### CAPT. SEAGRAVE SACKED

SCENES OF GREAT DISORDER IN THE IMPERIAL HOUSE.

of'on to Reduce Balfour's Salary Defeat d - French Deputies - After the

Scalps of the Copper Speculators. LONDON, March 21. - In the House of Commons this afternoon Baron De Worms, Parliamentary Colonial Secretary, read a telegram from the Cape in reply to inquiries concerning Captain Seagrave who commanded the constables at the Mitchellstown riots in 1887. The telegram said Seagrave was dismissed from the Caph infantry service in 1885 for gross neglect of duty and breach of trust. A scene of great disorder followed. The Irish members rose in their places and cheered and there were cries of "Pigott!" "Pigott!" Remember Mitchellstown!"

Secretary Balfour said he had suspended Seagrave but preferred not to dismiss him documentary evidence of his guilt had

been received. On the vote on Mr. Balfour's salary Mr. Morley severely criticised the Government's action in carrying on a "furtive and clandestine battle behind its opponents' backs." Mr. Bradlaugh moved that Mr. Balfour's

salary be reduced by £500. Mr. Bradlaugh's motion was rejected, 272

Hallfax to be Tied to Bermuda by Cable. LONDON, March 21. - In the House of Commons to-day Postmaster-General Rukes announced that the Government intended to lay a ubmarine cable between Bermuda and Halifax.

### Naughty Peers May Stay.

LONDON, March 21.—In the House of Lords to night the Earl of Carnacyon's bill providing for the expulsion of peers from the House for discreditable conduct was rejected, 73 to 14.

# The Realys Have Pigott's Diary.

LONDON, March 21.—Pigott's diary is said to be in possession of Maurice and Timothy M. Heaty, National members of Parliament.

To be Freduced Before the Commission. LONDON, March 21.-Mr. Lewis, solicitor for the Paruellites, has secured Richard Pigott's diary and will produce it before the Parnell Commission.

### Germany and Britain.

LONDON, March 21.—It is now admitted by diplomate in Berlin that Prince Bismarck's efforts to form an alliance between Germany and England have failed completely. Emperor William was exceedingly desirous of contracting the alliance, and it is understood that he still has hopes of bringing it about. It is this hope which has induced him to invite the Prince of Wales to visit Berlin.

### An Alliance Hoped For.

BERLIN, March 21. - Count H .. . Bismarck started to-day for London. sen Z atung says the object of his to personally settle the last question in connection with the rapprochement between England and Germany and adds: "The fact that only such divergence exists as personal explanations, can reconcile justifies hopes of an Anglo-German alliance."

### The Copper Crisis,

PARIS, March 21.-In the Chamber of Deputies to-day M. Laur, in the discussion of an interpellation on the copper crisis, de manded that the penal code provision against monopolies be enforced. He accused the Rothschilds of causing the crisis and of lead. ing an interantional plot against the French markets and urged the necessity of an enquiry into the crisis. M. Rouvier, Minister of Finance, ridiculed

M. Laur's speech as a romance. M. Thevenet, Minister of Justice, said the law against monopolies had not been repealed,

but it was difficult to prove charges of mono-M. Lejeune reproached the Government for refusing to intervene in the Panama Canal

affair, and yet intervening in the Comptour d Escompte crisis. M. Rouvier replied that the Government had been unable to interfere in the Panama

Canal affair. M. Millerand said the Government had per-Formed only a part of its duty; it still re Juned to make a salutary example. He coposed an order of the day calling for an

6 imediate judicial enquiry into the copper monopoly. M. Thevenet stated that the Government would scrupulously examine into the matter with the view of reaching the guilty parties, but it reserted the right to choose its own

time for the investigation. The order of the day, pure and simple, was

rejected, 284 to 234. M. Laur then withdrew his motion for the enforcement of the monopoly law, and after further discussion M. Thomson moved an order of the day declaring the government would take steps to ascertain who were responsib for the crisis and to make the law re-

M. Thomson's motion was accepted by the Government and was adopted by a vote of **339** to 312.

Behring's to be Declared a Closed Sea. NEW YORK, March 21. - A Washington despatch to The Post says: President Harrison will soon issue a proclamation declaring that the Behring Sea is a closed sea. In the closing hours of the last Congress an amendment was incorporated in the Inter-Territorial Salmon Fishing Act, which extends the provisions of the Salmon Fishing Act to seal fishing in Behring Sea, that is to say, the act forbids the taking of scal by anyone not authorized by the act within the waters of Behring Sea, and does not exclude them merely from fishing on certain islands. The act may give rise to important international complications. It is an attempt, by legislative enactment, to settle an international question which the great powers interested may consider still an open one.

