

ADAM BROWN IS PLEASED.

HIS ANTI-CRUELTY BILL GETS ITS SECOND READING.

The Six Months' Hoist Defeated, 72 to 71 - A Miscellaneous Day in Parliament - Notes From the Capital.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20. - This was somewhat of a miscellaneous day in the House and there was some excitement to-night over Mr. Brown's anti-cruelty to animals and birds bill, which got its second reading by the close majority of 1 in a House of 143, and it now stands for consideration in committee of the whole.

Col. Tisdale moved the six months' hoist of the bill and this was defeated by a vote of 72 to 71. The vote was strictly non-partisan and indiscriminate. There were five members of the Cabinet in the House when the vote was taken: Sir John Thompson, Sir Adolphe Caron, Mr. Carling, Mr. Dewdney and Mr. Bowell.

There were only half-a-dozen speeches made on the measure. Mr. Brown started off with a warm advocacy of his act, pointing more particularly to the cruelty of trap shooting, dog fighting, rat baiting, etc. Col. Tisdale, in moving the six months' hoist, said the measure was a makeshift, sentimental interference with practical men.

The vote was taken on Mr. Tisdale's amendment to give it the six months' hoist and the amendment failed by the following vote:

Table with 2 columns: YES and NO. Lists names of members and their respective counts.

At the afternoon sitting of the House there was a prolonged discussion on a resolution by Mr. Burdett for a return showing the post-offices built in Canada since Confederation.

Mr. Burdett said there was an unfair distribution of public buildings in the various towns and villages in Ontario. He wanted to know why such a burg as Cayuga, with a population of 700, should have a new post-office, and a flourishing and enterprising town like Deseronto should be without one.

Mr. Burdett was followed by a dozen other members who advocated the claims of their favorite towns for new post-offices.

Mr. Cook wanted to know why the beautiful, intelligent town of Orillia was overlooked. The Ontario Government had built an idiot asylum there but the Dominion Government had given them nothing.

Dr. Ferguson (Leeds): "Some one must have escaped from that asylum."

Mr. Lister complained that there was no uniformity in the manner of treatment. There should be some system based on population or anything else, but politics should not guide. He charged that the erection of buildings at Stratford, Goderich and Strathroy was for the purpose of making political capital.

Dr. Roomer said that the erection of a post-office in Strathroy had nothing to do with his election, as his majority was outside of that town. Mr. Porter charged that Mr. Lister was untruthful when he said the promise of the erection of a post-office at Goderich had any bearing on his election.

There had been no promises before the election. Mr. Sutherland believed there should be some principle guiding the policy of the Government in the construction of public buildings. He advocated the claims of the town of Woodstock for favorable consideration.

The Minister of Public Works said he would treat the information received from hon. members. London was not built in a day, and neither could every town in Canada expect a new post-office. Perhaps a better time was coming. He held that he had not broken any promise in connection with these post-office buildings.

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MILITARY MEN AT OTTAWA.

THE 21st Annual Meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20. - The Capital was full of military men to-day and more are coming in to-night and in the morning. There are few, however, among the martial gentlemen now here who rank below major, and about the only major visible was Mr. Joe Delamere of the Queen's Own.

The 21st annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association was held in the big Railway Committee room of the House of Commons to-day and the business was disposed of in rapid order. Col. George A. Kirkpatrick, M.P., the president, was in the chair. Lord Stanley of Preston was present and made a speech; so did Gen. Sir Fred Middleton. The latter is evidently not struck on the usefulness of the man who can lie down on his belly and make a "bull's-eye" at 1000 yards or more. He takes more stock in the idea of teaching the rustic militiaman how to shoot. He said that very few privates won prizes at these competitions. The prize winners were the officers and sergeants. It was necessary that more money should be spent in instructing the rural battalions amongst the country corps. He had found that seven or eight out of every twenty-five men had never pulled a trigger.

The chairman congratulated the members upon the satisfactory character of last year's matches. He compared the condition of the Dominion Association with the National Rifle Association and stated that it showed a condition of things catering to Canada. Since the Nursery matches had been commenced 1339 competitors had entered for them and this went to show that a large number of new men competed in the annual matches every year. He referred in terms of thankfulness to the aid Lord Stanley had given to the association, and said that his presence to-day indicated the interest he felt in its welfare. Lord Stanley had been a soldier himself and therefore could thoroughly sympathize with their aspirations and understand the difficulties they had to contend with.

In response Lord Stanley said he thanked them for the kind manner in which they received the motion for a vote of thanks to him. He felt it was only due on his part to continue, so far as lay in his power, the assistance which his predecessors had so readily given to such a deserving association. With all due deference to Gen. Laurie he perhaps held the oldest first-class certificate in the room. [Applause.] It was exactly 30 years ago since he obtained his certificate under Gen. Hay, who did so very much to make musketry what it is in England. He thought it was Capt. Marryatt, the well-known naval writer, who prefaced a book some years ago by saying that in the United Kingdom it was important that every man should be something of a sailor. In these days, for very obvious reasons, we might paraphrase it and say every man should be something of a rifleman, especially in the Dominion, where although the forces were not considerable, still they were kept up, and rightly, on a scale calculated not on the principles which regulate a continental armament, as we might hope, and we might hope very remotely, for the purposes of defence. Still we must not forget that people are respected just as they respect themselves. [Applause.]

