

WHO LOST THEIR SEASON'S CROPS

**The Sale of Liquor to Minors Discussed
the Quebec Legislature—Premier
Mercier's Views.**

[SPECIAL TO THE STAR.]

QUEBEC, January 29.—The proceedings yesterday afternoon were of a formal character. A little skirmish ensued as to the presentation of a petition offered by Mr.

order was more irregular than anything done by an ordinary member of the House.

Mr. David introduced a bill to amend the Quebec Election Act respecting corrupt practices. The Premier caused a little laugh by a *sotto voce* reference to McShane and in reply to calls of "explain," Mr. David said his purpose was to in some degree bring the Quebec law into concord with that of Ontario. Mr. David also introduced an act to exempt from seizure the benefits con-

ferred by incorporated benevolent societies upon their members, also, a bill to render valid certain judicial sales of movables and immovables in the City of Montreal and to amend article 650 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Mr. Gagnon introduced a bill respecting the compilation of statistics of births, deaths, marriages and causes of deaths in the province.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

In reply to Mr. McIntosh, who asked whether Mr. W. A. Weir was in the employ of the Government or of the Legislature, and if so, when was he engaged, verbally or by writing, from what time and for what period, what is his salary or remuneration? The Premier said that he had a fee of \$800 to revise bills for the session as recommended by a committee last year.

of the Government or of the Legislature, and if so, what salary or remuneration he was receiving and what were his duties? The Premier replied in the negative, and stated that his engagement with the Government ended last December. A similar question in relation to Mr. M. W. Kerwan, was answered in the negative.

In reply to Mr. Deschenes (Temiscouata), who enquired whether the Government had

received any petitions from the parishes and townships of the counties in the lower portion of the Province of Quebec, praying aid to buy seed grain, and, if so, what counties have made such petitions and whether the Government intended to grant the aid petitioned for? Col. Rhodes said that petitions had been received but that it was not considered good policy to say from what counties, and that the question of granting aid was under consideration.

MR. LYNCH OBJECTS.

Some returns were ordered, one being by Mr. Pelletier, for correspondence concerning the claim of H. Atkinson, in which he claimed to be standing up for the rights of an English Protestant. Mr. Lynch protested against the use of these words, reserving his right of speaking on the subject later on.

Mr. Blanchet moved for copies of orders—

in-Council re the remission of arrears to the settlers, complaining that in certain sections settlers had been threatened by the Government with foreclosure if arrears were not paid up.

Mr. Duhamel said the circular had been issued before the bad weather caused the destruction of the crops. The Government would not be harsh.

Mr. Mercier said he was convinced that the Government must aid many of the settlers.

in question. These disasters were a national loss. The only question was as to the best way to do it. His idea was, in order to avoid any appearance of political capital in the matter, to ask Cardinal Taschereau to act at the head of a committee of all classes of citizens. If this were done the Government could supplement the funds obtained from the public by such a committee.

SELLING LIQUOR TO MINORS.

Some private bills were advanced, and Mr. Robidoux moved the second reading of the bill imposing a fine of \$50 on minors buying liquor.

Mr. Mercier supported the bill, saying it would put an end to the espionage and conspiracy, to which the hotelkeepers were subject. Many young people looking of age set traps for the liquor sellers. This act would punish these spies, on the ground that the tempter was as guilty as the one

Mr. Tallion thought the bill would deter convictions for offences against the law. Mr. David thought the bill went too far. Mr. Lafontaine said a good interpretation of the existing law caused difficulties in it to disappear. The present bill would prevent witnesses being obtained. He thought any "tempter," if he was of age, should be punished.

After some discussion, Mr. Flynn said the bill was a reasonable one.

Mr. Robertson said the bill would shield dishonest tavern keepers. Boys should not be punished for the offences of hotel keepers, and such, if they were honest, would never be entrapped. The bill was in all respects bad.

A SWEEPING MEASURE.
Mr. Mercer moved the second reading of the bill to amend articles 4653 and 4690 of the revised statutes, removing railways and insurance companies from the Joint Stock Companies Act, and enabling the Lieut.-Governor to incorporate them by letters patent. Mr. Lynch said this was a very sweeping measure, and one which was so extensive in its operations that it might

Mr. Flynn also protested against the proposition, and the consideration was held over for the matter to be examined, Mr. Mercier saying that he thought that there was no harm in it, and that events in Manitoba had shown that something of the kind might be necessary in the provincial interest.

A Low Death Rate.
The death rate in the city last week was low, there being only 85 burials, 76 in Cote des Neiges and 9 in Mount Royal Cemetery. There were 4 deaths from diphtheria, 2 from croup, and 5 from measles.

Meeting of Grace Church Congregation.
A meeting of Grace Church congregation took place at their schoolhouse last evening. The meeting had been called before

the late Canon Belcher's demise, for the purpose of considering his resignation. Instead of that the meeting were called upon to pass resolutions of regret at their late pastor's death. The chairman, Mr. McWood, speaking of the deceased clergyman, paid a high tribute to his stirring qualities as a man, a Christian, and an ecclesiastic. A vote of condolence with the bereaved family was passed.

mentioned that the Bishop had urged the immediate appointment of a successor, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to let the matter lie over for six weeks, when another meeting would be called and three names proposed. A petition would meanwhile be sent to the Bishop, asking him to appoint an *interim* pastor. The offer of Rev. Mr. King, of Christ Church Cathedral, to assist during week days, was favorably considered.

Running Tender First the Sand Box Could Not be Used.

At the canal bridge fatality inquest yesterday afternoon, Mr. S. C. McNeill, locomotive engineer, G. T. E., stated that engine No. 186 was properly a freight engine, but had been used in passenger service. Real passenger engines of the same class were fitted with Westing-house continuous airbrakes, and so were better provided with means of

coming to a rapid stop. He thought it would be safer to have a switch at that semaphore, with a short track to carry a train away from the main track, that switch to be open whenever the signal was up, closed whenever the signal indicated the main track as clear. There was no rule forbidding a driver to run at twelve or fifteen miles speed between Wellington street crossing and the canal bridge, as long as he came to a dead-stop at the semaphore. He

Alexander Adrian, fireman on engine No. 186, said that Atkinson's locomotive had only had a speed of seven or eight miles before coming to the semaphore, that Atkinson had reversed and he put on the brake before reaching the semaphore, that had the locomotive run, engine first, the

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