

Notes on the News of the Week.

Apart from the progress made with private bills, the house of commons is merely marking time at Ottawa. The debate continues on Sir Charles Tupper's amendment, and until it is disposed of the estimates cannot be taken up. The proceedings during the week have been destitute of interest. A speech made by Sir Charles at Quebec last week was a surprise to his Jingo friends. He declared that while an Imperialist he was not one of the type of Laurier, who wanted Canada to have representatives at London and to contribute to the support of the army and navy. He spoke strongly against both proposals. While not consistent with his previous utterances, his speech was a clever appeal to the French Canadians to support him at the coming election.

There seems to be no end to developments of the crookedness with which Montreal municipal affairs are administered. The clerk of Bonsecours market being accused of extorting a bonus from those who rented stalls, made a clean breast of it; declared he had done so for years, and that he handed over the money to aldermen on the market committee, who pocketed it as a perquisite. Two of the accused aldermen deny the charge. A city official has fled, after pilfering monies entrusted to him, and it looks as if his escape had been connived at by his superiors. His case is matched by the manager of a branch office of the City and Districts Savings bank, who, on being detected of stealing \$5,000, disappeared.

The people of Manitoba are excited over the Dominion parliament having granted a charter to a C.P.R. branch that will run parallel with an existing line of the Northern Pacific, and which will prevent that company from increasing its mileage. In shouting over Strathcona and his troops, we are apt to forget how completely he and his associates in the C.P.R. control both sides of the house. The generosity of Lords Mountstephen and Strathcona to Canada, great as it has been, does not compare with the generosity of Canada to them, and that generosity continues, for every session there is some fresh concession to the C.P.R. Exasperated by the railway tyranny that eats up so much of their profits, the Manitoba farmers seek for a remedy in their government buying up existing lines and building new ones as required.

In theory state-ownership of railways is admirable; in practice, it is a failure in Canada. Let the people of Manitoba look at the record of the Intercolonial and take warning. What ought to be done is, to exercise supervision over freight and passenger rates. The Dominion government ought to be invested with power to regulate the rates charged by railways holding charters from it, and so, in like way, should the provincial governments have power over the roads they incorporated and bonused.

The report that Admiral Dewey has reconsidered his determination not to run for the presidency is exciting our neighbors. The probability is, that the Democratic convention will tender their nomination to Dewey, which would snuff out Bryan, with his impracticable 16 to 1 silver policy, and give McKinley a hard run.

The opening of the Paris exhibition is set down for Saturday, but it will be merely formal, for the buildings are not ready, and will not be for six weeks. All accounts agree as to the extent of the exhibition grounds and the size and beauty of its buildings, which eclipse those of Chicago. The directors have decided that all the departments must remain open on Sunday, so exhibitors who have conscientious scruples are compelled to withdraw their entries.

The investigation into the attempt to shoot the Prince of Wales shows that the lad Spido was the tool of three men, whom he met in a wine-shop, and who induced him to attempt what they shrank from themselves. A conversational debate in the Belgian legislature showed plainly

enough that a majority of the members have no love for Britain or its rulers. The evidence given at Brussels of the length to which the present anti-British feeling leads, may prevent the Prince visiting the Paris exhibition.

A speech by the under-secretary of war, Mr Wyndham, in the Imperial house of commons, foreshadows a revolution in the British army. As is well known, that army is solarly officered by aristocrats that its control is in the hands of the nobility. In many regiments, notably the cavalry and guards, plebeians are carefully excluded. Even in those regiments where there are openings provided for those who rise from the ranks, such an expenditure is exacted that poor men have to decline the honor or undergo endless humiliations. Mr Wyndham intimated that this state of affairs must end if the efficiency of the army was desired, and such changes would have to be made in style of living that officers could live on their pay. In a number of regiments the pay of a lieutenant does not do more than cover the cost of the mess, so that officers must have private incomes. How the change is to be effected from an establishment of officers who hold their positions by virtue of their birth and wealth, to one of officers appointed for merit, he did not indicate, beyond praising the U. S. system of graduation at West Point. The experience of the present war is, of course, the powerful factor in inducing a change. The saying of the French during the Crimean war, that the British army was one of lions led by asses, has not been so opposite to the South African campaign, yet there have been many events to give it point. Colonel Rhodes tells a story of bungling in the relief of Kimberley that reveals the incompetence of titled generals, in Natal brave men were sent to be shot by commanders who did not know their business, and, only the other day, a detachment of artillery drove into a Boer trap because its officer was prying into his brains were not proportionate to his rank in command. If the change indicated by Mr Wyndham is even measurably brought about it will do more to weaken the power of the nobility than the reform of the house of lords.

