

Provincial Parliament.

Legislative Council Chamber.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 12, 1857.
This being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at four o'clock His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor came in the usual state 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:

"It affords me much satisfaction to meet you on your re-assembly for the discharge of your legislative duties."

"I have given directions that there should be laid before you the Reports which have been received by the Government respecting the existing state of the various Constituencies in the Province. A condition of affairs in which large numbers of those to whom it was the intention of the Legislature to entrust the Franchise, cannot legally exercise that privilege, will not, I am sure, be permitted by you to continue."

"I rejoice to be able to announce to you that considerable progress has been made in the Railway Works in course of construction; and a gratifying proof has been afforded of the confidence which is reposed by the Capitalists of the Mother Country, both in the good faith and in the resources of the Province, by the ready sale, at a premium, of the Debentures issued to defray the cost of these Works."

"I am glad to see that the present condition of the Railway Works, and the proceedings of the Government in connection with them, will be laid before you; and a measure will be submitted to you, having for its object the diminution of the cost of superintending the expenditure on Railways, without impairing the efficiency of that superintendence."

"The attention of the Government has been directed to the insufficiency of the existing means of conveyance both of Passengers and Goods between the various Ports on the Northern and Eastern Shores of this Province and Prince Edward's Island. You will, I am confident, recognize the advantage which the Province would derive from increased facilities of Commercial intercourse with that Colony. The Government of Prince Edward's Island are prepared to cooperate in making such arrangements as would afford to the People of both Colonies the advantages of a more complete system of inter-communication between them, and a proposal will be submitted to you for carrying into effect these arrangements."

"Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:
The Fiscal Accounts of the past Year will be laid before you. These Accounts will, I hope, be found to exhibit with clearness and simplicity both the Receipts and the Expenditure of the year, and I congratulate you on the improved condition of the finances of the Province. Estimates also of the Revenue and of the Expenditure for the current year have been prepared by the Government, and will be submitted to you."

"Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:
In accordance with the desire expressed by the House of Assembly, the Government has, during the recess, been engaged in the consideration of the means whereby a healthy stream of Immigration hither may be best promoted. The correspondence and other documents explanatory of the progress which has hitherto been made in maturing a scheme for this purpose, will be laid before you; and I do not doubt that these documents will receive from you that calm and careful consideration to which they are entitled, as well from the importance as from the complicated character of the subject to which they relate."

"In other Colonies, commerce has been extended, and an impetus given both to Emigration and to the investment of capital from the United Kingdom, by the establishment of direct Steam communication with the Mother Country. I should view with lively satisfaction any step for the attainment of this object which could be taken consistently with a due regard to financial considerations."

"I have received from the Secretary of State an important despatch, relative to surplus civil list fund; this despatch will be laid before you."

"The law which regulates Parish Schools will shortly expire. Your attention will necessarily be directed to this important subject."

"The Council of King's College have submitted to me, as the visitor of that Institution, a Report of which a copy will be laid before you. I commend this Report to your attentive consideration."

"I have given effect to the wish of the House of Assembly, that a commission should be appointed to consider the means by which the successful culture of the soil may be best promoted. The commission is now engaged in making the necessary enquiries on this subject, and I trust that those who are engaged in this branch of industry may derive permanent advantage from the labours of the commissioners."

"During the past year, the staple article of export from the Province was depressed in value; while the potato crop was seriously injured, and in some districts wholly destroyed by the blight; and, although the fisheries were at least as productive as usual, both the commercial and agricultural industry of the Province suffered a temporary check."

"But the general condition of the people is, I am happy to believe, one of comfort and contentment; and gratefully acknowledging the various blessings which have been bestowed upon us, and our dependence on Providence for their continuance, I rely with confidence on your devotion to the Public interests, and I fervently hope that your deliberations may conduce to the honor and permanent welfare of the Province."

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Friday, Feb. 13.
The House opened at ten o'clock. Several of the Standing Committees were appointed."

Mr. Johnston introduced a Bill to incorporate the Chatham Gas Light Company. Mr. Tibbitts introduced a Bill to prevent the spread of disease among Horses in the County of Victoria. Mr. Lawrence obtained leave to bring in a Bill for the better prevention of fires in the City of St. John. A motion to rescind the resolution confining members to a remuneration of twenty shillings each for stationary was lost."

Nothing of any consequence is yet doing. The Address will be taken up on Monday. The House adjourned a few minutes after one."

Saturday, Feb. 14.
Mr. McNaughton introduced a Bill to amend the act to regulate the Election of Members to serve in the General Assembly. No Petition for Money to be received after the expiration of 14 days."

