

Opening of the Local Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Fredericton, 29th Feb., 1872.

This being the day appointed by proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at three o'clock His Excellency, the Lieut. Governor, came to the Council Chamber, and being seated on the throne, commanded the attendance of the House of Assembly, who being come, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following:

SPEECH:

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly—

In meeting you again it affords me great pleasure in being able to congratulate you upon the prosperity of the Province. The past season was highly favorable to our agricultural interests, and the present condition and prospects of almost every branch of our productive industry are of the most satisfactory character.

The national calamity which, during the recent illness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, hung over the Empire, was happily averted by the goodness of Almighty God; and I am sure that in no part of the British Empire have the thanks given of loyal hearts been more gratefully offered than by Her Majesty's subjects in this Province.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly—

Detailed accounts of the income and expenditure of the past year will be laid before you at an early day, together with estimates of revenue and expenditure of the current year.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly—

The Act, relating to Common Schools passed at the last Session, has been inaugurated with the most encouraging prospects.

I have much satisfaction in informing you that a contract has been entered into for the construction of the Railway from St. Mary's and Woodstock to Edmundston, and from the well known energy and responsibility of the parties who have undertaken the work every assurance is afforded that the highly important commercial undertaking will be completed at an early day.

I have again brought under the consideration of the Dominion Government certain unadjusted claims in connection with the terms of admission of this Province into Confederation, and while a portion of those claims is yet under consideration, I have much pleasure in expressing the belief that the settlement so far as it has been affected, will satisfy the reasonable expectations of the country. I shall direct the papers on this subject to be laid before you.

In furtherance of your wishes, conveyed to me by the addresses of the last Session, I appointed a delegation to proceed to Ottawa on the subject of the financial position of the Province in relation to the Confederacy, by whom the claims of the Province were fully presented. The matter is now under consideration, and I cannot permit myself to doubt that the decision of the Government of Canada will prove that they are fully impressed with the justice of our claims, and will be prepared to supplement the Provincial Subsidy as to render us a reasonable return for the large and productive sources of Revenue so readily transferred to this Province for the benefit of the Dominion.

Pursuant to a request from the Secretary of State for the Provinces, I appointed a delegation to Ottawa, to act in concert with representatives from all the other Provinces of the Dominion, on the important subject of Immigration; and such arrangements have been made, and approved of by the Dominion Government, as, under energetic and prudent management, must, if persevered in, ultimately lead to the introduction of a numerous and valuable class of emigrants. Negotiations have been completed with reliable parties for the supply of a specified number during the ensuing spring, and measures are in progress for the reception and comfortable accommodation of such portion as may be desirous of settling upon the Public Lands. In connection with this subject a measure will be brought before you, to which I invite your early attention.

Your consideration will be asked to a measure for regulating the mode of procedure in actions in the Supreme Court, by which the administration of justice will become more simple, certain and speedy.

It having been well established by geological surveys that this Province is rich in mineral resources, the attention of the Government has been called to the effect and operation of former mining regulations, and, with a view to the development of this most important source of wealth, new regulations better calculated to foster and encourage this valuable department of public industry, have been adopted and published.

In conclusion, I must express my earnest hope that your deliberations will be so guided as at once to maintain and exalt the influence of our representative institutions.

At the opening of the House there was a good number of the members in their places. Only five of the Legislative Councilors were present.

As yet very little can be said with reference to the strength of the Government or the Opposition—there is little probability of a successful attempt to upset the Government this session.

Gough asked if the appointment of the Sergeant at Arms was permanent or temporary.

The Attorney General said that the Government had made the appointment and that it was permanent.

The Answer to the Speech was moved by Beckwith and seconded by Bailey.

Fredericton, March 1.

The Committee on Contingencies reported asking almost the usual recommendations, including an allowance of six dollars each only for the use of the House.

Beckwith and Gough were added to the Committee on Debates.

Bills were introduced as follows:—Ott. to amend Act relating to local Government of County towns and parishes.

By Hon. Crawford, a bill relating to Dover.

By Mr. Gough, a bill relating to the appointment of officers and servants to the House of Assembly.

