

European Intelligence.

From *Willard & Smith's European Times*.

PARLIAMENTARY.

The most prominent and as regards its results the most important parliamentary discussion of the last fortnight, perhaps of the session, has been Lord Ashley's amendment on Mr. James Graham's Factory Bill, for limiting the hours of labour to ten instead of twelve hours per day. A proposition of such magnitude, that if carried, it would restrict, it is asserted, manufacturing products considerably, involve a loss of little less than twenty millions sterling annually, and reduce the wages of the operatives in the same proportion. Yet the amendment, in a full house, and against the most powerful resistance of modern times, was carried by a majority of 341. In a subsequent debate, being to the strange advantage of parties, Lord Ashley and the Ministry were both defeated. The Government proposed to fill the blank in the bill with the word "twelve"; on this proposition they were beaten by a majority of 161; the committee again divided, on the motion for filling the blank with the word "ten"; when Lord Ashley was left in a minority of seven. Hardly any debate or division in the parliamentary history of the country has shown such an utter annihilation of the ordinary ties of party.

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DEATHS.

The gallant Lieutenant Colonel M. Reilly was lately at Leith, while visiting his brother.

On the 25th ultimo, Colonel John P. Downe, C. B., aged 72.

Lately, Sir Francis Drummond, Bart. He succeeded in his title and estates by his son, Captain James Walker Drummond, of the Grenadier Guards.

Major General W. H. Beckwith died at Chester on Sunday last. General Beckwith had sold out of the army for many years past.

The Earl of Londesdale expired at his residence, Parkhouse, Twickenham, on Tuesday evening. His lordship had been on the half-pay of the 84th Foot since November, 1834.

On Monday, while following the stag-hounds in the neighbourhood of Whitton, near Ipswich, a fatal accident occurred to Lord William Hill. The horse which he was riding fell and rolled over him, and he was killed before he could be removed to the barracks, he was dead. Lord William Hill was the third son of the present Marquis of Downshire, and was only in his 28th year. He held a commission as Lieutenant in the Scotch Greys.

Death of the King of Sweden.—His Majesty Charles John has passed to his rest on the 5th instant, at 4 o'clock in the morning. His son and heir assumed forthwith the royal authority under the style of Oscar the Second; and announced his intention of continuing the government of Sweden and Norway in the footsteps of his late father. The deceased, once Marshal Bernadotte, the only one of the sovereigns created by Napoleon who survived the crash of the Imperial dynasty, was the son of a French banker, and, at the breaking out of the revolution, in 1789, held a sergeant's commission in the guards.

Mysterious Doings in Havana.—A letter to the New Orleans Bee, says:

It is certain that a considerable number of individuals suspected of having taken part in the late disturbances, have disappeared. At Matanzas, the prisons are neither numerous or spacious enough to contain those who have been ordered to be incarcerated. The slave trade is carried on with great activity, in consequence of the increased tolerance of the Captain General.

TARIFF OF NOVA SCOTIA.—The Morning Post gives the following as the most important items of the Revenue Bill, just passed the Assembly:

Salt Beef, per cwt. 3s. Fresh Beef, per cwt. 5s. Bacon or Bread, 1s 8d. Crackers or Cakes, 3s 5d. Candles, wax or spermaceti, 3d per lb. Candles of tallow, 1d per lb. Coffee, green per cwt. 4s 4d; do roasted 2d per lb. Cloves, each 10s. Machinery for Clocks, 20 per cent. Flour, 2s per bbl. when Imperial duty not; dried Fruit, 10 per cent. Raisins in Boxes, 1d; in Casks, 1 1/2d per lb. May 20s per lb. Lard, 8s per cwt. Sole Leather, 1d per lb. Upper Manufacturers, per cent. 2 1/2. Pork per cwt. 4s. Spirits, per gallon, 1s 4d; Rum, 1s 6d; Sugar, last year—Bastard Sugar, 4s per cwt. Tobacco 1 1/2 per lb. Wines as last year.

The above are in sterling, and in addition to the Imperial duties, with the exceptions named.

