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The Quebec Lottery.

The final disposition of the Quebec Lottery has at last been decided upon. It is in the nature of a compromise as it is to be permitted to operate until July 7th next. The history of the lottery and the reason for the compromise is set forth by the Quebec correspondent of the Montreal Gazette. It appears that lotteries in Quebec existed in virtue of the general law of the province which permits the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council to give special permits for the operation of these lotteries. The Mercier Government issued an order-in council dated June, 1890, giving the St. Jean Baptiste society of Montreal power to work a lottery to aid in the construction of a national monument. This society, finding that it had no powers under its charter to run a lottery, farmed out its privilege to H. A. A. Brault, of Montreal. The contract was entered into between the St. Jean Baptiste society and Brault by which the latter secured the whole profits, out of which he agreed to pay the society $5,000 a year for five years and $10,000 for the other five years. The result was that while the society got $5,000 a year, Brault realized a profit of from $30,000 to $50,000 a year. When the new DeBoucherville Government arrived in power they decided to trample under foot every lottery because they thought the principle was very bad and demoralizing to the people at large.

The Government at once suppressed five or six little lotteries, but when the question of St. Jean Baptiste lottery came up they came across the contract referred to above and found that Brault had made an advance of $30,000 on account of the contract by which he was to pay $10,000 a year for the last five years.

Rather than kill the society's scheme, begun on the faith of the order-of-council, the government decided to grant certain citizens of Montreal the privilege for a few months to operate the lottery on their own responsibility provided the profits go to the society for the building of the monument. These include the cashier of La Barque Jacques Cartier and the secretary of the St. Jean Baptiste society, and they are to receive no remuneration for their services which will be given *pro bono publico* (?) After July 7th the government declares for no consideration whatever will the lottery be continued.

The Montreal Witness however take strong ground against the compromise, and with good reason. It says:—

It is a great pity that the work of educating the French Canadian people as gamblers is to continue for nine months longer with the express sanction of the Government. Hundreds, and perhaps thousands of our people, will during these months practice for the first time the vice of gambling, and scores will probably become more or less degraded and demoralized for the rest of their lives as a result. It would have been cheaper for the province if the Government had directly subsidized the St. Jean Baptiste Society out of the funds of the treasury. To continue a running sore on the body politic, to sanction a festering and poisoning vice for months in order to enable a society to raise a national monument, is surely a most uneconomical as well as unrighteous policy. The St. Jean Baptiste Society should have been thrown upon their own honest resources at once. A national monument raised with the proceeds of the price of indulgence in sanctioned vice is surely likely to be anything but a source of good inspiration for future generations of French Canadians. It is sure to be called the "Lottery monument" and will perpetuate the memory of the vice of the people and the folly of a government rather than the patriotism of a race. If the French Canadian people were wise they would redeem their "national monument" by voluntarily subscribing the whole cost of it, and then it would be a monument of the virtue instead of the vice of their race.

A Crisis at Honolulu.

HONOLULU, Sept. 26.—The deadlock which has existed for about two weeks in the legislature ended temporarily Sept. 12, when Queen Lilliuokalani appointed Edward C. McFarlane premier and minister of finance of the new cabinet, and returned Samuel Parker, ex-premier, as minister of affairs. Two days later the legislature passed a resolution of want of confidence. Twenty-four members voted in favor of impeaching the ministry and twenty-two against such action. Petitions are being circulated asking the British government to place the islands under its protection. The American residents of the islands are strongly opposed to such action, and will ask the government at Washington to interfere on behalf of their interests.

THE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DEBATE

Mr. CAMPBELL:—The hon. Leader of the Government resorts to his usual tactics. He says I make assertions without proof, but I can prove that in some instances discounts were given to parties in the Land Office as high as fifty per cent. If a poor man is soft enough he is not allowed the twelve per cent., while a sharper or some particular friend of the Government comes in, and they give him a discount of fifty per cent. We find cases where there is only a line fence between two parties, one a Grit and the other a Conservative—the one gets thirty per cent. discount, and the other has to pay his amount in full. The Leader of the Government says the Public Accounts do nprove the to statement made up to the 24th April to be false, but if not then the Public Accounts must be incorrect. That statement was shown to be false by the return of indebtedness to the Banks in June, 1891, which was furnished the House. At the end of the year they published a book showing their own statement to be false. Those experts had to take the figures the officials gave them. He says we spent $50,000 a year more than the revenue, but when we came into power, we had a subsidy from the Dominion of $153,000, and when we left office that subsidy was $183,000. We collected no taxes for nine years, and how could we leave that increased subsidy if we had eaten up the capital of the country. We collected some of the debts due us, and we added to the capital of the country $400,000 or $500,000 from which we draw $20,000 a year, and we were perfectly justified in using some of the money we were the means of placing to the credit of the country. The Leader of the Government boasts of saving $5,000 a year by the introduction of this Bill, but we introduced a Bill in 1879 to abolish this House which had it been carried would have saved the cost of this House since that time amounting to about $65,000, but his honor at the head of the table and his party burked that Bill. We also wished to adjust the salaries of school teachers by providing that second class teachers in third class schools should only receive third class pay, and had that been agreed to it would have effected a saving of about $100,000.

