

A GLADSTONIAN VICTORY.

DEFEAT OF THE CONSERVATIVES IN KENNINGTON.

Mr. Beaufoy's Majority in the Parliamentary Contest Yesterday 639, a Gain of 1069 Over the Last Election.

LONDON, March 15.—An election was held in the Kennington division of Lambeth to-day to fill the parliamentary seat vacated by the resignation of R. G. Davis (Con.) The election resulted in a victory for Mr. Beaufoy, the Gladstonian candidate, who polled 4069 votes against 3439 for Mr. Hope the Conservative nominee.

At the last election Davis, the retiring member, received 3222 votes and Beaufoy 2792.

To-day's election was hotly contested, both parties straining every nerve to achieve success.

Impressively significant.

LONDON, March 16.—The Standard (Unionist) referring to the result of the Kennington election says: "No sensible Unionist will pretend to minimize the seriousness of this misfortune. All the explanations in the world will not deprive the figures of their unpleasant significance."

Anderson's Course Approved.

LONDON, March 15.—In the House of Commons to-day Home Secretary Matthews was questioned regarding the actions of Anders, an official of the Home Office, who permitted Le Caron the informer to look over the whole of the latter's past correspondence with the Home Office authorities prior to appearing as a witness before the Parnell Commission and to select such letters as he thought would be of service to the Times.

Mr. Matthews said that at the time he knew nothing of the course taken by Anderson and consequently had not given it his sanction, but now considered that Anderson had acted properly.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt gave notice that he would submit a motion regarding Anderson's conduct when the police vote is discussed Monday.

Another Tumble in French Shares.

PARIS, March 15.—The Bourse closed very dull to-day. Comptoir d'Escompte shares, which opened at 300f. Monday and reached 435f. Wednesday, reacted to-day to 315f. on renewed rumors that the Bank of France advances were not sufficient to overcome existing difficulties.

Decline in London Markets.

LONDON, March 15.—On the Stock Exchange to-day American railroad securities declined on large continental sales, closing flat. The Milwaukee dividend disappointed the exchanges.

The London copper market is nervous. The price advanced Tuesday to 53s, reacted and closed to-day at 45s.

The Patriotic League.

PARIS, March 15.—The police to-day searched the houses of many members of the Patriotic League. Persons against whom damaging evidence is found will not be arrested, but will be summoned to appear before a magistrate for examination.

After an Artillery Estimate.

BERLIN, March 15.—The Reichstag to-day discussed the supplementary estimate for the increase and reorganization of the artillery. Count Von Schellendorf referred to France's superiority in the horsing of batteries and said that other countries made much larger expenditures for military purposes than Germany did.

All Quiet in the Gold Fields.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 15.—Lower California is quiet. Gov. Torres has plenty of troops to preserve order. The Conservative organs insist that Mexico will lose lower California. The Government says this is untrue. Rich copper and silver mines have been discovered on the Ramirez-Varela concession in the State of Guerrero. Gen. Diaz de Vega of El Nacional newspaper has been released after eight months' imprisonment and paying a fine of \$1000.

Ball Bonds Stolen.

ITHACA, N.Y., March 15.—Two pickpockets arrested on the night of Gov. Hill's mass meeting here last fall were released on \$1500 bail. Their cases were called at the session of the Supreme Court yesterday. They failed to appear and it is discovered that their bail bonds have been stolen from the County Clerk's office.

Disobeyed the Warning.

MAUCH CHUNG, Pa., March 15.—While walking on the Central Railway track to-day Miss Mabel Tuttle, a school teacher, saw a coal train approaching and in crossing over to the south-bound track was struck by a passenger train and killed. She had been warned by the section foreman ten minutes before not to walk the tracks.

The Number of Newspapers.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Geo. P. Rowell & Co.'s American Newspaper Directory, soon to be issued, states that the newspapers and periodicals of all kinds issued in the United States and Canada now number 17,107, a gain of 797 during the last twelve months and of 7882 in ten years.