The situation in South Africa has not improved. The Boers have been active and have overrun all of the Free State east of Bloemfontein. In this aggressive movement they caught up with and surrounded a small British party, making them prisoners after a prolonged fight. This has led to Gen. Gatacre being superseded, which he should have been after the Stormberg disaster. Colonel Brabant, at Wepener, was surrounded on Monday. He has about 3,000 cavalry and, up to last accounts, was holding his own, altho' largely outnumbered. So far none of the raiding parties of Boers have been able to reach the railway, so that General Roberts' efforts to accumulate supplies for his advance movement have not been interrupted. Large droves of horses have arrived at Bloemfontein, and the remounting of the cavalry goes busily on. These horses came from Brazil, New Orleans, and Australia. Gen. Buller has taken the field and there is a report that he has captured one of the mountain passes that leads into the Free State, while the Boers are threatening his northern flank. Colonel Plumer's efforts to relieve Mafeking have been baffled. He had a prolonged running fight on Saturday, ending in his having to retire before a much superior Boer force. He had 10 killed and 27 wounded, and alleges the Boer loss to have been much greater. It looks as if the column now moving slowly from the south is destined to relieve Mafeking. The Boer delegates, sent to induce the Continental governments to intervene, have arrived at Naples. They will visit Paris, Berlin, and St Petersburg first.

The tribes who live back of the Gold Coast, known under the generic name of the Ashantees, have rebelled, and Britain has another African war on her hands. This one is a small affair, which a regiment or two will settle by marching to Coomassie. The trouble is said to have arisen from a British party making search for the good stool, which was throne of King Coffey. Gold has been the cause of many wars.

ORMSTOWN
At the school commissioners' meeting, held on Monday, 27 applications were reported by the secretary for the schools, namely, 5 for principal, 9 for model, 13 for elementary and primary. The following persons were chosen: Principal, Fred. Vaughan; model, Miss M. S. Dennis; elementary, Miss Lillias Surprenant; primary, Mrs E. F. McCartney.

The ice left the river on Sunday without doing any injury. Alex. Mills has sold his house to Mr Spindlo, and will build a new residence for himself, adjoining his old one, this summer.

HOWICK
Rev Jas. Beatt repeated his lecture on Scottish songs this week in Fertile Creek and Riverfield school-houses to good audiences. The music and address were much appreciated, and elicited frequent applause, as well as votes of thanks.

The Chateauguay ice passed down on the 8th of this month, when the river rose to its highest point and then subsided. The English river ice is melting away gradually.

The accident which happened to Pierre Varin last week resulted fatally on the third day. He was 35 years of age and leaves a wife and family.

The Bell Telephone Co. offers to connect Howick with Ste Martine. Chrysostome, Brysons and other places on condition that a bonus of \$200 is given.

STE MARTINE
We are enjoying fine weather now, but, in spite of the frost we have had every night since the maple trees were tapped, the run of the sap has been very small.

Monday afternoon the ice moved, but soon jammed and so remains, leaving gaps here and there where bounts are crossing. The water is very low today and the ice will likely melt as it now is lodged.

On Friday, 6th inst., a five-year old boy, son of Joseph Dulude, of the Bean river, was drowned at the mouth of a ditch emptying into the Bean river. The boy was playing with his brother on the snow which covered the ditch, when suddenly the snow gave away under his feet. He fell over head first and was carried under the snow before the yells of his brother were heard by the father and neighbors, who arrived too late to save the lad. They had to use a gaff to draw him from under the snow. The coroner, Dr Demers, made an investigation, but held no inquest.