Hon. George Kirkpatrick was re-elected president of the association by acclamation; Col. Quimet, M.P., was re-elected president of the council; the vice-presidents were re-elected excepting that Lieut. Col. White takes Lieut. Col. Walker's place in the council; Lieut. Col. A. Gilmour for Ontario, Robert Hamilton for Quebec, Lieut. Col. Butford for New Brunswick, Lieut. Col. McKinlay for Nova Scotia, Hon. M. A. Girard for Manitoba, Hon. R. P. Macdonald for British Columbia, Hon. R. P. Haythorn for Prince Edward Island.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association will be held to-morrow, Lieut. Col. Macdonald of Guelph, the president, arrived this evening.

FRUIT GROWERS.

Proceedings of the Ontario Association - President's Address and Papers.

HAMILTON, Feb. 20. - At yesterday's session of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association President A. McD. Allan read his annual address. Shippers of apples, he said, had probably never before lost so much in one season as in the last. Shippers should use greater care in selection and packing and a smaller package would be an improvement on the barrel now used. A larger trade in general fruits would be carried on with Manitoba and the Territories if rates could be reduced to a reasonable figure and well-ventilated fruit cars placed at the disposal of shippers by the railway companies. American shippers can now place fruit in Winnipeg for less money than we can.

Something should be done to put a stop to the shipping of mixed brands and worthless seedlings to the British market as the produce of Canada. An inspector whose duty it would be to examine and mark every barrel upon its return to Canada, he said, would be a system which could correct the present very defective system of naming.

In a trip through the Northwest Territories and British Columbia the speaker noted a growing interest among the people in the culture of fruit. Many varieties of apples and pears are successfully grown; wild plums, grapes, currants and gooseberries abound. On the great prairie lands, however, a hope of fruit growing cannot be indulged in until the forestry question is settled. Shelter belts would have to be planted.

Thos. Beall of Lindsay read a lengthy and interesting paper on "Varieties of Apples that may be Profitably Grown in the Central Portion of Ontario." He submitted this in the summer - Red Astrachan, Yellow Transparent, St. Lawrence, Alexander, Fameuse, Haas, Calvert. For winter - Yellow Bellflower, Ontario, Wealthy, Northern Spy, Golden Russet, Red David, Canada Red, Rhode Island Greenings. The following are recommended to those growing apples for family use only: Red Astrachan, Duchess of Oldenburg, St. Lawrence, Calvert, Fameuse, Yellow Bellflower, Ontario and Golden Russet.

At the conclusion of the reading of the paper a lengthy discussion took place as to the most suitable varieties for different sections, which was taken part in by the secretary, Messrs. Morris, Dempsey, Watson, Caston, Holden, Rae, Pettit, Morden, Wellington and Dr. Burgess, with a few remarks from the president. The preparation of lists of apples for cultivation in different localities of the province was referred to a committee composed of the directors.

Secretary L. Woolverton read a paper entitled "Horticultural Specialties for Canadian Farmers." He said that in order to succeed growers need to make specialties of certain lines. The association should not magnify the profits of fruit culture, as it neither wise nor politic. We should confess our failure as well as tell our successes. Apple culture was profitable if made a specialty and the proper kinds grown, high cultivation given, and the fruit properly packed and marketed. But there were losses in apple-growing as well as profit. He also referred to other lines of fruit in the blackberry, the currant, etc., showing that each might be made profitable, providing it was made a specialty.

Peterboro License Bylaw. SANTA ROSA, Cal., Feb. 20. - The town of Guernville with a population of 500 was almost entirely destroyed by fire yesterday. All the business portion was burned and but few residences remain. The fire was started from a defective fuse in a hotel and spread rapidly. Several buildings were blown up to check the flames but without avail. The total loss is estimated at nearly \$1,000,000.

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THE TORONTO BUDGET.

AN INCIDENT BETWEEN ACTS AT THE GRAND LAST NIGHT.