By Hon. Mr. Crawford a bill to establish new polling places for Hants and Kingston in King's County.

Messrs. Robinson and Hibbard were added to the Committee on Railways.

Mr. Napier was added to the Committee on Mining.

The Legislative Council adjourned over until Monday, there not being a quorum present.

A committee on Agriculture was appointed.

Tibbitts called the attention of the Government to the fact the Post Office Department charges five cents as the rate on letters to members of the House from home or elsewhere during the session. He thought some arrangement ought to be made whereby the regular rate of three cents might be charged.

Coram, Maher, McQueen, Covert, Lindsay, and Landry thought the difficulty might be overcome by correspondence with the Department.

Landry's proposal to have such letters stamped by the Post or way office keepers where mailed, and bills therefore sent quarterly to the Government, and paid at regular rates, was last received.

Hatheway said that since Confederation the mail routes had been lengthened one-third, and in many country districts the postage income was not more than one-third of the expenditure, and the country might be expected to contribute its share towards keeping up the Department—the Government would, however, make all proper efforts to meet the views of the House in the matter.

Fredericton, Mar 2.

This morning all the bills that have been introduced passed a second reading. The Speaker said the Clerk needed one hundred and eighty copies of the journals, and only two hundred had been voted by the House. The number was increased to five hundred.

Bills were introduced as follows: By W. J. deLaurier, a bill to ensure to wives and children the benefit of the life insurance of their husbands and parents, and a bill to continue, for one session of the House to another, bills introduced but not disposed of: by Landry, a bill to place the road from Woodstock to Cunt House to River de la Cote on the great road establishment; by Donald, a bill to amend the act in relation to members of the General Assembly, and a bill to indemnify owners of meadows and other lands against damage in certain cases; by Alward, a bill with reference to the use of parchment in the Legislature.

Beckwith was added to the Accounts Committee, and Phillips to the Mining Committee.

Wills, from the Committee on Debates, reported that two propositions had been received for reporting and publishing the debates—one from Messrs. Burridge & Pugsley and the other from G. W. Day. Day's proposition was to print the debates for \$2,200 and to pay editorial reporters \$600 for reporting, making a total for English debates of \$2,800. The committee had communicated with the former publisher, and the French debates to know what he could publish them in French for in smaller type than before, but had received no answer, and could not therefore say what the cost of French debates would be.

The excitement to night over the report of an attempt on the life of the Queen is intense. Extras of the evening papers appeared in rapid succession as confirmatory details became known. Crowds are still assembled in the streets discussing the news and awaiting further particulars.

An official statement of the facts was promptly made in Parliament this evening, which, when it became known outside, greatly relieved the public anxiety.

In the House of Lords, Lord Granville stated that at half past five this evening the Queen returning from a drive, had reached Buckingham Palace. Just at this moment as the carriage stopped at the gate, a young man ran to her side and presented a pistol within a foot of the Queen's head. The Queen bent her head down to avoid the shot but the pistol did not explode. The fellow in one hand held papers granting a release to Fenian prisoners which he shouted to the Queen to sign, at the time threatening her with a pistol. He was instantly seized by attendants and prevented doing further harm, and it was then found that it was unloaded, and that it was of such primitive construction that it if it had been loaded it probably could not have been discharged.

Her Majesty was very calm, and showed that courage which she has often before exhibited. She directed that a statement of the circumstances be immediately made in both Houses of Parliament, in order to prevent exaggerated rumors. Lord Granville said he would not dwell on the details, nor point between the dastardly act and Tuesday's extraordinary exhibition of the nation's loyalty.

The would be assassin was taken to the nearest police station. He gives the name of O'Connor and is about 19 or 20 years of age. His behaviour in the station was wild, and his language incoherent. He boasted that he tried to reach the Queen on Tuesday during the procession.

London, March 1.

The assault upon Queen Victoria yesterday

by O'Connor is the theme of universal comment and condemnation in the journals. They draw a comparison between the act of this individual and the immense demonstration of loyalty by the entire populace of London, as well as the other demonstrations throughout the Kingdom on Tuesday last.

