON MILITARY SCHOOL.

Mr. Dickey stated, in answer to Mr. Mills (Bowell), that the Militia Regiment had been organized since the date of the discharge of service from the Military school at London into the Militia, but was not yet in a position to deal finally with the matter.

QUEEN OF GREAT BRITAIN.

BELOVED AND RESPECTED BY THE WHOLE WORLD.

Mer Prosperous Reign of Fifty-Eight Years Marks the Greatest Epoch in the History of Great Britain—Her Career Shows a Magnificent Success—Marriage of the Queen to Prince Albert.

The Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India attained her seventieth birthday on the 24th of May, and on June 20, will have completed the fifty-eighth year of her reign. It has been one of the greatest periods in the world's history and marks a physical and intellectual progress unparalleled in time. Above all it is the most brilliant epoch in the history of the British Empire, ever to be renowned for the splendid galaxy of great men and women it has produced. Among these no name will stand forth more illustrious or more imperishable than that of Victoria I. As sovereign and woman her life has been open as the day, to be observed of all men, and it has been from the beginning pure, honest and unspiced. As wife, mother and queen she is peerless among women.

THE KING IS DEAD.

The sixteenth birthday of the Princess Victoria, when she came of age, was celebrated with great pomp and festivity on the 24th of May, 1837. All England rejoiced in the prospect of a youthful sovereign, who must inevitably soon be called upon to govern the "Empire of the World," William IV., was enfeebled by age and disease. A few weeks later he was fast approaching his final hour. June 19, 1837, he received the final consolations of religion at the hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and at 2:30 o'clock on the morning of the 20th he passed to that state which king and subject alike must enter and ceased to be King of the British Empire. He died at Windsor Castle, and ere his body could be cold messengers were dispatched to Kensington Palace to inform the princess that she was Queen. The messengers were Archibald Campbell, the Marquis of Conyngham, chamberlain of the palace, and a few scenes in Victoria's long reign are pleasing or more affecting than those in which she heard the news of her accession and received the allegiance of her country and the lords of the privy council.

LONG LIVE THE QUEEN.

The morning bell rang at 3 o'clock in the morning and arrived at Kensington Palace in London. The princess was sleeping in her mother's room, which had always been her custom, and was summoned hastily; she entered the presence of the messengers wrapped in a dressing gown, with slippers on her naked feet. Conyngham told her the news, and she said, "I will do my duty." She put her hand and head on the feet of the messenger, and then she departed she said to the Archbishop of Canterbury, "I will do my duty." She asked your prayers on my behalf." The prime minister, who was soon to acquire an influence with her which he never abused, and which was of untold value in the course of her education in statecraft, called and prepared her for the opening act of the drama now to begin. He had prepared her speech for the great council, which was to assemble at 11 o'clock in the reception-room of the palace. There were assembled the great officers of state, the prime minister and the lord high chamberlain, the Archbishop of Canterbury and York, and her uncles, the dukes of Cumberland and Sussex. With these were to be introduced the nobles and great peers of the realm, the Duke of Wellington, the Earl of Londonderry, Sir Robert Peel and a great number of the most famous and powerful of her subjects.

TWO LOST LETTERS.

Curious news in which letters may be read an English merchant was advised by his agent that a check for six hundred pounds would be sent to him by the next mail. It did not come, and the merchant at once made complaint at the post-office. The postman on that route was called in by the merchant and in answer to questions said that the missing packet was duly received and delivered. He remembered it distinctly—its shape, color and postmark. As his habit was, he had poked it under the house door, with two other letters and a newspaper. The merchant's wife had looked up three packets, and was positive here had not been a fourth.

TALK OF MARRIAGE.

It was a fortunate thing for the Queen, for Great Britain also, that Melbourne was prime minister at the time of her accession. "Any individual of the great and his impartiality was often so great that some of the keenest of his own party followed at his heels." It was his hands that committed the first initiation of the Queen in her constitutional duties. He was no longer young, but was old and she gave him her confidence. He was as passionately fond of her as he would have been of a daughter, and he always treated her with a sort of parental care, and at the same time with respectful deference.

FELL FROM A BALLOON.