# A Baby Found in a Satchel.

NEW YORK, Maich 21.-Trainmen going through the train from New Haven at the Grand Central Depot this afternoon found a queer looking satchel under a seat. It was taken to the superintendent's office and opened. There was a baby boy in it, not over a month old, in a long white slip and flannel skirts packed about its feet. The old valise had been lined with cotton and in the snug nest the baby slept contentedly. The valise also contained a half-filled mitk bottle, smelling strongly of paregoric. The babe was turned over to the police matron.

A Banquet Tendered Mr. Wiman, PORTLAND, Me., March 21. - The Portland Board of Trade, with a view of discussing closer relations between the United States and Canada, have tendered a public banquet to Erastus Wiman of New York in order to afford that gentleman opportunity for the delivery of an address upon this subject. Dinner is to be given at Falmouth Hotel on the night of Saturday, March 30. A committ e of prominent citizens is in charge of the matter, the chairman being W. L. Putnam, late of the fishery commission that negotiated the Chamberlain-Bayard treaty.

# INTERESTINGITEMS BY WIRE.

The Quebec Legislature was prorogued yesterday. August you Pettenkofen, the Austrian

painter, is dead. has been opened at the west end of L. ...ie.

A number of additional Provincial University examiners were appointed last night. The Franchise Bill is expected to come

up in the House at Ottawa-to-day. A little girl, 6 years old, fell from a fast express train on the M.C.R. yesterday near Attercliffe, and was not missed until the train reached Welland. She was found in a pool of water in the ditch, conscious and with no bones bruken.

TORONTO YOUNG LIBERALS.

Speeches from Two Maritime Province M. P.'s on Trade Relations with the States.

TORONTO March 22. - Hon. L. H. Davies. M.P. for Queen's, P.E.I., of whon a good likeness is given below, and A. H. Gillmor! M. P. for Charlotte, N. B., were the chief speakers at the meeting under the auspices of the Young Liberals in Shaftesbury Hall last night. President J. S. Willison occupied the chair and on the platform were seated H. W. Darling, Robert Jaffray, Ald. Alf. McDougall, Richard Caddick, Hon. A. S. Hardy, M. L. A., G. B. Smith, M. L. A., Thomas Gibson, M. L. A., Dr. J. W. Mc-Laughlin, M. L. A., G. Mercer Adams, Thomas Moor, George Kerr, jr.



HON. LOUIS HENRY DAVIES.

paid a tribute to Hon. Alex. Mackenzie. Hon. Edward Blake and Hon. Wilfred Laurier. He compared the respective politics of Mr. Mackenzie and Sir John Macdonald with reference to the Canadian Pacific Railway and asked why it was that a country possessing the undoubted advantages that Manitoba and the Northwest did could not draw settlers. He could only find one reason - vicious government and the too quick construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. What the Northwest wanted was increased population and increased wealth. And what was true of the Northwest was equally true of the rest of Canada. The population statistics of Canada were alarming. Instead of holding our natural increase the country was losing. Continuing Mr. Davies said:

How was population and capital to be got for Canada? By throwing down the customs barriers between this country and the United States. That country was our natural market. The two countries that we traded with were Great Britain and the United States. Our trade with the United States was slightly greater than that with Great Britain, and our trade with the rest of the world was comparatively slight. Where then should we look for an extension of trade but with a country that was already consuming our products largely and which was developing an increased ability to consume them? An abolition of the customs houses would promote that trade. As a proof, see the results of the reciprocity treaty between 1854 and 1866. The first year's trade amounted to \$14,230,763, while the trade in 1866 reached the enormous sum of over \$84,000. 000. Every Province in the Dominion would reap advantage of the re-enactment of that treaty. They made efforts to restore the treaty, but the people of the United States would not consent to it unless it took the scope of a complete, broad free trade, This they were now advocating, confident that the Dominion at large would reap great benefit from its adoption. Manufacturers that were worth having could compete against United States manufacturers. It was only the sop fed manufacturers who could not hold up their heads with the manufacturers across the