THE OLD BINGO.—We were taken a back with surprise yesterday, on meeting an old friend—a Gentleman who was here two years ago in charge of the Steamer Bangor, en route for Constantinople. He has been knocking about among the Turks ever since—having had some opposition at first against

his boat—but with a good stock of Yankee impudence, coaxing, going-ahead, and stroking down the old Turk's beard, to put them in good humour, he got fairly into a capital business—raised enough money to pay the purchase price for the boat, and has now, by playing on the Black Sea, clear capital, and "making a good thing of it." This caps the climax of Yankee enterprise. Such a queer old Steamer as the Bangor crossing the Atlantic and making a handsome fortune among the Turks, we think rather good.—*Halifax Post.*

Melancholy Occurrence.—A little girl, 5 years of age, daughter of Mr. Andrew Goodwin, of this place, was left by her mother with a sister two years older, while she went to see a sick neighbor about 50 rods off, where she had scarcely got seated before the screams of children attracted the attention of the inmates of the house. They ran out, and at the door met a boy who told them little Jane was burnt to death! The child, it appeared, had fallen into the fire immediately after the mother left, and caught her frock, which was of cotton, and then ran out of doors, for the nearest house, not more than 12 or 15 rods off; but the wind blowing fresh, before she arrived there, the flames had done their work the clothes were nearly burned off.—*Yarmouth Herald.*

NAVY.—Mr. Howe brought forward his vote of Want of Confidence on Tuesday, and Mr. Doyle immediately moved an amendment, approving of the reasons urged for the retirement of the Ex-Councillors. This gave rise to no particular objection on the part of the members of the Government, except that it might be construed into a covert vote of censure on the Council of Lord Falkland, and modifications were proposed which were finally rejected by those who moved the resolution and amendment.

The consequence was the rejection of it by a majority of 26 to 23; and thus the House have been reluctantly led to a condemnation of the retired Councillors, by the prudence of their own friends, and with an accession of strength to Lord Falkland's Government.

We proclaim no triumph. We feel sorry, as a Novascotian, that the unhappy differences by which the Great Tribunal of our Country is divided, are not healed—that this favoured land is still to be torn with intestine divisions, by a fanatic zeal to force the House into an expression they cannot adopt, either with consistency or justice.

It grieves us to see the probability that the Hon. Member from Halifax may have to echo back to the Speaker, his own remarkable expression—"I am Sacrificed"—and that by the pertinacity of the hon. Speaker himself.

The retired Councillors voted with the minority in their own favour; and it is proper to state that Mr. Creighton is yet absent.

—Post.

Cutting the Lakes.—On Wednesday, in the U. S. Senate, Mr. Porter presented a committee report in favour of a canal at the Falls of St. Mary, to unite the Lakes Huron and Superior. The latter is one of the largest fresh water seas in the known world. It abounds with the most delicious fish, and is supposed to have great mineral wealth on its borders. But the Fall shuts us out from it. The American Fur Company have reaped the advantages of the trade for the last thirty years, and have a fine brig (the John Jacob Astor) and one schooner with which they navigate it. The proposed canal will be built in less than a year, and, when built, will open to our Lake sailors a splendid inland sea over fifteen hundred miles from the ocean. Lake Superior has a multitude of tributary streams, with inexhaustible water power and easy access. In climate the country is very similar to the British Provinces of New Brunswick and Upper Canada.

Neilsen's Quebec Gazette remarks as follows on the Revenue Bills of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia:

"Both the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Legislatures are acting upon the 'protective' system in their schemes of Taxation. It is an abuse of words to call taxation protection. Taxes on whatever class levied in the first instance, eventually come out of the pockets of the industrious classes. The pretext of protection only facilitates their being imposed to a greater amount, and a more extravagant expenditure."

Bankrupt Laws.—As the public may possibly be interested in the present state of the Bankrupt Laws, now that the Session of this year is over, the following is a brief view of them. The opponents of the present Bankrupt Acts were not satisfied with repealing a Debtor, when in failing circumstances, to apply for a fiat, but the attack at the root of the voluntary system, by repealing also the Declaration of Insolvency, inserted by the Legislative Council in their amendments of the first Act framed by the Commissioners, and passed by the House of Assembly. By this measure the Law can only be made available by Creditors against such of their debtors as commit one of the Acts of Bankruptcy set out in the original Law, such as concealment to avoid arrest—remaining on the limits or to go two months—procuring their goods to be seized—giving any fraudulent deed, &c. The amount is also brought back to £500.

