BUSINESS NOTICE.

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The Daily Tribune.

ST. JOHN, N. B., APRIL 11, 1872.

Political Free Lances.

The catch words of the politician are often possessed of more significance than either their originator or his hearers may suppose. The "campaign" of a Party resembles very closely that of an army, both in its tactics and its disregard of the laws that govern civil life. All is fair in war and politics, scrupulosity being a failing of neither the generalissimo nor the candidate. Like an army, the political party has its scouts, advance guards, and numerous hangers on, or camp followers. It has also its irregulars or free lances, of easy faith, who are ready to plunder either party, or strike out for themselves, on emergency. It would be unjust to ascribe the latter traits to those whom we have called the Political Free Lances, the figure only holding good, generally, in their light allegiance to party ties, and their ready independence of the party whips. In the United States, where politics are reduced to a science, the number of "leaders," with or without a following, is large, and their principles of every shade. "Straight" Republicans and Democrats are the regular army; "bolters" of either branch, "independents," "conservatives" "new departure men," and others, form the irregular contingents. Men of one idea, like Wendell Phillips, and men of no ideas, like G. F. Train, are the prominent leaders.

Nearly every state has its quota of Woman Suffragists, Temperance men, and Labor Reformers, who nominate each one its separate ticket, and poll a slender vote at each election. Occasionally one or the other holds the balance of power, and then it is curious to note the sudden conversions to the opinions of that party, on the part of rival candidates. Republicans are true Republicans *and* labor reformers; Democrats are Democratic to the heart, and Woman Suffragists to the core of the heart. Election to office may weaken this devotion to a cherished principle, but it only weakens, never destroys it. Next year they are equally fervent in their protestations, and no doubt equally sincere.

Whatever the temporary effect of such influences may be, there is little doubt but that the "Labor Question" and the "Woman Question" will soon be prominently before the people, and still more seriously will they have to decide upon the case of Protection *versus* Free Trade. The latter has many and influential adherents, particularly in the Western States, whither the oft quoted "Star of Empire" tends. The West is jealous of the protection extended by National influence to Eastern manufactures, and begins to clamor for justice; and when the young giant calls for favor or fair play, he generally speaks in unmistakeable tones. *Per contra*, the East clamors for free breadstuffs; each realizing the merits of protection only when applied to itself, and both unconsciously preparing the way for the ultimate measure that will benefit all, that of unastricted and unhampered free trade.

Summer Amusements.

"Summer and song birds" are on the eve of arriving. Winter is at last preparing for departure; and although some weeks must pass before the last vestige of his presence fades from view, the new season is heralded by the birds in the trees of the Old Burial Ground and the Advance Agents of Serenaders and Theatrical Troupes. When we read the "locals" which tell us that those who cater to amuse the public have found us out once more,—when we read of the approach of these harbingers of Summer, we begin to realize that the Winter of our discontent is about to melt before the genial influences that will soon pour in upon us by rail and steamboat from our neighbors over the line. Soon the trains and boats will come laden with the thousands who annually migrate in this direction, whether on business or pleasure bent, or seeking to discover some new thing in this unknown land under British rule—whether the pushing commercial traveller with his extra finished samples, or the capitalist urgent to secure mill sites or timber lands. The wave of travel will presently dash in upon us, not to recede until the autumn months have arrived. But what we need particularly from our Republican brethren is a liberal share of rational amusements. We have been listening to serious Lectures and Legislative spoutings all winter; have had several angry controversies and much unnecessary jarring cotemporary with financial panics and snow blockades; and the winter altogether has been "a hard one." We require now some milder and more enjoyable mental food,—something light, easily digested and otherwise pleasant. Serenaders, Theatrical Troopers, first class Ministrel Entertainments, Musical Conventions, Mendelssohn Quintette Clubbists, Sleight of Hand performers, and other Illusionists, Delusionists, Wizard-like Necromancers and Circus and Menagerie people, are now in order. And if we could only secure Readings or Lectures from some of the first class American Humorists the cup of our happiness would be full to overflowing. Amusements, indeed, we must have, but they must be good. Only first-class entertainments should be patronized. We are near enough to our neighbors to obtain the best wares of this description they have to offer, and if brazen impudence, instead of first rate talent, presents itself for our recognition and our money, we should not hesitate to mark our disapprobation of the insult. And in this connexion we should remember that talent is more expensive in these days than it used to be. We have the reputation of being a "quarter dollar town," from the fact that the bulk of our amusement loving citizens care not to advance beyond the twenty five cent piece for anything in this line. We may be required to disburse several times this amount if we would hear Mark Twain, or listen to really good Music, or spend an evening in the not yet finished Academy of Music with Signor Blitz or some renowned Operatic Star. If our tastes require the best in these lines we must be prepared to pay handsomely for it; and this course will be even less expensive to *pater familias*, take the year all through, than the present fashion which leads our citizens to patronize every ten cent tea meeting or cheap concert that is improvised in any quarter of the town. The taste for a higher style of art being cultivated, the cheap and worthless imitations of amusement will seem insipid and die out for want of gullible patrons.