Bad roads are paralyzing trade for the moment, and the village is very quiet. Farmers are only bringing in eggs and butter, which stand at 18c for butter and 15c for eggs.

of the Buntin paper mill storehouses, involving a loss of \$20,000. The manager, Mr Loy, sent for detectives to ferret out the guilty parties, and with success, as two have been convicted, as above reported. There are other indictments against them, which will likely not be pressed.

On Monday a jury was empanelled for the trial of the lad Pryor on the charge of attempting to murder Mr Fraser, station-agent of the N. Y. C. at Huntingdon. Before the trial commenced, the attorney for the defence, Mr McAvoy, demanded that the jury should pronounce first as to the sanity of the prisoner, as the plea of the defence was insanity. After hearing several witnesses, amongst them Dr Villeneuve, superintendent of the medical department of the Longue Pointe Insane asylum, and an expert in mental diseases, who gave strong evidence as to the sanity of the prisoner, the jury rendered a verdict that the prisoner was perfectly sane and responsible for his acts. Thereupon another jury was formed for his trial, and is composed of the following persons:

A. Charlebois, Beauharnois
Louis Dubuc, Beauharnois
A. Dupuis, Valleyfield
P. Bourdeau, St Urbain
Simon Rennie, Franklin Center
Henry Brown, New Erin
Joseph Wilson, Hinchinbrook
Benj. Douglas, New Erin
Andrew Coffey, Kelso
Jas. Welch, Kilbain
John Cascaeden, Hemmingford.

The trial begins to-morrow (Wednesday.)

VALLEYFIELD
Mr Hamilton Rice has been appointed superintendent of the mill-wrights in the M.C.C., in lieu of Mr St Cyr resigned. On the occasion of his departure for Montreal, Mr St Cyr was presented with a valuable cathedral clock by his friends and co-workers in the mill.

During last week a mission service was held in the cathedral for the English-speaking Catholics of the town, and was well attended. At the close of the mission Father Frigon was presented with a handsome testimonial by the congregation. The choir music was supplied by former pupils of the convent, under the direction of Miss O'Sullivan.

Mr James Chalmers, for a few years mason of the M.C.C., in lieu of Mr Montreal, to take employment with Mr P. Lyall in connection with the construction of the new G.T.R. offices.

Manchester Unity lodge of I.O.O.F. No 6350, had a supper in their lodge room Saturday evening. The chair and vice-chair were respectively occupied by P.G. Geo. Gurnham and P.G. F. Percival. A large number of new members were present. The lodge now numbers over 80. This is a good showing for a town of the size of Valleyfield, which has a large number of fraternal and benevolent societies. G. Gurnham gave an account of the origin and progress of the order, and was heartily applauded at the close of his speech. Songs and recitations were then enjoyed and the meeting closed with God Save the Queen.

Recorder L. J. Papineau was present Saturday evening with a gold-headed cane by the operatives in the weave and spinning departments of the M.C.C., in recognition of the services he rendered them during the late strikes.

Mr Octave Cossette has purchased from Mr L. Simpson 11 lots, which include a good quarry of building stone, in close proximity to the C.A. railway. Price \$2500.

The revision of the electoral lists adds about 600 new voters. We are pleased to state that there was less acrimony displayed this year than in former years over the revision. Overzealousness still exists in some quarters, but not to the extent of engendering animosity. One person carried his party zeal to such an extent that he found himself maled by the recorder next morning to the tune of \$10, for having displayed his combativeness in the council room. It is fortunate for some councilmen that the recorder has not power to inflict punishment for useless and wordy warfare, otherwise the civic treasury would be greatly increased.

We have to hand the quarterly financial statement of the Valleyfield Presbyterian church, which shows a credit balance of \$53.64. Receipts \$347.03 (including a donation of \$100 from Mrs Buntin), expenses \$293.39.