Several petitions presented—one from Mr. Lunt complaining of the election of Messrs. Taylor and Perley. Mr. Fisher gave notice of his intention to move an Amendment to the answer to the Address, by expanding the whole of the first paragraph, and substituting the following: "We, the Commons of New Brunswick, thank your Excellency for the speech at the opening of the Session, and assure your Excellency that we are prepared to give the subjects therein referred to, that consideration their importance demands; duty, however, impels us most respectfully to state to your Excellency, that your Constitutional advisers do not possess the confidence of the House."

House adjourned a few minutes before 12."

COMMUNICATION.
To the Editor of the Standard.
SIR.—What is everybody's business, is proverbially nobody's, and it is only on this hypothesis that I can account for the apathy and indifference with which the public has so long put up with the inefficiency both of the Magistracy and Constabulary in this town."

"I think too, Sir, that both you, and your brother Editor of the 'Provincialist,' are mainly to be censured, as public journals, for failing to expose the total neglect of those Gentlemen who are bound, on accepting the appointment to the commission of the Peace, to attend to the good order and security of the community."

"Of course, if the Justices fall in the performance of their duty, it is not reasonable to expect that the Constables will do their's, and therefore I shall not further allude to these latter than to say, we might just as well be without any as to have no better than we have now got—but I do say, that the manner in which the Magistrates invariably shut their eyes to every nuisance, and quietly allow its continuance, without an effort for its suppression, is disgraceful in the extreme."

"I wish at the present moment more particularly to point to the real danger there is of passing from one part of the town to another, either on foot or in a sleigh, in any part of the town, in consequence of the mania which seems to have seized not only the boys, but also the idle men of the place, to 'coast' down the hills. To such an extent has this been carried during the last few days, that I have heard many ladies declare they dare not venture out of the house."

"In summer an almost equally great nuisance occurs by the boys crowding round the landing place at the arrival and departure of every steamboat; and if I might occupy more of your space, I could count up a whole string of others, less troublesome and dangerous, which it is the clear duty of the Magistrates to put down. I hope, Sir, you will turn your attention to these points, and either stir up the present Justices to more vigilance, or else induce them to resign and make room for more active men in their places."

I am yours, obediently,
"NEMO."

FATAL RAILROAD COLLISION IN CANADA.—On Sunday evening, the up freight train, which was due at Berlin, C. W. on Saturday, ran over, near that place, two cutters containing five persons, killing one of them, severely injuring three others, and the fifth escaped by jumping from the sleigh. The road near to the crossing, which is in the vicinity of the Grand River Bridge, runs alongside of the track for some distance, and the train coming up behind the cutters, frightened the horses and rendered them unmanageable,—they ran furiously for the crossing, which they reached just as the train was passing over, and were crushed beneath it.—Montreal Pilot.

ALLEGED MURDER NEAR HALIFAX.—It is reported about Halifax (says the Sun) that a man named Cornelius Murphy, laborer on the Railroad, has been murdered by one Maurice Haley, keeper of a saluaty at a place called Shantytown, near Shulista. The particulars have not yet transpired.—The proper officers are in search of the party who committed the deed.

New Brunswick & Canada Railway and Land Company.
LOCAL DEPARTMENT.
Hon. Capt. J. J. ROBINSON, R. N., Commissioner.
JULIUS THOMPSON, Esq., Manager.
W. M. BUCK, Esq., Engineer.
GEO. D. STREET, Esq., Solicitor.

Charlotte County Bank.
Geo. D. Street, Esq., President.
C. W. WARDLAW, Esq., Cashier.
Wilmington Hatch, Esq., Solicitor.
Bills and Notes for discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Monday, otherwise they will not be cashed next week.

Peer House Commissioners.
T. T. O'Neil, R. Stevenson, C. K. O. Highway.

The Standard.

ST. ANDREWS, FEB. 18, 1857.

THE LEGISLATURE met on Thursday last, and from present appearances it is likely to prove a stormy Session, if we may judge from the attack of the Opposition through their leader, Mr. Fisher, who has introduced an amendment to the first paragraph in answer to his Excellency's speech, in which it is stated that the Constitutional advisers of the Lieut. Governor "do not possess the confidence of the House."

It remains to be seen whether they do or not. Allowing the Opposition every opportunity to gain over weak-minded Members, by promises, flattery, misrepresentation and bribery, we cannot believe that they will succeed in carrying a vote of want of confidence."

No effort will be spared—no artifice left untried to oust the present Executive Council, and plant themselves snugly in office—for after all the bombast and vapouring about "the dear people" and "liberalism," "the loaves and fishes" and the "power" and "honor" are the chief object with them; and indeed any set of men—for without them the opposition would be snuffed out of existence as a party."

In our columns to-day we have commended our Legislative Summary, and will continue as heretofore to give a weekly digest of the sayings and doings of the Legislature."