Independence and its Advocates.

In the Session of Parliament which opened this afternoon at Ottawa, it is to be hoped, the Leaders of Parties will declare themselves unequivocally on the question of Canadian Independence. These gentlemen, on both sides of politics, have been brought into intimate relation with the leading statesmen of England, and there is little doubt that they know the mind of British ralers on the subject. They ought to give Canada the benefit of such information.

Hon. William McDougall, C. B., alleges that he speaks the views of English statesmen when he warns us to prepare for Independence. He assures us that this opinion is based upon his personal intercourse with these great men. Sir A. T. Galt has made similar statements. But then both the Knight and the C. B., like the Halifax *Chronicle* and Mr. Howe, occasionally indulge in the "sensational."

The next most talented leader of the Independence movement, Mr. David Main, Editor of the *St. Croix Courier*, has not enjoyed the advantage of unrestricted, confidential conferences with Imperial statesmen; but being a gentlemen of sound judgment; an Editor whose business it is to scan the political horizon, impartially, from week to week, and carefully note the movements of the hour; a Watchman, placed by Providence on the Border line, to preserve the peace and promote good feeling between two great Nations, he is probably as much of a Prophet as either of the other gentlemen of the Independence School. The explanation of Mr. Main's views, however, is probably to be found in the fact of his residing in the same locality as Mr. Bolton, M. P., whose radical tendencies in this direction may have overflowed upon his neighbors, leading them to think more lightly of British Connection than they ought to think. Although Mr. Bolton was recently in England, we have not understood that he was taken into the confidence of the British Government on this subject of Independence. If he had been, the public, no doubt, would have been so informed by this date. Of course, it is merely supposition on our part that the movements of so great a Radical planet as Mr. Bolton may have affected the calm judgment of so matter of fact a person as our friend of the *Courier*; but in no other way can we account for Mr. Main's earnest advocacy of Independence.

Government and Opposition in Parliament, doubtless, will unite to declare the mooting of the question premature; but some interesting discussions may be expected, especially if Mr. McDougall be called upon to show cause for believing British statesmen favorable to the new movement.

Better Terms.

The Toronto *Globe*, as the leading organ of the Oppositon, indicates the subjects on which the Dominion Government will be assailed at the approaching Session. These include the Washington Treaty, "Mr. Howe's escapade," Dr. Tupper's "charming little peccadilloes" (a sprat thrown to the N.S. Opposition), the North West policy of the Ministry, "the census muddle," and the Quebec and Ontario Arbitration. The Inter-Colonial Railway management is to be "investigated," and the Government punished for listening to New Brunswick's demand for Better Terms. On the latter point the Clear Grit authority remarks:—

The great mistake of violating the Confederation Act in favor of Nova Scotia is bearing its natural but most unpleasant fruit. The New Brunswickers affirm that *but for that they would never have moved for better terms;* but, when they saw how not only Nova Scotia but Manitoba and British Columbia were treated, they felt they had a good cause. The evil of going contrary to the plain letter of the law, in order to stave off a present difficulty, is shown very manifestly in all this complication.

A journal or a Party that can so unfairly misrepresent the plainest facts of a case, may be relied on to do its utmost to prevent our receiving justice. With the assistance of Nova Scotia, however, our claim should prevail.

Arrivals of Spring Goods.

The arrivals of goods for our merchants during March were not as heavy as they were expected to have been, owing to the reputed loss of two vessels bound to this port from England, the "Konnigratz" and the "Glenavon." Since the month of April opened, howsver, one sailing vessel or steamer after another has arrived, and the imports of Spring goods show large values. The "John Black" brought a valuable general cargo from Liverpool; and yesterday the "Vasa" arrived with a cargo consisting chiefly of iron, iron goods and other hardware, and some earthenware, etc. Two steamers have arrived from England so far,—the "Alexandria," from Liverpool, with a general cargo, very valuable, and the "Lady Darling," also from Liverpool. The "Dacian," had she reached here, would have made the third steamer in the first half of the month, and her cargo would have represented greater value than either of the others. The "Choice" and a steamer are loading at Liverpool, and the steamer "Milbank" is on her way out. Goods have also been arriving via the Allan Line at Halifax. The Custom House officials have been kept busily employed since the month opened, and it is understood that in the past ten days, in round numbers, $60.000 has been paid in for duties. It is estimated that for the month the Custom House receipts will not fall short of $160,000 to $180,000.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

First Anniversary Meeting---Fast Day ---Professor Morse---Small Pox and the Realms of King Mob---City Improvements.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

BOSTON, April 8th, 1872.