A 14-Year-old Murderer.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Patrick Meehan, aged 14, to-day fatally stabbed Christian Weiss, aged 21, a fellow employe in a butcher shop. Weiss directed the boy to clean up the shop. The boy took offence at the way the order was given, picked up a butcher's knife and drove it to the hilt into Weiss' breast below the heart.

A Triple Hanging.

ARADELPHIA, Ark., March 15.—Willie Green, Anderson Mitchell and Daniel Jones, all colored, were hanged to-day for the murder of a negro preacher named Arthur Horton.

Chicago 16. All America 3.

LONDON, March 15.—The Chicago and All America teams played a game to-day at Bristol, which was won by the Chicago's by 10 to 3.

Hockey at the Capital.

OTTAWA, March 15.—A return match was played this afternoon between the Government House and the Parliamentary Hockey teams. The match was a good one and resulted in favor of the members by two goals to one. Capt. Wm acted as referee and the teams were as follows:

Parliamentary:—Messrs. E. C. Grant, H. A. Ward, M. P., Senator Power, G. L. Dickinson, M. P., Fisher, M. P., and Barron, M. P. Government House:—Capt. Bago, Capt. McMahon, Hon. E. Stanley, Hon. A. Stanley, Hon. V. Stanley and Mr. A. Wise.

It has been finally decided that the final tie in the cup series of the American Football Association shall be played in Newark on or before the second Saturday in April. The opponents will be the Calcionians of Newark and the Rovers of Fall River, the present champions.

STILL ANOTHER TASCOTT.

Arbitrary General Martin Contradicts the Rumor of His Intended Resignation.

WINNIPEG, March 15.—A telegram from Selkirk says an Indian has arrived there from Lake Winnipeg bringing in the news of the capture of Tascott by detectives 200 miles out in the lake. He was disguised as a tramp working out in a wood camp near Whitemouth and skipped just before the detectives arrived in search of him.

Attorney-General Martin contradicts the report that he intends resigning his seat in the Cabinet.

The Haffield wife murder trial was continued to-day, medical testimony being given on behalf of the defence to show that Mrs. Haffield was killed by a fall and not from being struck by her husband.

The St. George Snow Shoe Club will erect a \$12,000 club house here.

The boundary line will be patrolled from the Red River to the Rockies by mounted police to prevent smuggling.

Gabriel Dumont arrived at Morris to-day. Immigrants are pouring in in large numbers.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

A Well-Known Ottawa Merchant Arrested—His Statement.

OTTAWA, March 15.—W. E. Brown, boot and shoe merchant of Rideau street, was arrested this afternoon by Detective Carpenter of Montreal and Detective Montgomery of this city, the charge being that he, while in insolvent circumstances, did by gift or conveyance transfer goods to Altha Ann Baker of Wales, in the County of Stormont, to the amount of \$20,000.

Another count of the warrant recites that he (Brown), with the intent to defraud, did unlawfully conceal \$20,000 worth of goods, etc. The warrant was issued at the instance of Samuel & Son, boot and shoe men of Montreal.

Mr. Brown is a defeated candidate for the majority. He says the charges are false from beginning to end and threatens to make Samuel & Son pay for his arrest.

Mr. Brown assigned this morning. His liabilities are supposed to be heavy.

IN A GAMBLING HOUSE.

A Lot of Jewelry Belonging to a Toronto Firm Found in Montreal.

MONTREAL, March 15.—Chief Detective Cullen yesterday evening obtained a search warrant from Judge Dugas representing that he had a well-founded suspicion that certain jewelry claimed by a Toronto firm was in the hands of a Montreal gambler.

The officer pried open the safe and within it found \$500 worth of jewelry, a part of the goods they were after. Thence they went to a disreputable house in the West End. There they found two travelers' trunks filled with jewelry worth approximately \$1500.

The goods were identified by the owners and will be held until Maloney is heard from as to his title to them. Reinholz can nowhere be found and is said to have gone west.

THAT JESUIT INJUNCTION.

The Application to be Made in Quebec—Hon. Mr. Laflamme for the Applicant.