As a substitute for this partial repeal, we now have an entirely new Act, by which any debtor for any amount may apply to the Court of Chancery, exhibiting his debts and assets, on which an order issues for the Clerk of the Peace for each County where the debtor may reside, to call a public meeting of his creditors if at this meeting 3/4ths of his creditors agree to a composition, an assignment or other arrangement, the clerk transmits this to the same Court, which after

allowing time for any further opposition of Creditors, confirms or rejects the arrangement, according to the circumstances,—if there be fraud, undue preferences, &c., he is to reject, if the contrary it is to be confirmed, and the debtor is absolutely discharged, as in the case of a Bankrupt's Certificate of discharge. This was intended as a substitute for the whole system of Bankruptcy laws, and should it be found to be as simple as it appears, and work well, it will probably cause the repeal of the remaining part of the Bankrupt Acts. One thing is clear, that the latter without the voluntary clauses, will remain a dead letter on the Statute Book, unless it be exercised by some creditor.—*Observer.*

(From the Royal Gazette, April 13.)

PROROGATION OF THE LEGISLATURE. This afternoon at one o'clock His Excellency the Lieut. Governor received the Houses of the Provincial Legislature, and with the usual formalities closed the Session with the following

SPEECH.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

The termination of the business which has engaged you, enables me to relieve you from your further attendance.

The unremitted attention which you have given to the Public Interests, has amply realized the expectations which I was encouraged to form at the opening of the Session; and I congratulate you on the accomplishment of several highly important measures which I had recommended to your consideration, and which I confidently hope will be productive of lasting benefit to the Province.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I thank you for the Supplies which you have granted for the public service, and also for the confidence which you have reposed in the Government, by liberally placing at my disposal the Funds which are urgently required for various important objects.

The encouragement which you have afforded by Bounty to the Fisheries of this Province, will revive an important branch of its resources.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

It is gratifying to me to reflect that the prospects of the Province are such as to hold out reasonable hope of an early relief from the embarrassments which for the last three years have tended so much to depress the energies of the people, and to retard the general improvement; and it is with the utmost satisfaction, in relieving you from your labors, that I recur to the spirit of unanimity and devotion to the Public welfare, which have characterized your proceedings at such a period, and in the continuance of which, under Providence, we must rely for surmounting the difficulties with which the Province may still have to contend."

THE STANDARD.

ST. ANDREWS, WEDNESDAY, APR. 24, 1844.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY BANK.

Hon. HARRIS HATCH, President.

T. B. WILSON, Esq., Solicitor.

Director next week—George D. Street.

Discount Day—TUESDAY.

Hours of Business, from 10 to 2.

BILLS AND NOTES for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Monday, otherwise they must lie over until next week.

SAVINGS AND SAVING HOUSE.

Commissioner next week—J. W. Chandler.

SAINT STEPHENS BANK.

G. D. KING Esq., President.

Director next week—Abner Hill.

Discount Day—SATURDAY.

Hours of business, from 10 to 1.

BILLS AND NOTES for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Friday, otherwise they must remain in his hands until the following discount day.

LATEST DATES.

London, —Apr. 4 Montreal, —April 12

Liverpool, —Apr. 3 Quebec, —April 12

Edinburgh, —Apr. 2 Halifax, —April 19

Paris, —April 1 New York, —April 19

Toronto, —April 12 Boston, —April 20

Arrival of the Acadia.

By the Stage last night, we received our English papers to the 14th inst., and have made such extracts from *Willard & Smith's European Times* of that date as our time and limits would permit.

The Acadia arrived at Halifax on the 19th inst., in 14 1/2 days from Liverpool, having gone a great distance to the Southward on account of ice. She brought out 92 passengers—14 for Halifax, and 78 for Boston.

The Cotton Markets were dull—and freights had fallen.

In the mother country, trade, apparently from causes of a temporary nature, was somewhat less buoyant than at previous advices.

Tranquility every where prevailed. O'Connell was on a tour of agitation throughout England, but is represented as lacking the vigour and freshness that marked his efforts of former days.