About this time look out for rain, saith the Almanac, for the Anniversary Meetings are at hand, and the umbrella and the carpet-bag shall be seen in the land. First of whom cometh he of the long hair, and the sallow cheek, and eke she of the short hair and manly voice, who profess to lead the advance guard of Progress, in the cause of modern Spiritualism. The twenty-fourth anniversary of that sect was celebrated in Music Hall last week, when it was stated that the number of Spiritualists in America was thirteen millions, "the majority of whom were in the Churches," a very wise qualification, inasmuch as the number *out* of the Churches and the Asylums is very small indeed.

THEODORE PARKER

is made responsible for the above statement, such being his precise language at the meeting in question. True, Mr. Parker is dead, but he was kind enough to express his opinions by the medium of a Mrs. Conant, just as Demosthenes, some time deceased, still enlightens the world through Mrs. Victoria Woodhull. What are we to say of the ridiculous nature of spiritualistic jugglery, when such high authorities as these endorse the performance; and should not a man be careful how he denies their miraculous nature, with the pleasant prospect that his own *post mortem* testimony may be called to refute his statements? Well did Professor Huxley say that such a fate adds a new terror to death.

Last Thursday was, in legal phraseology, a day devoted to

FASTING AND HUMILIATION

appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth. Consequently our theatres had each two performances; business was suspended; citizens sought the rural shades of retirement, and our country cousins come to the City. When Yankee Doodle comes to town he brings his "gal" along. Hand in hand, they promenade the streets, in rural simplicity. They go the Museum, the theatre, and the ice-cream saloon. Rusticus revels in enjoyment. He suffers untold horrors from the unfamiliar pavements; he visits the mock-auction shop, and the Dollar Store. He is swindled; his pockets are picked, and he goeth home happy.

SIGNS OF MOURNING

on the telegraph offices, and flags at half-mast over the City, announce the death of a world's benefactor, Professor S. F. B Morse. His life is too well known for recapitulation here, and his death, though long expected, still casts a gloom over the scientific world. For Professor Morse was, truly great, in the only true sense of the word, the sense that makes greatness and goodness synonymous. Unlike most benefactors, he received his reward in life, even to a national monument, the unveiling of which was his last public act.

SMALL POX

again threatens our locality, this time attacking the weakest point, the abodes of poverty and dirt, in South Boston. Driven from their old haunts by the demolition of Fort Hill, the squalid denizens of that place made a hegira to South Boston and other suburbs, carrying with them the unpleasant associations of the past, and a good deal of traditionary filth.

THE PURLIEUS

of any large city are a disgrace to our civilization, and in this respect Boston is in no way superior to other places. First and Second streets, "Gold" and "Silver" streets, and the classic regions of South Cove can scarcely be surpassed by Seven Dials or Five Points. Every sense is greeted by a separate indication of uncleanliness. The eye, the ear, and above all, the nose, recognize the potent presence of Dirt. Here is the home of King Mob. Here little children swarm on the streets, uncared for and almost beyond regeneration. Blasphemy and obscenity pollute the atmosphere, and the omnipresent rum shop flourishes. Lying on his breast in a suggestively swinish posture, half-way under a gate, is a child of nine or ten years, as well as the patches of unsullied skin on his face permit me to judge. His chin rests on his hands, his elbows in the mud, and he salutes me with a ribald courtesy, as I step past his head. Farther on

A YOUNG DEMOCRAT,

attired in a pair of pants and half a shirt, throws a small stone at my head, and does not run away. He expresses his contempt for myself and cowards in general, and looks for another rock. I pass a couple of ragged newsboys playing marbles, and unintentionally brush against them. One turns up his head, like a dog whose tail has been stepped upon, and condemns to a torrid sphere "me an' my gloves." Then I perceive that I have outraged public opinion by wearing gloves of offensively choice pattern, and I feel that I am a public nuisance, and leave the realms of the unwashed. The future of these embryo ruffians and outlaws is painful to contemplate, closely associated as it ever must be with the destiny of our country, but it is gratifying to know that the Foreign Missions are in a flourishing condition.