MONTREAL, March 15.—It is understood that the advice of Hon. Mr. Laflamme has been taken on the proposed application to the courts for an injunction to restrain the paying over of money to the Jesuits. The application will be made in Quebec and Mr. Laflamme will probably act on behalf of the applicant.

Big Smelting Works Burnt.

HELENA, Mont., March 15.—The lower works of the Anaconda Smelting Company were burnt yesterday. The works were just nearing completion, and were filled with costly machinery. The loss will reach \$1,000,000. The conflagration was probably the result of a well laid plot. The Anaconda Company is a member of the copper syndicate, and its output is over 8,000,000 pounds of copper per month. This disaster will reduce the output one-third.

A Shaky Trust.

PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—The American Preservers' Association, which is the official title of the Jelly and Preserve Trust, is in a shaky condition. The trust was organized to put up prices, but in a year jelly has fallen from 7 cents a pound to 1 cent a pound. The certificates issued by the trust amount to \$3,500,000.

Lumber Camp Burnt.

SUNDRIDGE, March 15.—Fetherston's lumber camp, about 8 miles west of here, was burnt together with all the contents yesterday afternoon. One man had \$60 in cash and another about \$600 in notes destroyed. The fire is supposed to have originated from light wood near the stove becoming ignited.

Gossip About E. S. Missions.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A Washington special to The Mail and Express says the man the President has in mind for the English mission is Warner Miller of New York. Murat Halstead is pretty sure to get the German mission. France is held open for White-Law Reid.

A Fatal Family Quarrel.

AUSTIN, Nev., March 15.—At Italian Canyon, 12 miles from here, Samuel Rundle yesterday killed his father-in-law, George Hoskins, his mother-in-law and 15-year-old brother-in-law and then committed suicide. The crime grew out of a family quarrel over the division of property.

The Value of Longevity.

Dr. Felix L. Oswald, in writing of the value of longevity, says: "Can there be a doubt that Burns and Keats foresaw the issue of their struggle against bigotry, or that Cervantes, in the gloom of his misery, could read the signs of the dawn presaging a sunburst of posthumous fame?"

"Spinoza and Schiller died at the threshold of their goal; Pascal, Harvey, Macaulay, Buckle and Bichat left their inimitable works half finished; Raphael, Mozart and Byron died at the verge of a summit which perhaps no other foot shall ever approach."

"The price of longevity would redeem the mortgage of our earthly paradise"—and it can be prolonged and should be, with care and the use of proper medicine at the right time.

Owing to the stress, the worry, and the annoyance of every day life there is no doubt but that tens of thousands of men and women yearly fill premature graves.

Especially after middle life should a careful watch be kept over one's physical condition. The symptoms of kidney disease, such as becoming easily tired, headache, neuralgia, feeble heart action, sickle appetite, a splendid feeling one day and an all gone one the next, persistent cough, trouble in urinating, etc., should be diligently looked into and at once stopped through a faithful use of Warner's Safe Cure, which has cured tens of thousands of such troubles and will cure yours.

Experiencing no pain in the region of the kidneys is no evidence that they are not diseased, as those great purifying organs have very few nerves of sensation, and oftentimes the kidneys are positively rotting and being passed away through the urine before the victim is aware he is suffering from advanced kidney disease, which is only another name for Bright's disease.

See Page's hat window for latest spring styles; fine goods a specialty.

THE LICENSE QUESTION.

MR MEREDITH'S AMENDMENT DEFEATED BY 20 MAJORITY.

The House Divides on Strictly Party Lines After Another Day of Debate—The Government's Railway Policy.

TORONTO, March 16.—Mr. Meredith's amendment to the motion that the House go into supply was lost by a majority of 20 yesterday. The House did not divide until nearly midnight. Then when the Opposition Leader's amendment was lost the House went into supply.