The V.A.A. have made arrangements to put the Queen's Park in first-class condition for the coming season. The grounds will be remodelled, new stands erected, and general improvements carried out. So much the better, and we trust that their efforts will be duly seconded by liberal encouragement from the public.

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Vick went over to see him, and found the front door locked. No answer being made to their knocking, an entrance was made by the rear, when the old man was found in his bed, lying on his back as if asleep, but dead, though still warm. Dr de-Mouillie, who happened to be passing shortly afterwards, was called in and examined the body for signs of animation and notified the coroner, Dr Clouston, who investigated the case on the spot the following day. Death had occurred without a struggle and was evidently from natural causes. The deceased served with the volunteers at Huntingdon during the Fenian raid of '66 and was expecting his medal. He is survived by one sister, Mrs Weir, who lives south of Clelland's corners.

W.W. Wark has purchased a portion of the McCrear property, containing the house and barns, from W. J. Clelland; price about \$1500.

The German Medicine Co. left for Lacolle yesterday. They took in about five hundred dollars during their stay here.

DEWITTVILLE
The creamery opened on Monday; the supply of milk is light.

The river cleared of ice here on the 8th. So far the sugar season has been a failure.

On Tuesday Granville Holiday, about 4 years old, was standing on the brink of the river, when his dog jumped up on his back, throwing him head foremost into the current. But for the timely assistance of his brother Harry he would, in a few moments, have been swept away and drowned.

Seventy-four scholars, with their teachers, from the Ste Martine college, had their annual outing to Geo. Filion's maple grove on Saturday. They have a brass band in connection with the school, whose playing did them credit. They patriotically led off with God Save the Queen, immediately on alighting from the train, and again on leaving in the afternoon. Quite a number gathered to see the boys who had a fine time of it, for the weather was all that could be wished.

FRANKLIN CENTRE
On Friday Mr John Edford, of the Gore with his wife and child were driving along in front of Mr Parham's farm, when a clip broke and led the pole down. The team sprang forward and broke the whippletrees. Mr Edford was thrown out and was unconscious for a short time. One side was hurt, but not seriously. His wife and child escaped uninjured. The team ran nearly a mile and the harness was badly broken. All got home next day.

Sugar-makers are getting discouraged, for sap has run very little after the very first day or so. What has been made is of fine quality.

DUNDEE
The Salmon river ice went out Saturday night very quietly; water low now.

The following is from a New York newspaper: "Passengers on an elevated train yesterday afternoon were much amused by the antics of three schoolboys who stood on a platform and called out the stations. Their strident voices enunciated with a distinctness that astounded the Gold Sage victims, and the guard, who is accustomed to mutter things, was put to shame. A little training in this respect is sadly needed." If a revolving card, such as is used for calendars, with the names of the stations thereon, was placed at the front end of the car it would be more comprehensible than the unintelligible shoutings of an employee.

ST ANICET COUNCIL
At a session held on the 2nd inst. were present councillors P. W. Leehy, J. Finn, J. E. Dupuis, A. Quesnel, and E. Genier.

On motion of Coun Genier, seconded by Coun Leehy, Coun Dupuis was appointed mayor.

The new mayor immediately took his oath of office.

It was moved by Coun Leehy, seconded by Coun Finn, that this council has learned with deep regret of the sudden death of its mayor, Mr John D. MacDonald; that the members of this board consider it their duty to record in their minute-book some expression of their sincere sorrow, inasmuch as they know that they shall forever remember and highly appreciate the punctual, impartial and honorable manner in which he had discharged, during so many years, his duties as councillor and mayor.

On motion of Coun Leehy, seconded by Coun Finn, the financial statement submitted by F. Bourgeault and E. Hussey, auditors, showing a balance of \$14.43 in favor of the secretary, on the 31st December last, was finally accepted and confirmed.

On motion of Coun Finn, seconded by Coun Genier, Francois Aubin was allowed \$6 for damages he has sustained, in the past, from the effects of a winter road laid through his property.