THE MARCH OF IMPROVEMENT

is as relentless as that other march of Time, or Sherman's March, in its destruction of old landmarks and historical buildings. The latest project is one for the widening of School street, including a part of Beacon street and Spring Lane, so that, when completed, there will be one grand central avenue, terminating in two commanding structures, the State House at the West end, and the new Post Office at the East. The latter will be a handsome edifice, not disfigured by the heavy style of architecture so prevalent in our public buildings, but of light and airy lines and graceful mouldings. It is to be built of Quincy granite similar to that used about a century ago in the construction of the old King's Church on Tremont street. At that time, our good ancestors were rather afraid to begin the church, lest the supply of granite should be exhausted before its completion. The quarries have been in operation ever since without showing any signs of depletion. This same old church will have to be moved some feet to the North, to make way for the new avenue, a feat quite easy in these days of improvement.

ANOTHER OLD PLACE

will have to give way also, the Old Corner Bookstore, formerly of Ticknor and Fields, later of Dalton & Co., and now of A. Williams & Co. In its palmy days, it was the retreat of the literary lions of that day, of Hawthorne, Fields, Lowell, Longfellow, Whittier, Epes Sargent, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and their confreres. A historic old spot it was, where the young and genial "Boz" was feted and admired by the coteric of talented men, and made life-long friends amongst America's most gifted sons. But it must be "Haussmannized" off the face of the earth, along with the old mouldering tombstones in King's Church yard. Quaint old monuments they are, with the mortuary skull and cross-bones badly chiseled on their weather beaten faces, and old titles of "Sir" and "Lord," borne by their owners who lived and strutted about in the pre Revolutionary days "when George the Third was King." It is related of this same "King's Church" that Benjamin Franklin was commissioned to procure a bell for it in England, but thoughtlessly expended the funds for books and was rather pushed to replace the amount from his own slender purse—a curious, if true, feature in the life of the author of "Poor Richard."

J. J. R.

LOCALS.

SECOND EDITION.

A Second Edition of THE TRIBUNE will be issued as soon as the Governor General's Speech is received by Telegraph.

James G. Forbes, Esq.,

left for a visit to Chicago and the Great West this morning.

Hotel Improvements.

Mr. R. S. Ilyke, who knows how to keep a hotel, is putting the International through a regular course of painting, papering, varnishing and whitewashing, to accommodate the numerous patrons of his establishment.

Accident at the "Lady Darling."

This morning about 9 o'clock, a laborer named John McKay had a thumb cut off while employed in hoisting coal and dumping it into carts from the "Lady Darling." John had a great time pulling off the wrapping and revealing the wound as he passed up the wharf homeward bound.

Another Vessel Lost.

The schooner Vincent White, Captain Peterson, which sailed from this port on the 7th March, with a cargo of boards and plank, for Cardenas for orders, is telegraphed ashore near Cardenas, and likely to be a total loss. The V. W. is a vessel of 140 tons register, built in St. John and owned by Messrs. White Brothers of this city.

Billiard Match.

A Match will be played this evening, about nine o'clock, in the "Camp" Billiard Rooms, between Mr. Peck, the celebrated player and Mr. Myles Smith; $50 is put up on the result. Mr. Peck "double discounts" his opponent. The game is for 500 points.

Personal.

Aldermen Ferguson and Rowan, and City Engineer Peters left for Ottawa this morning to lay before the Department of Public Works all the information relative to the situation of the Breakwater property owned by the Corporation and try to effect an equitable settlement between the Railway and the City.

The Members of the Common Council

representing Queen's, King's and Duke's Ward should do something towards having the street crossings cleaned. Those on Prince William street, especially, should receive early attention. The members might nudge the proper official.

Provincial Appointments.

James P. Sills to be a Seizing Officer; and Samuel Watts a J. P. for York County.

The first Steamer of the season,

the "Rothesay" arrived at Fredericton from St. John on the 11th April last year. The "David Weston" arrived on the 14th April the preceding year.

From Ottawa.

An Ottawa telegram to THE TRIBUNE says:—"Only Bolton, Hutchison and Robertson from N. B., are yet here.—Young Porrier took his place in the Commons Post Office this morning."

Steamship "Dacian."

As there is no telegraph line to Clam Bay, no further news of the wrecked Steamship "Dacien" will be received till the return of the steamers which have gone to her assistance. The distance from Halifax is thirty five miles, and it is expected that definite intelligence of what can be done in the way of saving the goods, if any can be saved, will be known to-night.

Promoted.

Mr. David Duncan, of the Bank of British North America in this City, has been promoted to a position in the Agency of the same Bank in New York, and will leave for the scene of his labors in a few days. During his stay in our City Mr. Duncan's abilities and gentlemanly accomplishments have drawn around him many warm friends, and his departure will be sincerely regretted. The hope had been entertained that he might be induced to remain and take a position in the new Bank.

Hard Travelling.