Mr. Davies said the Liberal party were not disloyal but were willing and anxious to work out their political abstiny under the flag that now floated over them. [Applause and cheers.] He did not think that any man was disloyal to the Empire who sought to bring about a better feeling between Great Britain and the United States. When the great struggle which was impending on the European continent, which all powers there were preparing for and which England was straining every nerve to be in readiness for - when this conflict came he wanted to see the United States give the Mother Country her moral and material support. [Cheers and applause.] The disloyalty clause was nonsense. It meant nothing. If Unrestricted Reciprocity were ushered in it would mean an era of prosperity for Canada, progression of the country and contentment of the people.

Mr. Davies closed his address, which lasted nearly two hours, with an appeal for closer commercial relations between the two great Anglo-Saxon peoples which inhabit this continent.

Mr. Gilmour was next called up, and he kept the meeting laughing for nearly half an hour. He said it appalled him to attempt to speak before such a large audience, especially as it was composed of faces he had never seen before. Down in his county he had never spoken to more than 50 people at a time, generally in a cross-roads school house, and he knew every man in the room. [Laughter]. Then Mr. Gilmour told a number of funny stories. He said he was not a party man and he likened himself to the Irishman, who on giving instructions to be buried between his two dead wives, told the grave-digger to be sure and give his head a strong cant towards "Biddy." He likewise had a strong cant for the Liberals.

Mr. Gillmor\_talked seriously for a few minutes about the importance of the trade relations between Canada and the United States, said the two peoples could trade freely without being politically united and

much good would result to all. Hon, A. S. Hardy congratulated the Young Liberals on their enterprise in bringthe gentlemen to Toronto. A voto of thanks was given the speakers and the meeting broke up with cheers for the Queen and the members from down by the sea.

The Third Party. TORONTO, March 22. .- Canada's New Party, as it is officially called, opened a convention here yesterday afternoon in one of the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Rev. Dr. Sutherland is president of the council and Mr. Wm. Munns of Parkdale Committees were appointed on Finance, Platform, etc., and subscriptions amounting to \$400 taken for the campaign fund. A public meeting was held at the Pavilion in the evening at which exgough and others spoke, and resolutions were passed, condemning the grant to the Jesuits as unconstitutional and disloyal : protesting against the course of the Government with reference Dominion thereto; advising taking constitutionality of the act in the courts; condemning the attitude of the Ontario Government in regard to the use of the French language and Roman Catholic text-books in the common schools of eastern Ontario; hailing the advent of a new party, and deprecating in the strongest possible manner the attitude of both political parties in the Dominion Parliament toward the question of probibition, as shown by the recent debate on Mr. Jamieson's resolution.

### THEIR OCCUPATION GONE.

THE ASSEMBLY TO BE PROROGUED TO-MORROW AFTERNOON.

### The Blouse Cleans off Its Slate-Bills That Were Passed to a Third Reading-The Railway Measure.

TORONTO, March 22. In the Assembly yesterday morning there was a discussion on Mr. Balfour's bill to amend the Otario Election Act. Mr. Wood of Hastings moved that the bill be referred back to committee to be so amended that for members of this House there shall be a secret ballot. The Commissioner of Crown Lands and others spoke against the amendment, which was supported by by Mr. Willoughby, Mr. Creighton and other members of the Opposition The House divided and the amendment was lost, 30 to 50.

In the afternoon Mr. Creighton, on behalf of Mr. Meredith, who was absent, brought up the case of Mr. S. M. Davis, who in July, 1888, in the town of Goderich, was assaulted by Mr. Macdonald, Deputy Clerk of the County of Huron. Davis, he stated, was now going round on crutches. The Attorney General replied that both parties had been drinking at the time which accounted for the affair having taken place, and an action was brought by Davis against Macdonald, and he had received some slight damages, and Mr. Mowat said that he had not neglected to give the matter attention! He felt sorry for Davis, who wished him to dismiss Macdonald from his position. This the Attorney-General was not disposed to do. He was an efficient officer and had always attended to his duties.