HEMMINGFORD
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HEMMINGFORD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
Met on Monday; present: all but the mayor, P. Leehy, whose family are sick, with scarlet fever, and Coun Ferns who is himself ill.

On motion of Coun Merlin, seconded by Coun McKirryher, Coun Fisher was appointed mayor pro tem.

On motion of Coun Poupart, seconded by Coun Merlin, the following names were added to the voters' list: Robert Lavoie, Urie Pare, William Orr, jr., Louis Gordon, Elphage Fouchrou, Mederic Deneault, Joseph Dauphinais, Joseph Baillargeon, Joseph Racicot, Oliver Barbeau.

On the same motion, the following names were struck off: John Yette, Sanford Moon, Joseph Faucon, Eugene Lussier, Alexandre Lussier.

On motion of Coun Merlin, seconded by Coun Poupart, the secretary was appointed a delegate to confer with one appointed by the council of Havelock, to amend the act of agreement covering the boundary roads between the townships of Hemmingford and Havelock.

The council adjourned one hour for dinner. On re-assembling, Coun Fisher being absent, on motion of Coun Merlin, seconded by Coun McKirryher, Coun Poupart was appointed mayor pro tem.

On motion of Coun Merlin, seconded by Coun Robson, by-law No 53, amending by-law No 17, for the maintenance of roads and bridges was duly passed, and the secretary authorized to procure a sufficient supply of these by-laws.

HEMMINGFORD SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
Met on Monday; all present.

On motion of Com Keddy, seconded by Com Wark, the resignations of the following teachers were accepted, viz: Miss Barr, Miss Rennie, and Miss McClaren.

On motion of Com Kearns, seconded by Com Keddy, the following bills were accepted:
Dist. No 1, John Kingsbury, cleaning school, and supplies.....\$ 3.00
Dist. No 2, James Clelland, cleaning school yard, &c..... 4.00
Lighting fire..... 6.00
Building fence..... 3.00
Supplies..... .63
Robert Clark, wood..... 15.75
Dist. No 8, James McDowell, repairing seats..... 3.00
J. Kingsbury, drawing seats..... 1.25
Supplies..... 1.27
Dist. No 11, G. J. McKay, brooms and chalk..... .75

At this juncture, as there seemed no possibility of coming to any agreement, I suggested that the council proceed to business with the late and still acting mayor in the chair, and that after the delay provided for in the municipal code, the Lieut. Gov. be requested to appoint a mayor. This was agreed to, and the business of the day was concluded.

On the evening of March 14th, on the return of Mr Fisher from the county council, of which he had been appointed warden, I suggested that he call a special meeting, to endeavor to appoint a mayor. This meeting was duly called on March 21st, and the result has already been published in the Gleaner. I believe this to be a fair and candid statement of the facts as they occurred.

Your truly,
ROBT. ELLERTON,
Secy.-Treas.
Township of Hemmingford.

WHAT NO LICENSE IS DOING FOR ORMSTOWN
To the Editor of the Gleaner
Sir,—There being many enquiries and conflicting statements made in regard to the prosperity, progress, success, or otherwise, that has accrued to Ormstown under the no-license system, during the past year, I am instructed by the Temperance association to acquaint you with the facts in regard to the matter.

I am happy to inform you that these conditions of progress, prosperity and success exist. Never, in the history of Ormstown, has it had such a year of prosperity. We have interviewed Messrs R. N. Walsh, Thos. Baird, James McGerrigle, and Matthew Kee, merchants, and they are unanimous in stating that they have done more business during the past year than in any other preceding one.

There is not a house vacant, and preparations are being made to erect more the coming season.

Tradespeople, butchers and bakers included, inform us that money which once went into the saloon-keeper's till, is now spent in providing the necessities of life, and many who were indebted to them have been enabled to pay up their arrears.

A proprietor of one of the hotels, in endeavoring to induce the council to give him a license this year, asserted that he had lost \$700 by not getting his license last year. The councillors informed him they would not grant license. The gentleman who sold the hotel to the Temperance people declared his not getting license was a loss to him of \$1500. These statements indicate what an advantage the community has gained in having the money that was spent on drink, which was literally thrown away, directed into good and useful channels.