In Scotland the weather continues very severe. The Highland road between Inverness and Perth has been impassable for five or six weeks, there being in many places snow to the depth of 18 or 20 feet.

Doubts begin to be felt whether Mr. O'Connell, convicted of a seditious conspiracy against the State, will be ever brought up for sentence, and if sentence be passed, ever made to undergo the punishment of his crime.

The papers in the north of Ireland was filled with reports of numerous meetings on the Presbyterian Marriage question.

The Great Western Steamer has been sold for £32,000 to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Ship Company, and will not again visit America.

A coolness is stated to exist between Austria, Russia, Prussia, and Great Britain, arising, it is said from the friendly relations subsisting between the mother country and France.

By the death of the King of Sweden, Marshal Soult has become the sole survivor of all the mighty marshals of the empire created by Napoleon, in 1804, at the camp of Boulogne.

Sir Robert Peel has given an authorized contradiction to the rumour, that her Majesty intends to visit Berlin, in May.

It is computed that there are 115,000 foreign residents in London, and 60,000 Englishmen residing on the continent.

A magnificent steamer is building at Bristol, by the French Government, to convey the Royal Family to England next summer.

At the late levee, a petition was presented by Mr. Acheson, signed by 15,000 magistrates and freeholders of Canada, remonstrating against the removal of the seat of government to Montreal.

The British government are building a church on the Isle of Ascension for the use of the residents there.

The French Admiral Dupetit Thouars, who dethroned the Queen of Tahiti, has been recalled.

Italy is represented as in a very disturbed state and only kept from open insurrection by a dread of Austrian interference.

It is rumoured that the contemplated visit of his Majesty King Louis Philippe to this country will take place early in June, and that his Majesty will be accompanied by the Queen and the Prince and Princess de Joinville.

Captain Matthews, late M. P. for Shaftesbury has been appointed Governor of the Bermudas.

The Earl of Zetland, has been elected Grand Master of the Freemasons for the year ensuing.

Baillie is engaged upon a statue of the late Duke of Sussex, for the Masonic Hall, Freemasons' Tavern.

Her Majesty's accouchement may be expected about the 1st of July next.

Efforts are taken to obtain a repeal of the most impolitic duties upon the raw materials of wool and cotton.

Her Majesty has appointed the Rev. Edward Field to the Bishopric of Newfoundland.

The Bankers' Circular states that some Scotch banks have given their adhesion to the project entertained by Sir R. Peel, of establishing a sole bank of issue.

Government have refused to grant a pension to the widow of Col. Fawcett, who was killed in a duel by his brother-in-law.

The Queen has granted apartments in Hampton Court Palace to the sisters of the father and uncle of Sir H. Pottinger.

It is said that the Queen divides £25,000 a year among the family of the Fitzclarences, the progeny of William IV. by Mrs. Jordan.

On Monday and Tuesday last the Thames rose to such a height that the offices and basement stories on its banks were flooded.

Imprisonment of Mr. O'Connell.—It is stated that in the event of the imprisonment of Mr. O'Connell, Whit-Monday, the 27th May, will be fixed upon as a day of general prayer and humiliation throughout Ireland, and it is suggested that the liberals and Catholics, throughout Christendom, should be invited to participate in this object.

Mr. Thomas Stagle, "the head pacificator," has brought under the notice of the proper officials, a project for erecting a suitable monument to Sir Isaac Newton.

NISI PRIUS.—The Spring Term of the Court of Nisi Prius, was opened on Tuesday last by His Honor Judge Parker.

His Honor in his charge to the Grand Jury observed that he was called unexpectedly to preside as sitting Judge at this circuit, in consequence of the indisposition of Mr. Justice Crier, who was at present laboring under a severe attack of ophthalmia—and after pointing out the duties of Grand Jurors concluded by paying a just tribute to the memory of the late Hon. James Allanshaw, who he said had presided with him in that Court for many years.

There are 27 cases entered for trial. From the great influx of persons from various parts of the County attending the Court, the Town appears quite animated.

Printers.—The Mayors of the following cities are Printers: London, Edinburgh, Perth, Glasgow, New York, and Washington.

The people of Connecticut carry their Temperance principles so far as to refuse to eat pork that has been cured!