The supplementary estimates brought down on Wednesday, amounting to \$148,-142, were considered in committee and adopted. On motion to concur in the estimates for public institutions, howeve, Mr. Creighton moved that the following words be added to the motion: "But while willing to grant all necessary sums for the maintenance of our public institutions, this House is of opinion that the system heretofore pursued of purchasing large quantities of supplies for these institutions without public competition opens the way for gross favoritism and extravagance, is not in the public interest and aught to be discon-

Mr. Harcourt moved an amendment to the amendment, that all after the word "that" in the resolution be struck out and the following inserted: "There be added to the original resolution these words; and whilst concurring on such resolutions this House desires to express the opinion that, in regard to supplies for the institutions which cannot advantageously be supplied by tender, the purchasing officers should insist that where wholesale quantities are purchased, only current wholesale prices should be charged.

This was carried by a vote of 50 to 28 and a bill was at once introduced by Mr. A. M. Ross giving effect to the estimates and

Mr. O'Connor's bill to provide for the sale of land for taxes by the local municipalities was on motion for its second reading so strongly opposed that he consented to with-

During the afternoon the bill giving effect to the railway resolutions, which was read a second time on Wednesday, was rushed through committee and read a third time. These bills also received their third read-

Respecting the City of Toronto-E. F. Clarke To confirm a certain agreement between the City of Kingston and certain railway companies -Mr. Metcalf. To amend the Ontario Election Act-Mr.

Respecting the administration of justice in certain cases—the Attorney-General. To amend the Division Courts Act-Mr. Gibson (Hamilton),

To amend the Public Health Act-Mr. Gibson (Hamilton). To amend the Law of Slander-Mr. French. Respecting Live Stock Insurance -- Mr.

Tolmake further provision respecting the property of religious institutions-the Attorney-General. Respecting the Port Arthur Light and Power

Company-Mr. Connice. At the evening session there was the customary display of festivity which accompanies the closing hours of a parliamentary session. The members concluded their relaxation by singing the "National Anthem"

and "Auld Lang Syne." To morrow at 3 p.m. the House will be prorogued.

# TORONTO TOPICS.

### Another Serious Charge Against Andy Maloney, the Montreal Sport.

TORONTO, March 22.—Andy Maloney, the Montreal Cambler, is in deeper water than the trouble caused by his recent arrest for the larceny of \$14,000 worth of jewelry. Hattie Johnson, a woman of the town, claims to be Mrs. Maloney first, last and all the time, as against a second claimant who not only holds the title but in proof thereof has produced a pledge of affection which she claims to be the legitimate offspring of Mr. Maloney. Mrs. Maloney, alias Johnston, is so incensed against Andy for his alleged infidelity that she has initiated bigamy proceedings against him.

Mr. Frank Arnoldi, solicitor for Assignee G. M. Gardner, has been over at Buffalo endeavoring to get Burgess, the Mimico canning man, to disgorge some of the money that he carried off and to get him to come back to Toronto to assist in winding up the estate. The result is that there will be returned immediately to the estate about \$14,105 of the money, and that as soon as the creditors who are pursuing Burgess are aware of the fact he will be released and return to his friends.

Sir Alexander Campbell had a slight stroke of facial paralysis the other day.

Sixty architects from various parts of the Province met at the Queen's yesterday and organized themselves into "The Ontario Association of Architects," one of the objects of which is to secure legislation regulation the practice of the profession. These officers were chesen: President, W. G. Storm, Toronto; vice-presidents, K. Arnold, Ottawa; Geo. J. Durant, London; James Balfour, Hamilton. Secretary, S H. Townsend, Toronto; treasurer, N. B. Dick, Trrento. The next meeting will be held in Toronto on the third Wednesday of November.

Detective John Cuddy last night proceeded to one of the leading hotels and arrested John Macdonald of Paisley, Scotland, on a charge of embezzlement, at once cabling the news to the interested parties in that town. It is alleged that Macdonald. who is an auctioneer, was entrusted with a quantity of goods to sell on commission. He disposed of the goods, but failed to make a proper return, taking a jaunt to Canada instead.

# Six Boys Escape from the Industrial.

MIMICO, March 21. -- To night about 7.30 six of the largest boys escaped from the Victoria Industrial School. They were not missed until they had got a good start. Their names are: Graham who comes from Dunnville, Abraham from Stratford, Warner from Lindsay, Churchill, Tozer and Risley from Toronto. They were dressed when they left in the school uniform of ; ray with red stripes on the ats and pantalous.