The Hon. Wm. Hamilton left Fredericton on Monday morning for Chatham over the air line mail route, which is also the projected line of Gough's Northern and Western Railway. The snow is five feet deep and so soft that the horses sink to the bottom, making travelling utterly impossible. Yesterday Mr. Hamilton tired of his wilderness journey, was trying to get back to Fredericton again.

Addition to Church Membership.

On Sunday last, nine candidates for membership received the right hand of fellowship in the Portland Baptist Church. The rite of Baptism is expected again on Sunday next. Two were added to the German St. Baptist Church on the same day.

An Iron Bridge

has arrived from England in the bark "Vasa." It is intended for River Philip, on the Inter-Colonial Railway, and is of about one hundred tons weight. The duty of forwarding the bridge to its destination is assigned to Mr. John E. Hughes. No decision has yet been reached as to whether it shall be sent by rail or water.

The Commercial Value of Water

has just been fixed beyond dispute. The analytic powers of the Dominion Government, acting through the Custom House, have been brought to bear upon the subject, and a value has been reached from which there is no appeal.

Lemon Syrup is composed chiefly of Water, but the Custom House officials at Ottawa have had a shrewd suspicion that in each bottle of the fluid there is at least one ounce of sugar; and as the combination, for revenue reasons, is to be dreaded, the resources of the Government have been wielded to crush out the import of an article so dangerous, the Custom House preferring that the comparatively harmless beverage of the same name manufactured by a Montreal firm shall have free course and be generally consumed by all true Canadians. The Customs having the option, appear to have decided that Lemon Syrup shall pay a duty of one cent a pound and 25 per cent on the value. To arrive at the "weight" no special regulation has yet been framed by our rulers: but an approved method is simple and as follows: The cork is carefully drawn from the bottle; the bottle and syrup are then weighed; then the valuable fluid is cannily poured into a pitcher or other receptacle, when the empty bottle is weighed separately, and its ounces being deducted from the gross weight, the result is found to be just twenty four avoirdupois ounces or one and a half pounds. The duty of 1½ cents accordingly exacted on quantity, and the 25 per cent on value, bring the duty on a bottle of Lemon Syrup up to *eleven cents!*

It is claimed by unreasonable importers that this is paying dearly for the whistle, or, rather, the water; but as the result must be to shut out all foreign and British Lemon Syrup and reduce the consumption in the Dominion to the weak but health giving products of Winning, Hill and Ware, it is believed that a great National and Patriotic purpose will have been accomplished and the Dominion will proceed triumphantly on the path of Progress.

Export of Specie.

The Halifax Branch of the Bank of Montreal, shipped to England on Tuesday, per "Caspian," $146,000 in gold.

Great Timber Drive.

One of the largest drives ever seen in the river has been put in the Pemigewasset, New Hampshire, and is now on its way down. It contains 13,000,000 feet.—[Boston Advertiser.

Hegira of Nova Scotians.

The "Empress," which arrived at half-past five this morning from Annapolis, brought over about three hundred passengers, nearly all of whom left in the Boston boat at eight o'clock. The majority of them were young people, and two-thirds of them young women of very intelligent appearance. Many of the parties were probably intended for Massachusetts Factories, as it is known that proprietors have been making extraordinary efforts to obtain this description of labor from the Provinces. Others, doubtless, have been "roped in" by the agents of the Northern Pacific Railway, as the Company's representative as long ago as October last anticipated securing a large number of settlers from Nova Scotia.

The Halifax *Chronicle* of Tuesday says:

The Spring immigration to the United States has commenced. Last week the "Carlotta" took away about 200 passengers. Yesterday she was again crowded; 126 passengers received tickets at the agent's office and a number of others went on board without tickets.

The Charges against King's College, Windsor.

A Professor Sumichrast, who recently resigned his position in King's College, having published charges reflecting on the management and condition of the College and the habits of the Students, the Governors have taken the matter in hand and adopted the following resolution:—

"That the Associated Alumni be requested to nominate a committee of five of their body to meet at Windsor at the earliest possible date, and investigate all the charges contained in Professor Sumichrast's letter of February 24th, against the Visitors, Governors, Officers and Students of King's College; having first given due notice to the said Professor, of the time and place of meeting, in order that he may have the opportunity of attending and adducing evidence to substantiate the said charges; and a similar notice having been given to the Governors and Officers of the College, that they may furnish such answers and explanations as they may think fit to offer."

Extract from the minutes.

J. C. COCHRAN, M. A.,
Sec'y to the Governors of King's College.

Unless the charges (which have been circulated by the Press throughout Nova Scotia) be satisfactorily disproved, the College can scarcely hope to receive either public or private assistance.