Nothing new of importance was brought out in the debate on the license question. In fact the discussion was rather tame. The speakers were Mr. Wylie, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Awey, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Wood (Hastings), Mr. Fell, Mr. Wood (Hastings), Mr. Garson, Mr. Rorke, Mr. E. F. Clarke and Mr. Ingram. This is the division list:

YEAS.—Blyth, Clancy, Clarke, E. F. (Toronto), Clarke, H. (Toronto), Craig, Crighton, Hamilton, H. (Toronto), Kerens, Lees, Meacham, Meredith, Monk, Morgan, Preston, Rorke, Smith (Frontenac), Stewart, Tooley, Whitney, Widdoughy, Wood (Hastings)—23.

NAYS.—Aikin, Armstrong, Awey, Balfour, Balminton, Bishop, Brown, Brownson, Caldwell, Chisholm, Clarke (Well), Deane, Davis, Dryden, Ferguson, Field, Fraser, Freeman, Garson, Gibson (Horn), Gibson (Horn), Gilmore, Graham, Guthrie, Hargrett, Hardy, Lyon, MacAndrew, McKay, McMahon, Mack, Mowat, Murray, Paquet, Phelps, Rayside, Ross (Horn), Ross (Mid.), Smith (York), Snider, Sprague, Waters, Wood (Bram)—13.

When the House went into Supply last night Mr. Meredith asked if any change was proposed in the railway policy of the Government. Mr. Mowat replied that their policy had been embodied in resolutions presented by the Hon. A. M. Ross, which were as follows:

That, by section 6, cap. 23, 4th Victoria, it was provided that the Governor in Council might, subject to the terms and conditions therein contained, grant a bonus, subsidy or annual payment to any company then, or that might thereafter be incorporated, not in excess of \$288 per mile of the construction of a line of railway extending from a point in the District of Muskoka, or farther north as Gravenhurst, to Sault Ste. Marie, the total mileage not to exceed three hundred miles; and that any company has taken advantage of the said provision, and it is desirable to repeal the said section 6, cap. 23, 4th Victoria, in order that the aid thereby authorized may be available for the construction of the railways hereinafter mentioned.

That, subject to the conditions hereinbefore mentioned, there shall be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the undermentioned railway companies, for the construction of the portions of railway, hereinafter mentioned, as follows: That in respect of the Ontario & Rainy River Railway, from the town of Port Arthur to the town of Port William, and thence westerly in the direction of Sault Lake, not exceeding in the whole fifty miles, a cash subsidy of \$300 per mile.

The Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company, from the Village of Little Current to a point on the Canadian Pacific railway, in the township of Naima, a distance not exceeding twenty-eight miles, a cash subsidy of \$300 per mile.

The Parry Sound Colonization Railway Company, from the Town of Parry Sound to Burk's Falls, on the line of the Northern Pacific Junction Railway, a distance of about forty miles, a cash subsidy of \$300 per mile.

The Nipissing and James Bay Railway, from North Bay towards Lake Timiscamingue, a distance not exceeding fifty miles, a cash subsidy of \$300.

The Brockville and Westport Railway Company, from the point where said railway will intersect the Canadian Pacific railway, in the Township of Oss, to Palmer's Rapids, in the Township of Eggleton, a distance of about fifty miles, a cash subsidy of \$300 per mile.

In Her Majesty's address, addressed, his Lieutenant-Governor in Council made, his option direct that payment shall be made semi-annually to the said railways for a period of five years, semi-annual payments of sixty-nine dollars and ninety cents per mile, or as hereinafter provided.

That the Parry Sound Colonization Railway, the Ontario and Rainy River Railway, the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway, the Nipissing and James Bay Railway, the Brockville and Westport Railway, shall be considered to be colonization railways.

That inasmuch as the construction of colonization railways will promote the settlement and increase the value of certain unsettled lands of the Province, inasmuch as it is desirable that a portion of the said lands should be set apart and sold for the purpose of forming a fund to recoup the Province in respect of moneys expended in aiding railways: That, therefore, the proceeds of the sale thereof applied to form the fund aforesaid, that is to say, a tract of land of at least ten miles in width on each side of the present projected line of each of the railways aforesaid, or on each side of the lines of the said railways as the same may be hereafter finally located and established.