### FIRES OF A DAY.

A Big Blaze at Bowmanville- The Losses and Insurance.

BOWMANVILLE, March 21. - About 3.45 this morning fire was d'scovered in McClung's Block in the building occupied by W. Quick & Co., grocers and provision dealers, who have been moving their stock the past two days to Buckier's Block. The fire had got such headway before it was discovered that the whole upper part of the block was enveloped, and nothing was saved except some dry goods from McClung Bros.' stock on the first floor. The building was completely gutted. Nothing now remains but the bare brick walls of what was the finest brick block in the town.

The block contained two large stores on the ground floor-W. Quick & Co., groceries and provisions, and McClinng Bros., dry goods The second flat was occupied by Dr. J. M. Brimacombe as dental parlors and R. Russell Loscombe's law offices. The whole of the third flat was occupied by Chas. Ruse's school of music.

The fire brigades were unable to stay the flames, and James B. Fairbairn's brick block adjoining on the east soon fell a prey to the. devouring element. The first to be cleaned out was Richard Worth's hardware store, and then David Davis' boot and shoe store. Part of the second story was occupied until a few days ago by Samuel Allin. Two larger stone houses in the rear of these two blocks and several smaller buildings, used as store rooms, were also burned.

About 9.30 a second alarm was sounded, when volumes of smoke were seen issuing from the roof of John Higginbotham's block, occupied by W. Ellison & Co., dry goods, and L. E. Higginbotham, drug store and residence, and Dr. E. C. McDowell's surgery. The second story was mostly destroyed.

The losses and insurances are as follows:

Miss McClung......\$12,000 \$10,000 McClung Bros. 15,000 15,500 J. M. Brimacombe ...... 1,000 R. R. L. scombe. ..... Chas. Ruse..... J. R. Fairbairn ..... R. Worth.... J. Higginbotham ..... Ellison & Co..... Higginbotham & Son. E. Higginbotham..... Dr. McDowell, whose office adjoined Mr.

E. Higginbotham's dwelling, loses about \$100 in property destroyed during removal, Mr. F. F. McArthur's block was somewhat damaged, as also was the dry goods stock of

Thompson & Co. 1	comba	mies are interested as
follows:	1	
Royal	\$5000	Western\$9000
I nornix	1960	-Fitna 8500
Hartford,	12(N)	B. America 8000
Caledonia	2000	Com Union 2000
N. B. & M	1400	L & L & G 4000
Quebec	5000	Royal Can 5500
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### Rottling Works Burnt.

Elmira, N.Y., March 21.-E. B. Gardner's Eagle bottling works were burned this morning. Loss \$25,000.

That Mysterious Deputation.

HAMILTON, March 21 - The deputation here vesterday comprising representatives from New York, Chicago, Toronto, Brantford and other places conferred with regard to the building of a line of railway through the city and over the mountain to the Niagara frontier to connect the Vanderbilt system in the east with the Michigan Central. Their schemes are pretty well advanced, they having already secured the transfer to them of a charter. Nothing very definite was done at the meeting here, but what was done was of a most satisfactory nature. It is proposed to build the road from the Falls through Hamilton and Toronto, taking in other places on the road, and connect with the Canada Southern near St Thomas. It is also proposed to run a line of steamers and build wharves and elevators at this city.

### Assaulted by Footpads.

HAMILTON; March 21. - Charles Hale, who keeps a fruit and confectionery store in James. street, near the market, reported to the police. to-day that about eleven o'clock last night, as he was going home along King William-street, about 100 yards east of the Central Police Station, he was set upon by two men, one of whom, a big powerful fellow, held him while the other gave him a fearful blow on the head and tried to go through him. He heard one of them say, "He's got money about him," but Mr. Hale had left all his money except a little change at his store. Hale says he was half unconscious for a while, but when he came to he shouted for the police, and the men ran as they saw two people coming in the distance. His head was very badly cut and his clothes covered with blood.

# Winnipeg Wire Whispers,

WINNIPEG, March 21. - There is likely to be a newsnaper war between The Free Press and The Sun over circulation and the former will issue an evening edition in a few weeks. Wheat is quoted at from 10 to 18 cents higher in Manitoba than in Dakota. The Fargo Argus paints a dark picture of

wheat famme in Dakota. About 700 settlers arrived to-day. There was a rise in the price of bread today, only fourteen lovaes being now given for

a dollar. McGarigle has left for Toronto.