Mr. John Ross's Rooms

in Furlong's new building, Charlotte street, were a centre of attraction during election week. The Bar Room has been fitted up in good style. The Billiard Room is by all odds the finest in the Maritime Provinces,—second only to Dion's in Montreal, or what Dion's was when our Reporter last saw it. Mr. Ross has imported four very expensive tables, and all the appointments, lighting, ventilation, coloring of the walls, etc., in this room, are modelled on the latest improvements. There is a third room, well lighted, spacious, and painted in excellent taste, known as the Club Room, which has been taken by a Club of about thirty young men, who will here take dinner or lunch, as in other Clubs. The arrangement will be a convenience in many cases, especially to persons who can not always give the time to travel homeward a long distance to meals at a stated hour; and its social advantages do not require demonstration. Mr. Ross's name is a guarantee for the best of order and the best of every thing in his line.

The Newfoundland Sealers.

A telegram from Halifax states there is no news of any of the Newfoundland sealers. This is probably occasioned by a prevalence of North East winds, and fears for the result of the voyage may be entertained.

THE LEGISLATURE.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FREDERICTON, April 11.

Wedderburn presented the final report of the Contingent Committee. They have effected a saving of over $500 on the contingent account of last year.

The Secretary moved the following address to the Queen:—

"*May it please Your Majesty.*

"We, your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of New Brunswick, beg leave to renew our expressions of loyalty and devotion to your Majesty's person and throne. We beg to assure your Majesty of the intense anxiety which pervaded all classes of your Majesty's subjects in this Province, during the recent alarming illness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and as the Parliament and on behalf of the people of New Brunswick we desire to tender to Your Majesty our warmest congratulations, that it has pleased Almighty God in his great mercy to restore his Royal Highness to health, to the great joy of Your Majesty, his family, and the whole nation."

The House in Committee agreed to the bill to incorporate the Washademoak Steamboat Company.

Wedderburn said that in the absence of the Leader of the Opposition he would second the address.

House in Committee referred the reports of the Committees that have investigated the claims of Robert McCann, for school teaching, and Justice McCaffary for loss sustained in defending a suit for false imprisonment.

Dr. Alward moved a resolution, asking for a Special Committee to make arrangements for publishing Debates next year.

White opposed the resolution.

Wedderburn was in favor of Debates.

Hatheway said that his feelings in the matter were well known; but if the Debates were decided on he would like them to make an arrangement with the gentleman who reported the speech of the member from Gloucester for the ability displayed in that verbatim report.

The resolution was carried, and Alward, Willis and McPherson were appointed.

House agreed to a bill to provide for the expenses of witnesses in criminal prosecutions. In reply to Gough the Secretary said the Botsford matter was settled.

House went into committee on Wedderburn's Liquor Bill.

Adams moved the three months hoist.

Maher spoke defending his position in opposition to the bill; and Lindsay in favor of the bill is now speaking.

Hotel Arrivals.

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

Wednesday, April 10.—John G Carrier, Gloucester; J B Scburman, Amherst; S H L Whittier, F'ton; Mrs Drew, Montreal; Mrs Cormeau, Shediac; H Cook, Ohio; S Mansell, do; W Bruce, do.

Thursday, 11.—F C Harris, Bridgetown; D Anderson, Montreal; J W Watt, Halifax; C D Boggs, Boston; S Grant, Wind Harbor; F R Hewitt, Pictou; E T Hawkesworth, Digby; A Marshall, Bear River; John N Brown, Windsor; Sabra Brown, do; L Colwell, do; S Winn, do, J Grace, Nova Scotia; W Covey, Nicto Plains; A Brion, Burlington; H Tupper, Truro; T C Harris, Windsor; E Smith, do; C Bishop, Lawrencetown; M H Donovan, Digby; R Dewherst, England; Mrs Dewherst, do; A Dewherst, Samuel Hall, Annapolis; T Messenger, do; E C Taft, do; John Leishman, Halifax; Wm Shaw, Paradise; Miss E Graham, Colchester, Mrs Brown, Lansdowne; Miss A Ryer, Nictau x; Miss Bent, do; Mrs. Pitsbarteau, do; Miss M. Prince, Laurenectown; Mrs Stevens, and two children do; Miss Lyons, do; Annie Finney, N S; Jessie Gates, do; Thos. Prior, Halifax, Miss A McKay, N S; J F Ingram, Cape Breton; D Molmart, N S; S Collins, do; R Blair, do; Miss Pineo, Cornwallis, N S; Miss Grace, Harvey, N S; R Prince Laurencetown, N S; James Lawlor, N S; L Wheelock, do; Jhon Porter, Cornwallis; Miss M Legaus, N S.

Merchants' Exchange.