The father of O'Connor is an Irishman—and the other portion of the family are English and belong to the Protestant Church.

O'Connor's house has been thoroughly searched by the detectives, but nothing whatever found to incriminate any one with him in his dastardly act.

The Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, MARCH 7, 1872.

The Legislative Session

was opened on the 29th ult., in a quiet and business-like manner, without that great show, parade and pomp, which formerly characterized the opening, when Sir A. B., or the Major General C. D. was escorted to the apogee of a Throne, surrounded by an array of Military officers and retired Government grandee pensioners. Those days have passed away we trust never to return. We have now a native Governor of far greater ability than many of his predecessors, and one who takes a lively interest in the progress and welfare of the Province; surrounded by advisers, who are responsible to the people—men who can be approached, and whose interest is that of their constituents.

In another column we have given the Speech, and a summary of the Legislative proceedings each day. The Address in answer to the Speech was passed without debate on Monday, but the Opposition true to their instincts—true to their covetous desire for office, have given notice of bringing forward a vote of "Want of Confidence" this day, Wednesday. No stone will be left unturned, no device left untried, to cost the Government and get possession of the Offices, and above all the Salaries. They want to turn out the men who gave the Province that good look—Free Schools, where every native child whether rich or poor, can obtain an education which will fit him for the highest office—they desire to oust a Government which is opposed (and the recent election in Westmorland has proved the people support them) to that course, Sectarian Schools. For cloak it is they say, one of their principal objects is to amend the law so as to provide for Sectarian Schools. We do not believe that they will succeed; for there are some of the Opposition, who would not endanger the School Law, by upsetting the Government. Then there is the expense and injury to public business, by the frothy vapourings of some would be great men taking up the time of the country in attacking the Executive; and even were they to succeed, the change would in no wise be commensurate with the expense and waste of the people's money. How much better would the Province be governed by the Opposition? It is to be presumed that the answer will be given when the vote on the "no confidence" motion is taken.

Snow Storm.—On Monday night it commenced snowing, and continued up to Tuesday at noon, when a strong wind from the North-west piled the snow up in old fashioned drifts, making travelling difficult. It is not probable that the Trains will be able to get along the Railways in time, and that the mails will consequently be delayed as they were a week ago. In consequence of the delay, our Fredericton Correspondent's letter has not reached here, but will be published in our next issue.

The New Hotel.—The Architect, Mr. Humphrey, who has obtained the contract for framing, boarding in and shingling the new hotel, commenced work on Monday morning, with a strong staff of workmen, which will be increased in a few days. A large number of persons were on the grounds during the day, and all wished the work "good speed." On Tuesday little could be done owing to the heavy snow storm, but the contractor has made arrangements for driving on the work as rapidly as the weather will permit, and from Mr. Humphrey's push and energy, it is probable that by the end of the month, the frame and boarding in will be nearly, if not quite finished.

Cold.—Last night was the coldest this winter, several persons were frost bitten; the St. Croix is frozen down to the Bay, and from present appearances will remain so for some days. The roads are blocked up with snow, and travelling is very difficult. No mails have arrived, and it will be some days before the going will be good. The storm of yesterday was the severest during the season.

The Express.—A new paper, with the above title, is to be published in Fredericton, from the office of Lagin & Son. It is to be issued three times a week, and is to be an evening paper. The editorial department is to be under a gentleman of acknowledged ability. It has our best wishes.

The Census.—We are in receipt of a very able reply by the Hon. J. C. Tache, to Mr. Harvey's strictures on the Census, published in the Canadian Monthly for February. Mr. Tache exposes the errors and misapprehensions which Mr. Harvey has fallen into, and gives the real facts, showing the increase of population and material wealth of the Dominion.

From all parts of the Province we read of the new School Law working admirably. Increased attendance (nearly double in some places), and good feeling among the scholars. The greatest difficulty experienced is the want of books prescribed by the Board of Education; many of the pupils are obliged to use their old books, which makes the teacher's duty laborious and unsatisfactory to themselves. It is to be hoped that this defect will soon be remedied. A visit to the Schools in this District during the week, will be noticed in our next number.

