

back. I saw her standing over the empty grave, with her head sunk upon her bosom. What prayer, what wish was she uttering.

I now made haste to get back to my own lodgings, so as to resume my real character, and prepare for the evening. I had scarcely entered the door, when I found a joyful, unlooked-for visitor in the young. It was Cousin, my own dog, my best friend. "Ah, thought I, what is human friendship compared with this? All my friends, even his heretic, have been deceived by a mere wig and moustache; but the dog who kick and beat me knows even the sound of my distant footsteps. I wanted to find him, found him in the year—he had never been chained when I was alive—received his wild career, and unloosed him.

I found the door open, and, walking in, I perceived that the dining room, and there, to my amazement, amid an odor of intoxication, with glasses rattling on the table, and the room filled with a dense smoke from some down pipes, stood my faithful rat, addressing to some ten or twelve guests, courtiers, butlers, powdered mercenary, and sleek French cooks from the embassy and the houses of the nobility.

"Don't let me disturb you gentlemen," I said, very humbly, "my business will do at any time." "I'm glad to hear of it," cried Karl from the end of the room, "and more than three parts drunk, I'm not much in the humor for business just now. But don't go away my friend. Come in, bring some of us a drink, and take a glass of port-wine with you."

I took a seat modestly, and a gentleman in plain and powder did me the honor to pass me the counter which was my own, a superb wine, which had been bottled in 1782, and which these rascally valets were pouring down their throats in tumblers! No wonder they were rather unsteady.

Meanwhile I was observing my faithful rat. He was certainly amazingly got up. He was not content with having arranged his person in the very cream of his wardrobe, in a most elegant and becoming manner, and the most delicate of his vests, but he had gone to the extent of attaching "get up" in every particular.

In his hand he wore a pair of my sixty-shilling Havana, took a slight puff at it, and then throwing it down with a contemptuous air, he exclaimed, "These are not my cigars, gentlemen, just and phrase which elicited the admiration of all his companions.

"Gentlemen," he then began, still waving a handkerchief of the choicest material, which he had plucked from his breast, and with eyelids evidently weighed down by the fumes of old port, "I will resume my observations. I was saying, gentlemen, that our departed friend, Mr. Fisher, regarded me in the light of a brother—brother, did I say?—Gentlemen, I should rather say a [unclear]—a thin gentleman, I know that [unclear] years, gentlemen—in the light of a brother friend. You will understand, gentlemen, that it was impossible for him [another hiccup], to leave his property to any one else, and in my hands, you will admit, gentlemen, that it is better lodged than in his own. As long as I last, gentlemen, and the more I live, the more I shall be able to do for you, and as long as I last, you will find in this house, that coverage which inebriates, though it does not inebriate me. Well, gentlemen, I will not detain you. I have only to propose a toast, in which I am sure you will unite: "To my late friend, Mr. G. and may he rest in peace forever."

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### PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE NEWS ROOM.)

Parliament, March 4.

The following Bills were read the first time on 1st passed:—A Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Lacoste Lake River Driving Company. A Bill to amend the existing laws relating to the granting of Will Reserves in this Province. A Bill to provide for the payment of costs in proceedings instituted on behalf of the Crown in matters relating to the Revenue, and for the amendment of the practice in the Courts of Exchequer.

The Speaker wished to know what was the intention of the House with regard to the Printing of the Bill accompanying the Report of the College Council. It was agreed that the Bill should not appear in the daily journals, but that a hundred copies should be printed.

The House, in Committee, passed a Bill, relating to the Fugitive Duty of the Sick and Disabled Seamen's Fund to a uniform rate of one penny per ton throughout the Province.

The order of the day, the consideration of papers relating to Sullivan's Creek Bridge, laid before the House in compliance with an address, taken up, and the House went into Committee.

Mr. McPherson said he wanted this affair fully investigated.

Mr. Fisher (who had examined the address for the papers) said that he had examined the papers carefully, and the conclusion he had arrived at was that he had been in error. Mr. McPherson's place, he thought, probably had been taken by the gentleman who had done. Everything appeared fair and just.

Mr. Wilmot gave a full and lucid explanation of the circumstances attending the election, the former and the making the new contract.

Mr. Smith said he really saw nothing wrong. He heard, however, that the Chief Commissioner had been a Member of the present contract, which was wrong in principle.

Mr. McPherson made an explanation to the effect that the object of the contract was to give Mr. Tomlinson, he had not had time to come down, and that gentleman could get up on St. John.

Mr. Forby thought this explanation perfectly satisfactory, and no Member present said anything else.

Some other conversation took place; and then the Speaker, resuming the chair, pronounced the matter settled for ever.

Several resolutions were made during the discussion of the absence of Mr. Connell, who, having made this investigation necessary by his charges in his speech on the 22nd inst., was absent from the House on Friday next, and the whole would be laid before the House in a day or two.

Very little was done to-day.

A Bill to disqualify practicing attorneys holding the office of Registrar of Deeds and Will was passed in Committee.

A Bill to make Sheriff Street, in the Parish of Portland, a public street, was read the first time.

At the suggestion of His Honor, the Speaker, Chief Justice, and Bridge Street (two which were also put in the Bill, and it then passed.)

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Mr. Bostford made a lengthy speech. He declared himself in favour of the bill, but would support the bill proposed by the Government.

Mr. Bostford said he had answered that question whether it was required to pass with a suspending clause.