# Found Browned.

WELLAND, March 22 - About 2 o'clock yesterday the body of Peter Dayboll was found in the race-way at Welland. It is supposed he was intoxicated and attempted to cross on the ice, which unfortunately gave away and the poor man was drowned. He leaves a large family of children partly grown up.

Given the Three Months' Hoist. HALIFAX, March 22.—The House of Assembly, by a vote of 19 to 18, has given the three months' hoist to the proposition to allow Dominion Government officials to vote at muicipal elections in Nova Scotia.

Sir Charles Tupper arrived from Ottawa yesterday afternoon. He is the guest of Col. Clarke, and will remain till Saturday.

# Whisky Raid at Whitby.

WHITBY, March 21. - License Inspector John Ferguson and Chief Constable Hugh McBrien made a raid to-day on the Royal Hotel, kept by James Black, also on the Armstrong Hotel, kept by Van Woodruff, and captured a quantity of whisky and beer in the bars.

### Terrible Bynamite Explosion. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 21. -A sound

like the combined roar of hundreds of cannon followed by the ascension of a huge black cloud of smoke to a towering height startled the inhabitants of Lakewood, N. J., and adjacent villages at 1 p.m. to-day. The earth was shaken as if by an earthquake. An explosion had occurred in the mixing room of the works of the United States Dynamite Company, three miles from Toms River. Thomas Haggerty and William Nicholas were the only occupants of the room. Nicholas was blown to atoms and Haggerty died in less than an hour. He was unable to explain the accident. His body was terribly mutilated and he suffered great agony. The shock was perceptible in all the towns and villages within 15 or 20 miles, At Toms River many citizens were greatly alarmed. Some buildings were violently shaken and the earth trembled. At Man. chester and Farmingdale the report was distinctly heard. The United States Dynamite Company located its factory near Toms River about four years ago. Three explosions have occurred there in which five men were killed and three maimed for life.

# An Albany Fallure,

ALBANY, N. Y., March 21 -This afternoon Bradstreet's reparted the embarrassment of Robert Geer, a well-known flour and salt merchant, who transferred property aggregating \$50,000 to his father, James L. Geer, who lives in Connecticut, and to whom he is said to be beavily indebted.

# DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

A NUMBER OF BILLS READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

### The N. W. M. P. Pension Resolution Adopted-Sir John Thompson's Commercial

Paper Bill Under Discussion. OTTAWA, March 21.—The proposed increase in the salary of Toronto's postmaster was made the subject of a division of the House this afternoon. On the third reading of the bill amending the Civil Service Act so as to authorize such an increase, Sir Richard Cartwright moved an amendment fixing \$3200 as the maximum salary of a postmaster. The amendment was lost, 68 to 113. The bill was then read a

third time and passed. The bill amending the

Winding-up Act was also 'read a third time

and passed. The resolution providing for certain amendments in the Customs Act, already enumerated, was considered in committee and adopted, and a bill founded upon it introduced. Among the most noteworthy provisions are those prohibiting the importation of any goods, except in railway carriage, during the night time or on statutory holidays without a permit and supervision; that the value for duty shall always include transportation charges and royalty payable, and that valuation by port appraisers may be reviewed by the Dominion Board.

Sir John Macdonald's resolution providing a system of pensions for the Northwest Mounted Police was adopted. There was considerable opposition caused by Hon. David Mills, who objected to any extension of the pension system and thought the Mounted Police were paid enough to admit of their pension allowance being collected from their daily pay.

The rest of the evening was spent in the discussion of Sir John Thompson's bill codifying and on certain points amending the laws relating to promissory notes and bills of exchange. Several members of the Opposition objected to going on with the bill because they said there would not be time for a proper discussion if the House was to adjourn by Easter, and Mr. Laurier said that if they could not prorogue by that time the chances were that the session would be extended for several weeks beyond.

Mr. Mitchell was amongst the most earnest in protesting against going on with the bill in a hurry, because he said there was a law suit in every line. Sir John Thompson decided to go on with the bill, however, and good progress was made with it, facilitated probably by the fact that the chamber contained little more than a quorum of members when the discussion was going on. The House adjourned at 11.50.

A MILITARY DEPUTATION.