The villainous attempt made on the life of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, by a young man evidently a maniac, has called forth universal condemnation in British and Foreign journals. A touching and beautiful sermon was preached by the Rev. T. Keay, A. M., on the subject last Sabbath evening. A general desire has been expressed that the Rev. gentleman would send it to the "Presbyterian Advocate" for publication.

The Train which left Woodstock for Saint Andrews yesterday morning, only reached D-Buck Junction, 11 miles last evening. The line is blocked up with huge drifts of snow.

AN idea of the immense business the ocean steamship lines are now doing may be formed from the fact that during the past year thirteen steamers of the Inman Line were employed whose aggregate tonnage was 41,696 tons. Those made eight voyages each way, bringing to New York from Liverpool in cabin and steerage 59,000 passengers and carrying outward 10,000—total of 69,000 persons. The quickest of the 176 trips was made by the "City of Paris," in December, from New York to Queenstown in 8 days and 6 hours, and by the "City of Brussels," in November, sailing from Queenstown to New York in 8 days and 7 hours.

CHANGE OF TIME.—It will be noticed that the Train leaves St. Andrews at 8 45 a. m., Woodstock and Houlton at 9 15 a. m.

SUMMARY.

BAPTISTS: ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.—Associations, 11; membership in associated churches, 16,735; baptised in eleven associations, as per tabular view, 1,250; membership of unassociated, 747; total membership, 17,500.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Associations, 2; churches, 136; ordained ministers 69; baptised, 409; total membership 10,154.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Associations, 3; churches, 160; ordained ministers, 86; baptised, 718; total membership, 17,439.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—One association, churches 14; ordained ministers, 8; baptised, 47; total membership, 778.

The latest Australia papers report an extraordinary excitement created by the won deftly increased activity of mining speculation in connection with the Sandhurst gold field, where an incredible number of new companies have been formed to work the quartz mines. The stock in these mines have in some cases gone up to almost fabulous prices; men whose only property a short time ago consisted of shares supposed to be worthless, are now in possession of fortunes ranging from £10,000 to £40,000. The excitement is now spreading to Castlemaine, where large stores of mineral wealth, in the shape of undeveloped deposits of auriferous quartz are believed to exist.

The mania which travellers display in trying to cross a railroad track with their teams, before the train comes up, through knowing that the chances are against them, is often greater than a reader would imagine. The Buffalo Courier says a gentleman having access to a large number of daily and weekly papers has ascertained that 27 persons were killed in this way in six of the Northern States last year, 14 badly hurt, 89 vehicles demolished, 8 locomotives injured, and 90 horses killed.

Ottawa, March 1.

MacNair Clark, M. P. P., for South Grenville, died at present yesterday. It is reported that the silver mines of Lake Superior are yielding enormously this season.

In Switzerland there are 7,000 elementary schools, conducted by 6,000 masters and mistresses. They are visited by 400,000 pupils. Further, there are 276 secondary schools and 46 seminaries for the education of teachers. These numbers give an average of one school for 371, and one teacher for 423 inhabitants.—Swiss Times.

The Quebec "Mercure", approves of the action of the Ontario Legislature in passing an Act to disqualify members of the Dominion Parliament from holding seats in the Local Assembly, and urges its adoption by Quebec. Our contemporary highly applauds the position taken by the Hon. Mr. Blake in this matter.

The Halifax Evening Express says there are 247 vessels in course of construction at Maitland, Nova Scotia. Is it not a mistake? There is not that number in the Province. An old lawyer says that the three most troublesome clients he ever had were a young woman who wanted to be married, a married woman who wanted a divorce, and an old maid who didn't know what she wanted.

Mr. Spencer, the Boston book publisher, advertised a short time since that he had "several thousand smutty volumes," which he would sell at from five to fifty cents. He was at once called upon by Deacon Farnsworth of Park street Church, who remonstrated with him in the most awful language against selling "smutty" books. It took an hour or two to explain that all he intended was books scorch ed by fire. The bookseller also had calls from seven hundred ladies and at least three hundred and fifty Harvard students.