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TORONTO, Feb. 21. - Sergeant Detective Reburn and Detectives Slemin and Davis in the foyer of the Grand Opera stood House at 9.30 last night. They were looking for game and they got it. At the end of the second act a few men of the small audience who had been seeing Charlie Verrier in "Shamus O'Brien" came out to "see a man." Detective Slemin fixed his gaze on those coming down from the dress circle, while the other two Hawkeys watched the ground floor exit. There came from the orchestra chairs a man with a fine frock coat and silk hat, good looking and athletic, and wearing a well-built moustache. He had left his wife inside for a few moments and had with him a friend. He came out to see a man - but he saw the wrong man. Gaily he stepped into the foyer laughing and chatting, and moving towards Dan's. "There he is," said Reburn to Davis who quietly approached the gentleman and touching him upon the shoulder said he "was wanted." The stranger was none other than E. W. Johnston of Lindsay, the well-known athlete, and he was arrested on a capias issued only last night by Mr. Justice Falconbridge. It was all gone without those around knowing about it, and Mr. Johnston quietly went with the officers to the entrance of the theatre where were waiting Sheriff's officers P. J. McCormack and H. H. Sherman, ready to receive him. There was also present Mr. R. H. Howard, senior member of the liquor firm of R. H. Howard & Co., 51 Colborne-street, at whose instance the capias had been issued and who claims that Johnston owes him \$265.18 for liquors supplied to him while he kept the Johnston House in Lindsay. Johnston took the arrest coolly at first, but when he saw Mr. Howard he launched out and said "You've put me in hot water but I'll put you in hotter! This is an outrage and a scandal, and I'll get even! I've got my wife inside! I was willing and able to pay you every cent!" Mr. Howard only smiled, and Sheriff's Officer McCormack saying, "Give me your arm Mr. Johnston, the athlete walked out and was driven to the jail in a hack.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Cricket Club Association was held last night at the Walker House. President T. Goldie of Guelph occupied the chair. These officers were elected: Hon. Pres., Lieut.-Governor of Ontario; Pres., T. Goldie, Guelph; First Vice-Pres., John Wright; Second Vice, Judge Dartnell; Third Vice, Ald. T. Stinson, Hamilton; Fourth Vice, G. G. S. Lindsey; Sec.-Treas., John E. Hall; Asst.-Sec., W. Wallace Jones; Committee: Messrs. Collins, R. Gillespie, Hamilton; A. G. Brown, G. G. Rykert, St. Catharines; S. C. S. Saunders, Guelph; D. W. Saunders, J. Stirling, Peterboro; W. Creelman, A. Winslow, C. M. Shanly.

The 11th annual session of the Grand Lodge A. O. U. W., Province of Ontario, opened yesterday morning in Victoria Hall. The Finance Committee's report showed that on Dec. 31, 1888, there were in the Province of Ontario 303 lodges in good standing, with a total membership of 15,091, an increase of 21 lodges and 2088 members over last year. There were paid during the year 111 death claims, aggregating \$22,200, the cost per death for each member being 7 cents, and divided into 15 assessments. The cost of lodge management was \$3624 for the year, an average cost of 68 cents per member. The total risk now carried by the order in Canada has reached the enormous sum of \$32,182,000.

The death in this city is announced of Rev. Jas. Stuart, the oldest Presbyterian minister in Canada. He was born at Coot-hill, county Cavan, Ireland, in 1804, and was educated at Belfast College under Drs. Cook and Edgar.

There is to be a public meeting of the Imperial Federation League at Association Hall on Saturday night. Among the speakers are George R. Parkin of New Brunswick and Gen. Laurie of Nova Scotia. Judge Ferguson was applied to yesterday for an order for the discharge of one McGregor of Stratford from the lunatic asylum here, where he has been confined for over 23 years. The application for the release was made by his relatives, they stating that he had returned to his proper mental condition. Dr. Clark of the asylum, however, considered that the unfortunate person could not safely be released and the Judge accordingly refused to make the order.

The Agriculture and Arts Association concluded its annual meeting yesterday. The following were appointed judges on prize farms for Western Ontario: Francis Green, jr., Inneskip; John B. Freeman, M. P. P.; Simcoe; John I. Hobson, Mossboro; John Lowrie, Sarnia. The following are the officers elected to the different departments and committees: Veterinary Surgeon and Referee, Andrew Smith, V.S.; General Superintendent, A. H. White, Chatham; Superintendent of Machinery and Mechanical Department, E. Jackson, Newmarket; Superintendent Horticultural Department, James Mitchell, London; Superintendent Arts Department, Thomas Hunter, Toronto; Horses, Robert Vallance, Osnaburck Centre; Cattle, E. W. Chambers, Woodstock; Sheep, Horace Chisholm, Paris; Swine, William Collins, Peterboro; Poultry, William McNeil, London; Bankers, Canadian Bank of Commerce. Sub-committees: Horses, Messrs. Awey and Shipley; Sheep and Pigs, Messrs. Vance and Dawson; Poultry, Messrs. Palmer and McPherson; Implements, Messrs. Dawson and Rowan; Arts Department, Messrs. Morgan and Awey; Horticultural Products, Messrs. Leggo and Palmer; Dairy Products, Messrs. Dawson and McPherson. There being no more business the meeting then adjourned.

John Bailey of 47 Eastern-avenue, called on James Tracy at 97 Sherbourne-street. Bailey drank too much, fell Tracy with a beer glass and kicked him about the head and face. He was arrested and lodged in Wilton-avenue Police Station. While there he attempted suicide, tying his suspenders about his neck and on the girders on the stove and pulling them tight. He was cut down and revived with difficulty. In the Police Court his case was remanded for a week, the victim being unable to appear.

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