The Opposition also burked that and we found they were determined to prevent retrenchment and reform. The members of the present Government were experts at finding fault when in opposition, but now when they are in power, they find themselves unable to grapple with the question or carry out any of the reforms they advocated. They have neither the moral courage or grasp of mind or strength of will necessary to introduce reforms. When we were fighting to get our rights from the Dominion Government, they said we would get nothing, and after we had succeeded in getting $500,000 placed to our credit they said we sacrificed the interests of the country—that we should have got $600,000. The Leader of the Government says this country is suffering and likely to suffer because we poisoned the minds of the people against taxation. It is true we objected to the mode of taxation—they taxed the land and the improvements, but they would not impose one cent taxes on the rich men of Charlottetown to whom they are now so anxious to give the privilege of voting. We raised our voices against the unjust and iniquitous system of taxation, so on him and his friends must lie the blame of having the people's minds poisoned against taxation. The Leader of the Government says I tried to justify myself for leaving the Davies Government, but I was justified in leaving them when they taxed me and my fellow-farmers and allowed the men who had hundreds of thousands of dollars invested to go free. The Davies Government tried to prevent me from getting my financial statement and policy before the people and it was only when the Usher of the Black Rod was coming to the House to summon us before the Governor that I succeeded in getting my statement before the House. A few months after that the Davies Government was hurled from power and the country gave me my justification by returning me to carry out my policy.

Hon. Mr. LAIRD.—I challenge the hon. member to show one item in the statement prepared by Messrs. Chalmers and Davison that is not correct He says the statement of the indebtedness to the Banks does not correspond with the financial statement, but he should remember that a half year's supplement and a quarter's salary was due the school teachers at the end of June. He does not contradict any

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Charlottetown Markets

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Friday, Sept. 30.

Beef (small) ₩ lb	0.05 @ 0.07
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Butter, tub, per lb	0.20
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Calf Skins (trimmed)	0.06 @ 0.08
Eggs, ₩ doz	0.12 to 0.14
Fowls, per pair	0.40 to 0.50
Chickens, per pair	0 30 to 0 40
Flour, per cwt	2 00 to 0.00
Ham ₩ lb	12 @ 0.14
Hay, ₩ 100 lbs (new)	45 @ 0.048
Oatmeal (white oats) per cwt	2.30 to 2.50
Oatmeal, (black oats) per cwt	2.40 @ 2.50
Pork, small (salt)	07.0 @ 0.10
Potatoes (new)	0.20
Pelts, each	50 to 55
Oats	0.34
Lamb (quarter)	40 to 60
Celery, per doz	36
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" (bright)	55c
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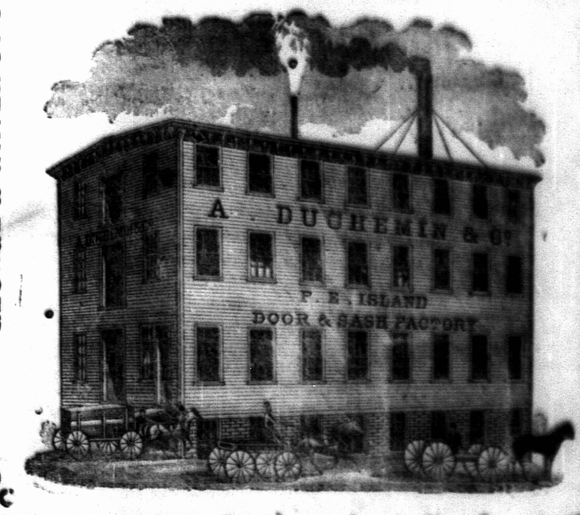

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