The following despatches were received at the Exchange to-day:—

Montreal, April 10.—Flour at Liverpool, 26s. a 26s. 6d. Red Wheat, 10s. 8d. a 11s.

New York Flour Market firmer; common to good Exchange State $6 95 a $7.65.

Pork firm, $13.25 new.

Grain freights 4d.

Montreal Flour Market quiet. Western State and Welland Canal Superfine, $5.90 a $5.96.

New York, April 11.—Gold opened at 110¼.

Rev. J. Sella Martin in Louisiana.

There are a thousand schools in Louisiana, in most of which white and colored children mingle harmoniously. Rev. J. Sella Martin, colored, well known here, Assistant Superintendent of the schools in the Fourth Congress District, reports: "The strongest prejudices have yielded to the teachings of necessity," and also that notwithstanding his color, the negro has been treated with courtesy by the old citizens.

The City Police Court.

Hugh Dunn, 45, N. S., drunk on Dock street; was fined $5 or 5 days gaol.

Patrick O'Brien, 24, N. B., drunk on Britain street; was fined $4 or 5 days gaol.

Albert Chittick, for assaulting Richard White: was fined $20.

OYSTERS! OYSTERS! OYSTERS!—If you want oysters, call at Geo. Sparrow's, King Street. By measure or any other way. *

Original Poetry.

George Stewart, (Chemist) in advertising Cunningham's Cough Cure in the papers, expounds its merits in nursery rhymes. This remedy is worthy the Poet's notices, but still more of those who suffer from coughs, colds, weak lungs, &c.

☞ It is a wonderful remedy. ap 8

BY TELEGRAPH.

British and Foreign.

[*By Telegraph to Associated Press.*]

LONDON, April 10.

A Belfast deputation with invitation signed by 3,000 citizens waited on Gladstone, asking him to visit them and deliver an address, which he hoped to do.

Gambetta continues his tour throughout France, in which he urges a definite establishment of a Republic.

Forty thousand women of Alsace and Lorraine addressed a petition to Bismark that their fathers and sons be exempted from service in the German army for a few years.

Disturbances occurred in large numbers in Spanish Towns, but the government promptly suppresses them.

M. Giers, Russian Minister at Berne, is to be succeeded by Prince Gortchakoff.

NEW YORK, April 11.

The Mormon Conference re-elected Brigham Young President of the Church.

The Session of the Dominion Parliament opens to-day.

Sir Bache Cunard arrived yesterday from Liverpool.

Brig "Anna," of Bermuda, found abandoned off the Highlands to-day; appeared to have been run into. Crew was put on board to bring her in.

Germans of this City yesterday celebrated the anniversary Franco German peace.

The earthquake in California moved the whole of Owen's Valley Southward fourteen feet.

On the midland road near Hackensack, Saddle River Bridge gave way, throwing the train into the River, killing one and wounding thirty.

☞ The people of Grand Falls have held a public meeting and repudiated the aid which they promised the River Du Loup Railway last year.

DIED.

On the 10th inst., after a long and severe illness, ELIZANNA, wife of W. K. CRAWFORD.

☞ Funeral from Waterloo street, on Friday, at 2½ o'clock.

On the 10th inst., after a lingering illness of consumption, WILLIAM MAURICE CONNELL, in the 26th year of his age.

☞ Funeral on Friday, at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, Duke street, near Germain.

On the 10th inst, MARGARET KELTIE, infant daughter of W. R. MACKENZIE, aged 1 year and 10 days.

At Windsor, N. S., on the 4th inst, HANNAH COCHRANE, fourth daughter of Mrs. H. A. CROWELL, aged 16 years.

In Halifax, N. S., on the 5th inst., Mrs. CAROLINE DUJAY, aged 37 years.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN.

ARRIVED.

WEDNESDAY, April 10—Ship William Leavitt, 1281, Hamburg, G S DeForest, bal.

THURSDAY, 11th—Brigt G A Coonan, 293, Halcrow, New York, ballast, F Tufts.

Schr Sappho, 126, Spragg, Portland, Me, H W Chisholm, flour.

Schr Lyndon, 97, Hilliard, Eastport, bal, Watters & McLauchlan.

CLEARED.

WEDNESDAY, April 10—Schr Mabel, 89, Edgett, New York, Vroom & Arnold, 1,000 feet boards, 100,000 laths.

THURSDAY, 11th—Str New England, 1021, Field, Eastport, W J Whiting and others, 60 bbls flour, 25 cases brandy, 1 case cigars, 1 box maple candy, 3 trunks samples, 79 bdls old junk, 11 crates do, 1 bdle empty bags, 1 bbl calf skins, 5 horses, 1 set harness, 3 bbls flax seed, 5 bbls cod oil, 13 bbls oysters.