OPENING OF THE RIVER.—The ice commenced running in the river opposite Fredericton on the 14th inst., and that from the upper part of the country is now quickly passing by. It is expected some of the Steam Boats will arrive during the week.—*Head Quarters.*

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MARRIED.

At St. Stephen, on the 5th inst. by the Rev. N. Disbrow, Mr. Saml. Hair, to Miss Susan D. Cook.

At St. George, on the 11th inst. by the Rev. Saml. Thomson, A. M. Rector of St. George, Mr. David Gitchell, to Miss Catherine Spinnery, both of St. George.

DIED.

On Monday last HANNAH, the beloved wife of Mr. James Driscoll of this Town, in her 43d year, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with sincere Christian fortitude, leaving a bereaved husband, children, and a large circle of friends and acquaintances to mourn her loss. Mrs. Driscoll was an amiable and an excellent member of Society, and by her upright and benevolent character, won for herself the general esteem of the Community, within the circle of her acquaintance, she lived and died a pious and a practical Catholic; and it is to be hoped, that her many virtues are gone before her, to secure for her, a happy Mansion, among those blessed spirits which surround the throne of God in Heaven.—Funeral, to-morrow at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Think not, dear Hannah, thou' far, far, away,

From thy own native Isle, thou art sleeping;

That no heart mourns thy loss to day,

And that no eye, for memory is weeping.

Communicated.

SHIPPING JOURNAL.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

ARRIVED.

April 17, Schr. Mary Jane, McMaster, Eastport, Sandries.

—19, schr. Wm. Walker, Dallimore, Boston, Sandries, to P. Smith.

—20, schr. Emerald, Moore, Westport, Ballast.

—22, schr. Ann, Small, Digby, Wood.

This day Bge. Brunswick, Morrison, Liverpool, 38 days Mdzn. to Sandries, spoke at 44 long 39, Bge. Ellison, of Hull, for New York.

CLEARED.

April 20, schr. Mary Jane, McMaster, Eastport, Ballast.

—20, schr. Emerald, Moore, Westport, Salt, by E. & J. Wilson.

—20, schr. Dart, Waycott, Eastport, Lathes, by Daniel Gilmer.

—23, schr. Ann, Small, Digby, Ballast.

Vessels sailed for this Port.

Feb. 21, Voyager, from Carthagena, Mar. 18, Forager, Hull.

—25, Salisbury, Harrison, do.

Loading at Liverpool, April 5, Caledonia, for St. Andrews.

TO LET.

FROM the 1st day of May next, that well known Cottage occupied by Mr. Robert Ker, with an excellent Barn and Outhouses, a good Garden, and Well of water. The Rent will be moderate.

THOS. WYER.

April 23, 1844.

FLOUR.

The Subscribers has received from New York 125 Barrels of FLOUR which will be sold low for Cash.

DIMOCK & WILSON.

St. Andrews, 12th April, 1844.

NEW STORE.

AT ROBBINSON'S ME.

THE Subscribers begs respectfully to announce to the Inhabitants of St. Andrews, and vicinity that he has opened a General Provision Store, at Robinson's Me. where he will keep for Sale,

Flour, Corn Meal, Pork

Groceries, West India, and Dry Goods

and numerous other articles, Cheap for prompt payment.

Persons requiring any of the above mentioned articles will do well to call and examine for themselves.

Store on Briggs & Brewer's Wharf.

S. WHEELER SHAW.

Robbinston, April 10, 1844—11.

GARDEN & FIELD SEEDS.

Samuel Getty,

RESPECTFULLY informs his Friends and numerous Customers that he has just received a large supply of

GARDEN and FIELD SEEDS,

of last years growth, from that old established House, the New England Seed Store, Boston, which he can warrant to be of the best quality.

Among the Garden Seeds are BEANS, PEAS, RADISHES, TURNIPS, Cabbages, Cucumbers, Lettuce, Squash, Carrots, Parsnips, Celery and Beet of every description.

The Field Seeds consist of HERDS GRASS, CLOVER, and HEMP.

Persons desirous of purchasing will find it to their advantage to call at S. G.'s Store, where they will find a choice selection of the above Seeds.

St. Andrews, April 10, 1844.