That the said lands set apart shall be sold at such price not less than two dollars per acre, and on such terms and conditions as hereinafter provided, and the proceeds thereof to be paid to the Lieutenant-Governor from time to time.

That the moneys arising from the sale of the lands set apart shall constitute a fund to be called "The Railway Subsidy Fund, 1888," and a separate account of the same shall be kept by the Treasurer of the Province.

That the Railway Subsidy Fund shall be applied as follows: The cost and expenses of the collection of the said fund shall form and be the first charge thereon.

The remainder of the said fund shall be applied in or towards payment of the moneys for the interest on the said fund, or which may hereafter be granted in aid of railways.

That all pine trees upon the said lands shall be reserved from sale, and the proceeds of the sale of the said trees shall form no part of the said Railway Subsidy Fund.

That in case, after the said lands are placed in the market, the Commissioner of Crown Lands reports in writing that any particular portion or portions of the lands so set apart, is or are not worth two dollars per acre, it shall or they shall be sold at such reduced rate as may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to reduce the said price, and the same may thereafter be sold at such reduced rate.

That notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct, by way of free grant, or any of the lands so set apart as aforesaid, for the right of way of any railway or for railway stations, workshops or any lands necessary required for constructing or working any railway or any other lands required for public purposes, and of which the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem it to be in the public interest to make free grants.

A Y.M.C.A. YOUNG MAN.

Hasty Departure from Woodstock of J. A. Gould and the Alleged Cause.

WOODSTOCK, March 15.—A sensation of no small proportions was created here to-day by the rumor that J. A. Gould had left town in haste. Gould came from London last spring to assist in the organization of a Y.M.C.A. in town. He has been for 25 years engaged in this work in the United States.

Shortly after this Gould was engaged by Mr. J. White to manage his drug store. Yesterday morning he informed his employer that he wanted to leave town at once to attend to some business in Denver, Col. Mr. J. S. Cole, Provincial Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., arrived in town yesterday and rumor connects this fact with the disappearance of the gentleman named. It is said that Mr. Gould's character will not bear investigation, that he is guilty of an unmentionable iniquity and that this is not the first time he has been compelled to make a hasty departure.

Gould was one of the most stylish and sweet-tongued gentlemen that has ever been met in this town and could pray, preach and sing to perfection. His personal relations are said to be all right.

Woodstock Municipal Nominations.

WOODSTOCK, March 15.—At the nomination of councillors to-day, to fill the seats of the deceased members, these were named: St. John's Ward—J. R. Oliver, Charles Allan, Edward West, R. M. Revell, John Pascoe. St. George's Ward—C. M. Oliver, Joseph Rippon, S. J. Cole, James Bell, For Reeve—J. M. Grant, J. J. Hall and R. M. Revell. Mr. Grant withdrew, and it is possible that there will be no contest.

HOW HE RAN THE CORNER.

Canned Goods Burgess of Mimico in Quad at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, March 15.—For the past week Detectives Davine and Phillips have been working on a grand larceny case which involves the neat little sum of \$37,000 in hard cash. Yesterday the detectives located the men they had been looking for on Delavan-avenue. Specials Lyons and Dickerson arrested him. He was taken to No. 5 Police Station and locked up on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree. He gave his name as Wm. Burgess, a dealer in canned goods and his residence as Mimico, a small village near Toronto. Last night he was brought to police headquarters and locked up in the "freezer."

There are at least a dozen Canadian firms or their representatives here who have been fleeced out of various sums of money by Burgess. Some time ago the prisoner, who is a middle-aged man with a farmer-like appearance but as the detectives say "as smart as chain lightning," conceived the idea of making a corner in the canned goods market. He succeeded so well that he bought \$37,000 worth and then seeing that he would not be able to hold his goods for his price and being closely pressed by his creditors he skipped out to Buffalo with \$15,000 of the money and deposited \$10,000 in the Third National and \$2700 in the Bank of Buffalo of this city. His creditors got track of his whereabouts and in order not to criminate himself in the laws of the Canadian province he jumped over to Clifton, Ont., on Monday and made a general assignment. Then he came back to Buffalo and finding that several of the Toronto detectives were in the city looking for him, he hastily drew the money out of the Buffalo banks and has succeeded in hiding it from the clutch of the officers.