A despatch from St. Louis says—Among the attractions at Arsenal Island, a pleasure resort, on Sunday afternoon, a young man and woman were engaged in filling the balloon with gas, and to steady it before it was released. Among these was Tony Heald, aged 23 years. He had vainly urged the balloon to rise, but it would not do. Heald, in his flight. When everything was in readiness the aeronaut gave the order to "let go," and the balloon shot upward. The spectators were suddenly horrified, and Heald, clinging to the netting on the upper part of the immense bag. The professor's attention was attracted to Heald when the balloon was about 700 feet from the ground, and he cried to him, "For God's sake hang on to the balloon!" but at that instant Heald loosened his grasp of the ropes and went swirling through the air, turning several somersaults in his descent, and striking the ground with such force as to crush his body into a shapeless mass. Heald is said to have gone to the grounds early in the day with a young woman, and later he quarrelled with her. It is suggested that his trip on the balloon was with the deliberate purpose of committing suicide in this manner.

THE QUEEN IS CROWNED.

Meaning preparations for the coronation were going forward, and this magnificent spectacle occurred on the 28th of June, 1838, a few days more than a year after the Queen's accession.

RAISING RICE.

It is not perhaps generally known under what painful conditions the culture of rice is carried on. It necessitates, in fact, the foundation of the tract of country where it is cultivated, and obliges the laborer to work on his work during the portion of the year when his legs are submerged in stagnant water.

A GARROTTE ROBBERY.

In one of the streets which run northwards at right angles from Argy Street, Glasgow—in what is in fact one of the best parts of the city—there is a restaurant with bar and smokers, where a certain Glasgow draymaker has for years been in the habit of meeting both business and private friends occasionally. One evening after having had a glass of whisky and a cigar, he felt himself suddenly seized by a man who was leaning over him from behind. The man, who was a very fair Lancashire wrestler, and there can be no doubt that a sturdy fellow who knows the points of Lancashire wrestling is an extremely difficult customer to handle. He knew this, and was about to struggle for it when both wrists were suddenly seized by another man and pinned behind his back. There he laid absolutely helpless, unable to move or to speak for help, unable even to breathe, until a third ruffian proceeded to rifle his pockets. No doubt the last-mentioned individual performed his duty as expeditiously as possible, but to the mind of the throttled man the time taken seemed interminable, and as the distress of suffocation became momentarily more cruel to bear, he fervently wished that some assistance would be sent to speed up his own robbery. Ere the villains had finished with him he had lost all feeling, and he was only conscious of himself lying on his back on some stone steps in a little yard at the end of the passage. He was not aware of anything of value from his pockets.

160 PERSONS DROWNED.

THE STEAMER COLIMA GOES DOWN OFF THE MEXICAN COAST.

It is supposed the Machinery was Out of Order. The Steamer Colima was on her way from San Francisco to Mexico. A despatch from San Francisco says—The steamer Colima, with 162 persons on board, including passengers and crew, foundered off the coast of Mexico on Monday, fourteen passengers and five members of the crew reached Manzanillo, Mexico, and gave the first information of the vessel's fate. Whether the remainder of the passengers and crew escaped in small boats or went down with the ship is not known. Definite and reliable information of the disaster was received by R. H. Schwering, general manager and vice-president of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, which corporation the steamer belonged. A telegram informed Mr. Schwering that a boat containing fourteen passengers and five members of the crew of the steamer reached Manzanillo on Tuesday, and gave the information that the Colima had foundered off the coast of Mexico. The names of the passengers and seamen in the small boat were not given in the despatch. The Colima sailed from San Francisco on the 24th of May, 1894. She carried 112 passengers, 40 in the Cabin, 26 whites and 40 Chinese in the steerage. The steamer was on her way to Mexico, making 112 passengers on board the steamer. Alexander Cramer, general agent of the company, says he is not sure of the exact number of the passengers, but that there was a full list of the dead, as on her way down the coast he had seen the bodies of other passengers in addition to what she took from this city.

The first information of the loss of the steamer reached San Francisco in a despatch received by R. H. Schwering, A. G. of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The despatch contained the following particulars: "Saved, wire father, (Signed) Richardson." Richardson was the steward of the Colima, and a clerk of the company. He had sent the despatch to Kaituma, as he knew better than any one else in this city how to communicate with the company. When Kaituma got the despatch he went to the Merchants' Exchange to corroborate the news of the loss of the Colima. The Merchants' Exchange had received no advices from Manzanillo, and the only information on the Pacific Mail bookkeeper was regarded as a momentary telegram was received from the company's agent at Manzanillo to the effect that the ship had gone down. That fourteen passengers and five of the crew had reached shore in a small boat. 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