### The Government Asked for a Grant to Bring Crack Regiments to Camp.

OTTAWA, March 21. - A deputation of military men from the west arrived in Ottawa today for the purpose of endeavoring to secure Government assistance towards bringing four city corps to camp to learn the new system of infantry drill just prescribed. The corps are the Queen's Own Rifles and Grenadiers of Toronto, the Thirtee th Battalion of Hamil ton and the Dufferin Rifles of Brantford, and it is proposed that they should spend four days together on Niagara Common, an immense parade ground.

They first interviewed Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia. Colonel Dawson was chief spokesman of the deputation. He pointed out that the city corps, especially those of Toronto, where there was no drill shed or parade ground available, had no opportunity of learning the drill newly prescribed save by going into can p. The men were willing togive their time for nothing if the Government would pay for transport and subsistence. It was proposed that about 1200 men should take part and the Government grant asked was \$3500. Major Carpenter, M.P., endorsed the application, as he did not see how the city corps could acquire the desired information without going into camp and giving a few days' hard work to it. Senator Macdonald also spoke in support of the application.

Sir Adolphe Caron said such a grant as asked for could not be taken out of the ordinary appropriations, and if special votes were proposed application would be very generally received from other places, whose requests could not consistently be refused. He was afraid that the Finance Minister or the Council would not consent to the expenditure involved. Colouel Otter said he thought if the Government would place the sum required in the estimates they would get general support from the House. Major Carpenter agreed with this. Colonel Dawson pointed out that similar applications from all city corps might be granted, and still the expenditure for 1889 would be less than for 1888, as a considerable reduction had been made in the estimates. Mr. Adam Brown said there was no body of men in Canada more deserving of encouragement than were the volunteers.

Sir Adolphe Caron said the proposition practically meant that certain corps should have sixteen days' drill instead of twelve as allowed at present. He believed himself that twelve days was too short a period and had always advocated sixteen days, but had not been able to secure sufficiently large appropriations to meet the outlay. He would lay the application before his colleagues, though he must say he thought there was little prospect of suc-

The deputation and their parliam ntary friends next waited upon Sir John Macdonald to make the same application to him. Having heard Col. Dawson, Col. Otter, Mr. Small, Mr. Brown and others, Sir John said he was afraid that in this year of retrenchment the Government could not grant the desired appropriation. "We must consult the military authorities, though," he added, "and I will speak to the Minister and to General Middleton. He's a good practical man." Being further pressed, on the score that the new drill could not possibly be learned this year at city headquarters, Sir John jocosely remarked that he would arrange it with President Harrison that there should be no war this year.

# CAPITAL GUSSIP.

#### Labor Topics-Mr. Kenny's Motion Touching the C.P.R. Bill.

OTTAWA, March 21. - Messrs. Eiliott, Labor Representative at the Capital, Wright of Toronto and Casey of St. Catharines waited upon the Minister of Justice to-day to request a change in the Seamen's Agreement Act so as to admit of the issue of a writ of certiorari after conviction under the act, permitting a review of the judgment rendered. Sir John Thompson expressed himself as favorably impressed with the arguments of the deputation. Though he has not quite recovered his

health General Master Workman Powderly has signified his intention of giving the promised lectures on labor topics at Toronto and Ottawa. He is not likely to speak elsewhere for the present. His Toronto lecture will be on April 13 and he will lecture at Ottawa two days later.

Mr. Cook's bill to compel owners of elevators to provide proper precautions to prevent accidents came to griet to-day in the select committee to which it had been referred. They came to the conclusion that the subject was one for provincial legislation.

Mr. Kenny of Halifax has given notice that he will move, on consideration of the Canadian Pacific Railway bill in committee of the whole, a resolution granting the powers asked for by the bill only on consideration that the railway shall expend \$100,000 before Jan. I, 1889, on the short line railway between Mattawamkeag and Harvey and Salsbury and that the company shall agree to complete

this line within two years from that date. Sir John Macdonald is credited with the statement that when the disallowance of the Jesuits Estates Act comes to a vote his party will vote solidly with him with the exception of Messrs. Wallace, McNeill, McCarthy, Tyrwhitt and O'Brien and that there will be only about twenty votes cast on

the side of disallowance. The Weavers in Fighting Mood. FALL RIVER, March 21. - The weavers to-day voted to continue the strike.