The complainant's name as given on the report this morning, was Edgerton Decew of the Ontario Cannery Company, one of Burgess' largest creditors. Among the other firms repressed in the city are Samuel, Benjamin & Co., Adam Hope & Co. of Hamilton. Officer Joseph Gates of the Ontario detective force, Attorneys Arnoldi, Waddell and others representing the various firms are also in the city.

The case is a peculiar one and the detectives say they do not think Burgess can be criminally prosecuted, and it will result in a civil action. Burgess is willing to go back and settle the \$37,000, and several of the creditors have signified their willingness to take a percentage of their losses.

TORONTO TOPICS.

A Missing Man's Body Found in the Lake—A Reward of \$200 Offered.

TORONTO, March 16.—A reward of \$200 is offered for information of Seymour Porter, who mysteriously disappeared on New Year's day, whether he be dead or alive.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Gilbert Fletcher of the Fletcher Manufacturing Company, which occurred on Dec. 25, was solved yesterday morning, by the finding of the body of the unfortunate man on the lake shore about a mile west of the Humber. It is supposed Mr. Fletcher wandered down to the bay, where he was drowned, the strong current forcing the body out into the lake. The deceased leaves a widow and two children.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Packers' Association was held at the Canadian Grocer office yesterday. The greater part of the day was spent in an informal discussion on matters relating to the trade. The following officers were elected: President, W. Boulter; Vice-President, B. R. Nelles; Secretary-Treasurer, J. B. McLean. Executive Committee—W. A. Ferguson, S. Fenton, W. P. Innes.

Coroner Duncan at 4 p.m. to-day will open an inquest into the death of James Bracken, the G.T.R. fireman scalded at Allandale, and who died of his injuries on the night of March 14.

The difference between Gillespie, Ansley and Martin, and the customs authorities, reported yesterday, was one of interpretation and there was no attempt to defraud the Government.

The picture of the unfortunate girl Ann Diamond of Belleville, who suicided some time ago in Rochester, figures in the roges' gallery attached to the Toronto Police Department. She was sent to the Mercer for six months one year ago for stealing a quantity of jewelry from Mrs. Morrison, Huron-street, Detective Davis effecting the arrest.

Current Capital Chat.

OTTAWA, March 15.—Mr. Small, M.P., to-day received a telegram from Ald. Roof asking that the date of the appearance of the Toronto deputation before the Railway Committee in reference to the City bill be burying telegraph and telephone wires be delayed until the return of the Toronto aldermen now in the United States. Sir Hector Langevin agreed that the bill be made the second order for Thursday next. Tuesday next had been set as the date in a former conference between Sir Hector and Mr. Small.

Lieut. Col. Thos. Bacon, secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association, has been appointed commandant of the Wimbledon team for 1888 and Captain Hood of the Fifth Royal Scots second in command, or adjutant. Captain Hood is one of the foremost riflemen in Canada and has time and again figured in the sixty from which the Wimbledon twenty are chosen. The commandant has all his life devoted himself to the promotion of rifle shooting, and has been a most efficient secretary to the association. The command of the team is a prize always eagerly sought after and this year was no exception to the rule. Amongst the names prominently mentioned, were those of Col. Denison, M.P., and Cod Gravel.

Windsor Jottings.

WINDSOR, March 15.—The Canadian Pacific Railroad is pushing operation with all speed to complete their new road to Windsor. A large gang of men are cutting trees and getting the right of way ready in the neighborhood. Operations have also been commenced for a low bridge about a mile and a half from the town on McDougall-avenue.

Magistrate Bartlett this morning sentenced Willie Frederick, a chronic runaway, to the Ontario Reformatory for Boys at Penetang for a period not to exceed five years.