Financially, no-license has been an undoubted success, but when we look at it from a moral standpoint, its success cannot be computed.

We could give many instances of men who were addicted to the liquor habit, who are now sober and industrious. Our youth have not had the temptation to drink placed in their way, and we have not seen boys under the influence of liquor on our streets during the year, as was often the case under license. Our streets are now quiet and orderly, day and night, whereas, under license, the evenings, especially Saturday evenings, were scenes of disorder, profanity and drunkenness; even the Sabbath was sometimes desecrated.

The law has been infringed, as was anticipated, but the perpetrators have been promptly dealt with, neither time nor money having been spared to carry out the provisions of the Temperance by-law, the Temperance people being determined that the law shall be enforced, and that henceforth Ormstown shall continue a no-license town.

We are running a temperance house where the travelling public get accommodation second to none in the District, and which is self-sustaining.

We are pleased to hear that the Huntingdon W.C.T.U. have inaugurated a campaign against the liquor traffic, and signified their intention to continue until they make Huntingdon also a no-license town. We wish them God-speed in their efforts.

On behalf of the Temperance association.
THOS. WINTER, Secy.

THE NEW CHURCH FOR ST LOUIS
Sir,—In your issue of March 29th I observe a paragraph which requires correction. While about 30 families have subscribed very well towards the new church building fund the list has not attained the sum indicated in that paragraph by us alone. We are indebted to the kind assistance of friends and others for over \$500 to augment it. Only \$2,150 can be justly credited to St Louis. The report, however, may yet be made good, as

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The risen within the last few days, to the great satisfaction of the various mill owners, the cotton mills especially having had to work night gangs all winter owing to low water. This welcome rise will do away with a considerable amount of night work, to the general benefit of both mills and operatives. We must, however, add that the rise has had no appreciable effect on the street lighting service. The light given is, if anything, worse than before. Another excuse will have to be resorted to.

We are informed that Mr D. Lalonde, at present electrician on the Beauharnois canal, has been promoted to the position of electrical superintendent of the Soulanges canal. We heartily congratulate him on his appointment, and are confident that he will ably fill the important duties of his new position. It is said, in connection with the above change, that the position of electrician on the Beauharnois canal is to be abolished, the government having come to this conclusion, unless it be persuaded to create a sinecure for somebody. If so, wire-pulling will wax fast and furious. It will be a great opportunity to find out how many dormant and neglected Edisons and Teslas this great county of Beauharnois possesses.

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On motion of Coun Genier, seconded by Coun Quesnel, Peter Ferguson was appointed rural inspector over the 16th district.

On motion of Coun Quesnel, seconded by Coun Leehy, a tax of three-fifths of a mill in the dollar was levied for the current year.

On motion of Coun Finn, seconded by Coun Genier, Alexander McEdward was appointed rural inspector over the 8th district.

On motion of Coun Leehy, seconded by Coun Quesnel, the name of Coun Genier was added to the committee on the Lafuerre bridge.

On motion of Coun Leehy, seconded by Coun Finn, D.W. Campbell was appointed councillor to complete the late J. D. MacDonald's term of office.

On motion of Coun Genier, seconded by Coun Quesnel, Dr E. Rose was allowed \$7 for attendance to Adam Gardner's family while suffering from diphtheria.

HEMMINGFORD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
Met on Monday; present: all but the mayor, P. Leehy, whose family are sick, with scarlet fever, and Coun Ferns who is himself ill.

At this juncture, as there seemed no possibility of coming to any agreement, I suggested that the council proceed to business with the late and still acting mayor in the chair, and that after the delay provided for in the municipal code, the Lieut. Gov. be requested to appoint a mayor. This was agreed to, and the business of the day was concluded.

On the evening of March 14th, on the return of Mr Fisher from the county council, of which he had been appointed warden, I suggested that he call a special meeting, to endeavor to appoint a mayor. This meeting was duly called on March 21st, and the result has already