Mr. Bostford made a short speech denying that the opposition were factions and speaking in favour of the amendment. House adjourned at a quarter to 6.

Parliament, March 11th.

Mr. Sutton asked the Postmaster General whether his report would be submitted. The Postmaster General said he had answered that question whether it would be submitted.

Mr. Smith moved an address to His Excellency praying for information on each of the following subjects:—Amount due by the Estate of the late James Taylor, late Deputy Treasurer for the City of Fredericton, and what steps have been taken to recover amounts paid in connection with the Public Buildings for services performed before Mr. Taylor's death. Amounts paid for salaries &c. in connection with the office of Board of Works since May last.

Mr. Forby wished to lay on the table a motion for an address to His Excellency, with reference to the removal of the Legislative Council from the Province, and the transfer of the seat of Government to the City of Fredericton.

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### ARRIVAL OF THE "ATLANTIC."

New York, March 5.

The Collins' steamship Atlantic, from Liverpool of 13th reached her dock, at this port, this evening.

Liveries—Wool and corn firm; flour unsettled. No change in provisions. Cotton more quiet; prices unchanged; sales today estimated at 10,000 bales.

The steamship Great Britain left Liverpool on the 16th with 120 passengers for Melbourne.

The total reduction of taxation proposed in the Budget of Eschschner's budget is \$2,600,000.

The debate on the financial project had been postponed till Feb. 10.

A motion had passed expelling James S. [unclear] from the House of Commons.

The Earl of Clarendon had appealed to Lord Almonester to postpone his motion in regard to the Persian war, on the grounds that negotiations at Paris were making satisfactory progress, and might be brought to an issue at any moment. The motion was accordingly postponed.

The London Advertiser asserts that a large number of Conservative Members of Parliament threaten to desert Lord Derby if he sanctions a coalition with the 'Peelites.'

The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian says Otto Russell, nephew of Lord John Russell, will accompany Lord Napier, as attaché, to Washington.

On the 16th the Emperor opened the Legislature with a speech from the throne, amidst great pomp and enthusiasm.

He referred to the peaceful solution of the recent difficulties amongst various European powers, and conceding that the best understanding now prevails amongst all great powers, he thought the time had arrived to endeavor seriously to regulate and develop the strength and riches of the Empire.

He rejoices over the prosperous condition of the country as evinced by the largely increased revenue, regrets the suffering caused by deficient crops and inundations, says that expenditures are to be reduced, and the war tax abolished from June next. The annual supply contingent is fixed at 100,000,000 francs.

He says that applications are made for a trans-Atlantic line of steamships, and all referring to sundry local topics, winds up with a panegyric upon the state of the Empire.

Italian affairs remain in the same unsatisfactory condition.

The agents sent by government to effect political prisoners at Cairo, South Africa, report that nearly all had been released.

The British foreign office had printed a mass of official correspondence relating to affairs in Naples and Persia.

Constantinople, Feb. 9.—French despatches from Tehran recommend Peruk Kham to make peace with England.

British reinforcements had arrived in the Persian Gulf, and the English army had arrived in Kabul and was to march with the troops of Mahomed at Herat.

The Prussians were concentrating troops on the banks of the Caspian.

A partial amnesty to political offenders had been granted in Persia.

Great distress, bordering on famine, prevailed throughout Finland.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE PERSIA.

New York, March 6.

The steamship Persia, Capt. Judkins, from Liverpool has arrived. She brings dates of the 21st ult.

Mr. D. [unclear] in Parliament, was to attempt on Friday night the 20th, to introduce the Ministry by moving an amendment to the financial budget Mr. D. [unclear] proposing that the estimate should be adjusted over the period of the next three years, so as to allow a total repeal of the income tax.

There is nothing heart towards the settlement of the Disraeli political difficulties.

The Russian have resumed the war on the Caucasus, and are reported to have received a large concession of territory from Persia.

London.—The Persian difficulty which was in a fair way of settlement, has taken an unexpected and unfavorable turn. Peruk Kham, the Persian envoy, having suddenly signed negotiation with the British minister at Paris, and all other centers of negotiation.

The French government has instructed its representatives at London, Vienna, St. Petersburg and Berlin to invite those powers to accredit their resident ministers at Paris as plenipotentiaries, to settle the Nauchatal affair.

Mr. R. R. Cuyler, president of the Central Railroad of Georgia, has forwarded to the Board of Directors, a report on the work of the Conductor, two engineers, three conductors, and the government mail agent of the line, denying that any difficulty occurred on the occasion of John Armstrong's celebrated trip.

An explosion took place on the 19th Feb. at the Land Hill Colliery, near Wainhill, on the South Yorkshire railway. One hundred and sixty-six persons were in the mine at the time. Sixteen were drawn up alive, and the others remained for certain dead. The interior of the pit having taken fire, engines had arrived and the mouths of the shaft were being stopped up to extinguish the flames.

At St. Thomas' Church, Gainsbury, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. H. W. Tippet, Rector, the Rev. Thomas Hart, Missionary at Canterbury, was married to Miss Mary Ann Eton, youngest daughter of the late Edward G. Eton, Esq., and grand daughter of Doctor William Cavershill, Queensbury.

On Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., Barbara, infant daughter of William and Susan Fletcher, died at the age of 18 months, and was buried on the 8th inst. at the parish of St. Andrew, in the 8th year of her age, much regretted by her numerous friends and acquaintances.

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