John Montague, until recently a member of the crooked colony in Windsor, is under arrest in Chicago. He has made a confession implicating some of his Windsor friends who have purchased sealskin cloaks, etc., from him. He was arrested in Detroit about a year ago for having stolen property.

Belleville Wife Beaters.

BELLEVILLE, March 16.—James McCarthy Thursday night beat his wife so seriously that the woman was unable to appear against him yesterday. He was remanded till Monday.

William alias "Spot" Conners was arrested yesterday for beating his wife. The ice on the river is beginning to give way.

The Deafly Knitting Needle.

CALUMET, Mich., March 16.—Ten days ago Ambrose Dubois sat on his wife's knitting needle which punctured his person four inches and broke off. Inflammation set in and he died yesterday.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

PROROGATION BEFORE EASTER NO LONGER PROBABLE.

Considerable Progress Made With Government Measures, and Private Bills Yesterday—In the Railway Committee.

OTTAWA, March 15.—The probability of prorogation before Easter seems to be growing less. With a view to pushing through the Government business, Sir John Macdonald moved this afternoon that for the rest of the session Government business should take precedence on Wednesday, which would leave only one day in the week, Monday, for business promoted by private members. Sir John said he believed the members wished to get away before Easter, and to do this three things would be required of them—short speeches, long sittings and the manifestation of an earnest desire to return as early as possible to their homes. He intimated that the ministry didn't care much whether the prorogation was before or after Easter, though he thought the members generally would be inconvenienced by having to come back.

An objection was taken by Mr. Laurier that with only one day a week available justice could not be done to the business outlined on the order paper, which contains now upwards of seventy notices of motion.

In deference to the opposition manifested Sir John then amended the resolution so as to give one more Wednesday for private business.

Considerable progress was made to-day with Government bills. Discussion on the amendment to the act respecting certificates to masters and mates of ships brought out the fact that in the law of the past a coasting trade certificate holding good for all ports in Canada allowed the master or mate holding it to navigate his vessel all the way round the Maritime Provinces to British Columbia, while hitherto it was unlawful to sail on such a certificate to the island of St. Pierre-Miquelon or the West India Islands. The act is now amended so as to include all ports in these places and all ports on the east coast of America.

The bill making provision for the winding-up if desired of other than insolvent companies got its second reading after some little discussion. This constituted the afternoon's business.

The evening in the House was devoted to private bills. The following were read a third time and passed:

To ratify an exchange of land between the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company and the Land Security Company—Mr. Small. Respecting the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company—Mr. Kirkpatrick. Amending the act incorporating the Winnipeg and North Pacific Railway Company—Mr. Bergin.

Respecting the Berlin and Canada Pacific Junction Railway Company—Mr. Bowman. Respecting the Bay of Quinte Bridge Company—Mr. Corby.

In committee Hon. John Costigan's resolution respecting proposed changes in the law governing the inspection and culling of timber was fully criticised by lumbermen of both sides of politics—Messrs. Cook, White, Edwards and Perley, the last named claiming to voice the general sentiment in objecting to any act of this kind subjecting the lumbermen to a regulation fee when there was no probability of their requiring the services of the inspectors provided for. Sir John Macdonald at length had the resolution passed on the promise that an opportunity for full discussion would be afforded when the bill founded upon it was being introduced.

Mr. Haggart's bill respecting the Civil service then came up for second reading. It deals mainly with postoffice departmental matters. There was quite a discussion about the proposition to increase the salary of the Toronto postmaster to \$4000, the same as that of the postmaster at Montreal. The bill having been read a second time and passed through committee the House adjourned at 11 o'clock.

THE C. P. R.'S BILL.

More Time Required by the Government for its Consideration.

OTTAWA, March 15.—A big phalanx of railway lawyers and railway men invaded the meeting of the Railway Committee this morning in expectation that the Canadian Pacific Railway's bill would be considered. Sir Hector Langevin at once announced that the Government desired more time to study the measure, which is attracting a great deal of attention, and it was decided to make it the first order for Thursday next.