Poughkeepsie dry goods clerk, who last summer saved from drowning the cook of a

canal boat, received a letter from her father, stating that "as ye saved the gal, so's your'd." The clerk demurs.

Special Telegram to "Standard."

FREDERICTON, March 6.

Ordinary business done in House yesterday; Better Terms Report laid on table.

Address passed in Legislative Council without division; McInerney made violent speech against School Bill paragraph; declared he would swear his sons on the Altar to oppose to the bitter end even if it should be to the last drop of blood.

Want of Confidence motion to-day believed. McAdam, Hibbard and Donald will support motion, which involves their adherence to the Separate School policy of Gough and associates, which was really announced by McInerney in the Legislative Council yesterday.

The Government are all prepared for the issue it is said, and will have a majority.

MILITARY.—It is reported that 61st regiment, now in Halifax, is to be relieved by the 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers from Malta. Gen. Doyle is Colonel of this regiment.

Rev. Thomas Angwin, Wesleyan Minister, while on board the steamer Tiger at Creighton's wharf, Halifax, Monday, fell down an open hatchway and broke two of his ribs.

A cow belonging to Mr. Malcolm McKenzie, of Wolford, lately presented him with a calf having two heads, four eyes and two ears. It lived only a few days.

A correspondent, writing from R. Chibucto to the "Union Advocate," says that "School matters are working admirably, all parties being united. Our R. C. friends off no opposition—in fact are only too ready to avail themselves of the advantages of Free Schools."

A couple at Adrian, Mich., got married the other day by formally announcing, in the presence of their friends and a magistrate, that their marriage element was present with them. The magistrate noted the fact in his record, and the ceremony was dissolved.

An Illinois minister reproved a party of lads who were playing cards in church by some timely remarks regarding the last trump.

Lieut. Spencer M. Malley, son of the Bishop of Fredericton, has been promoted to the rank of Commander in the British Navy.

An arch-bishop, having taken notice of his Sunday-school teacher's often reading a chapter in Corinthians wherein is this sentence,—"We shall all be changed in the twinkling of an eye," privately erased the letter in the word changed. The next time the teacher read it, "we shall all be changed in the twinkling of an eye."

The New Yorkers are beginning to write letters to the papers, complaining the general wearing of girdles, and a king information on the subject.

A Texas paper says: "We have been asked why we stop publishing the list of marriage licenses issued by the clerk. Because a great big stand up in the mud out there in the sand hills said we published his daughter as married when she weren't and that he would hit us on the head hard enough to knock our ankles out of joint for it. Is the explanation satisfactory?"

An Ohio man has been living with his wife seventy years, and is still obliged to put up with his mother-in-law. She is one hundred and five years old, and he is beginning to think she will never die.

Hotels on the "American plan" are becoming popular across the seas, while hotels on the "European plan" are growing in favor here.

The new tariff reported in Congress fixes the duty on tea at twelve cents, and coffee two cents a pound; on salt in bulk, nine cents; in sacks, twelve cents; coal, fifty cents a ton on all kinds; manufactured iron, reduced duty ten per cent; pig iron and steel rails remain undisturbed.

As the men in the employ of Wm. M. Adams of Hodgdon, were cutting cedar last week, they found a bear in a huge hollow tree and forcing to kill him with an axe, lest they should spoil the skin, they procured a gun and shot him.

A New York tough smashed a jeweller's show case, and stole \$1,000 worth of trinkets.

Queen Victoria has presented Mrs. Scarsdale, of Toronto, the mother of triplet, with £3 sterling. This gift, common in Great Britain, has never before been given to a Canadian subject.

A REFORM.—It has been decided that the members of the House of Assembly shall in future receive the sum of \$300 in full for their services during the session, and that if a member absent himself, \$5 will be deducted for each day's absence.

John H. Hall, of St. Ives, found a wild cat frozen into the ice in the bottom of a hog-head a few days ago. A sportsman at Moosehead Lake is reported to have found a large dead otter hooked to his fishing line the other morning.

Ship News.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

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