Schr Greta, 147, Stinson, New York, A Cushing & Co, 170,533 feet boards.

British Ports.

SAILED.

From Halifax, 11th inst, stmr M A Starr, Smith, for this port via Yarmouth.

From Liverpool, 7th inst, SS Olympia, for this port, via Halifax.

ENTERED OUT.

At Sunderland, 21st ult, ship Albert Edward, McKenney, for Batavia.

At Liverpool, 23d ult, bark Hipparchus, Calhoun, for Baltimore.

At London, 25th ult, bark County of Pictou, Erskine, for Boston.

LOADING.

Entered at Marlborough, 23d ult, bark Hipparchus, Calhoun, for Baltimore.

Foreign Ports.

ARRIVED.

At Bremershaven, 25th ult, bark Templar, Crosby, for New York.

At Sagua, 28th ult, barks M Stewart, McDonald, and Ocean, Mosby, from Havana; brigt Mabel, Emery, from do.

At Matanzas, 28th ult, bark Lord Palmerston, Anderson, from Greenock; 29th, Annie M Gray, Eaton, from Havana.

At St Jago, Cuba, 8th inst, brig Maggie, Gray, from Newcastle.

At Pensacola, 1st inst, ship Astraeana, Dunlop, from London; 3d, bark Island Light, McFee, from Havre.

At Charleston, 5th inst, bark Harvest Home, Dickey, from Cardiff.

At New York, 6th inst, schrs Ocean Belle, Stockton, Reamer, Johnson, and William Mallier, hence; 7th, schrs Prairie Bird, Caldwell, from Demerara, and W K Barry, Lewis, hence; 8th schr Susan, hence.

At Boston, 8th inst, bark Blanche, Vaughan, from Messina; brig Elsey, Crowell, from St Marc; schrs Brill, Lipset, and Jessie, Foster, hence.

At Vineyard Haven, 6th inst, schr Nettie, Andrews, hence for New York; 8th, schrs W A Gibson, Brown, from Havana (43 days) for Baltimore, and White Star, Reynard, from New York for this port.

At Portland, 8th inst, brig Dundee, Bradshaw, from Boston, to load for Wolfville, NS; schrs E & F Williams, Pitt, from Stonington, E B Ford, Lewis, from Boston; Ida J, Walsh, from Providence.

CLEARED.

At Havana, 30th ult, bark Kestrel, Faulkner, for New York; 6th inst, bark Sailor Prince, McManus, for Matanzas.

At Savannah, 6th inst, bark Sailor Prince, Mcmanus, for Matanzas.

At Baltimore, 6th inst, bark Amezon, Clark, for Rio Janeiro, and schr Humming Bird, Smith, for this port.

At Boston, 8th inst, schrs Franklin, Coates, and Esther, Maloney, for St Andrews, New Dominion, Tiner, and Black Bird, Keese, for this port, via Portland; ship Tidal Wave, Hatfield, for Philadelphia.

At Portland, 8th inst, schr Spring Bird, Cripps, for this port.

SAILED.

From Cienfuegos, 27th ult, brig Teaser, Gregor for Halifax.

From Cardenas, 27th ult, bark Charlie Wood, Towse, for north of Hatteras; 29th, schr Ottawa, Martin, do.

From Matanzas, 28th ult, brigt Ellen H, Dwyer, for north of Hatteras.

From Havana, 28th ult, brig Ottawa, Pye, from Sagua, Timothy Field, Leland, and schr Helen Hastings, Aubrey, for Philadelphia; 31st, brig A G Jewett, Reed, for Cardenas.

From Boston 11th inst, S S Trent, for this port, to load deal. (By Tel to Luke Stewart.)

From Machiasport, 2d inst, bark Adria, Barton, for this port.

LOADING.

At Cardenas, 30th ult, brigt Little Fury, for a port north of Hatteras.

At Darien, 2d inst, schr Kathleen, Thurber, for this port.

Spoken.

No date, lat 30, lon 63, brigt Magaguadavic, from Swansea for Providence.

Disasters.

Schr Vincent White, hence, is ashore near Cardenas, and will probably be a total loss. (By Tel.)

HALIFAX, April 8—Brig Florence, from Cienfuegos to-day, reports that on April 3d she spoke bark Alice Tarlton, from Portland for Matanzas, with her fore and main masts cut away, trying to make an American port. The Florence took off and brought to Halifax Capt Finlay and crew of the H K White, of Boston, which vessel sank on the 14th of March on the passage from New York to Boston. They were on board the bark 20 days, short of water all the time.

VINEYARD HAVEN, April 8th, A M—Ar, sch Wm A Gibson, (of St John, N B), Brown,