COASTING IN THE STREETS.—A correspondent, whose letter appears in another column, points to the improper and dangerous practice, which has become so general of coasting in the streets of this town; and several persons within a few days have complained of the annoyance and danger they are subjected to by this illegal conduct.—In St. John, Fredericton, and other cities and towns, the law against this nuisance is put in force, the sleds are destroyed, and the parties violating are fined. The police and constables do their duty in these phases, and the peace officers should do the same here. The Justices at the September Sessions in 1854, made and passed "Rules and Regulations for preventing vice, immorality, disorderly conduct, &c. in the streets, alleys and thoroughfares within the town plot of St. Andrews;" but in very few instances have parties violating them been punished, simply because no complaints were made.—These regulations were published, and we give the substance of the third rule, which says: "Any person or persons who shall coast on a sled, or use any slide down upon ice or snow, in any of the places aforesaid, to the annoyance or inconvenience of any person or persons passing or residing near, shall be fined." The eighth rule provides, that "all complaints of the non-observance or breach of the regulations, shall be heard and determined before one or more Justices, upon oath of one or two witnesses, or upon view of said Justice or Justices, who shall impose such fines and penalties as may be deemed just and reasonable, not exceeding two pounds." The course to be pursued is plain, and unless we know of a Magistrate not doing his duty, upon view or complaint made upon oath, we do not desire to be censured for failing to expose a neglect of duty on the part of those gentlemen, as our correspondent asserts. Of this we are aware, that any further violation of these rules will be brought before the notice of the Justices by persons who are resolved to carry out the law."

NOVA SCOTIA.—The attack on the Government by the "old Johnson party" in the Legislature of the Sister Province, is carried on fiercely; the general impression is, however, that the Government will be sustained, notwithstanding the defection of a few of its former supporters."

We have received from Messrs. L. Scott & Co., the January number of Blackwood's Magazine. The contents are:—
Scenes of Clerical Life.—No. 1. The sad Fortunes of the Rev. Amos Barton.

Mrs. Barrett Browning—Aurora Leigh. The Athelings; or, the Three Gifts.—Part VIII.

New Facts and Old Fancies about Sea Anemones.

A Christmas Tale.—Routine, John Decastro; a quaint Rechauffe. Maid Barbara.—European Politics.

GREAT FLOOD AT ALBANY.—United States papers inform us of a great flood which took place in Albany, during the night of Sunday the 8th inst. A number of stores were flooded up to the second story, and the quantity of goods destroyed is variously estimated at from two to three millions of dollars. A large fire was also raging at the same time. The inhabitants were in great alarm and confusion. Boats were passing up and down through the city. Several houses and estates were floated away and completely destroyed. The flood rose still higher on the 9th submerging a large portion of the place. The loss of property is said to be immense."

Arrival of the Europa.
The Steamship Europa, arrived at Halifax on Saturday last 14th inst. We have only room for the following items of news.

TURKISH AFFAIRS.
The London Globe has telegraphed from Constantinople, Jan. 19th, announcing that the British steamers had evacuated Black Sea, and Russians had evacuated Serpents Isle.

FRANCE.—Verger was executed on the morning of the 30th Jan.

PERSIAN DIFFICULTY.—It is believed that Persia has submitted to British demands; but the intelligence is yet received with doubt.

The London "News" says: Lord Stratford has telegraphed that Persia submits, not from fear of British, but on general grounds. Details of capture of Bushire received from Bombay under date Jan. 2.

CHINESE WAR.—Extra of China Mail Dec. 16th says the two factories have been burned down by the Chinese. Vigorous efforts were used by the seamen and marines to stop the progress of the flames, but without effect. American ships of war Portsmouth and Levant, bombarded and took forts, which they destroyed. Chinese had written to American authorities to say their flag shall be respected, and say it was a mistake which led to misunderstanding. The apology was accepted, and the Americans will withdraw from Canton.

The famous English steamship Great Britain has again undergone at Liverpool important alterations for increasing her capacity and efficiency. She has had a new iron stern post, forged at the Mersey Foundry, which is said to be "the most ponderous piece of wrought iron ever put together for any purpose." She is to have a new figure head of life size,—her masts have been moved forward, and alterations made in her rig to enable her to carry a fourth more canvass, with other important alterations by which she will have accommodation for nearly 600 passengers, with room for 200 tons of cargo and 1000 tons of coal, besides stores and wares for a voyage to Australia.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday, a fine boy, son of Mr. Stephen L. Parsons, aged about 9 years, had his arm severed from his body by a Cylinder Planing Machine, in the steam factory in this place.—While attempting to remove a piece of board which had just passed under the knives, he was caught by the fingers and thus his arm was drawn in under the Cylinder, nearly up to the shoulder, before the machine could be stopped. Amputation at the shoulder was subsequently performed by Drs. Brown and Woodford.—Woodstock Sentinel.

We are informed that the Boston Steamship ADELPHI is about to resume her trips, and that she will leave Boston on Monday, 9th March, leaving St. John on her return the following Thursday. The ADMIRAL will also recommence running leaving Boston on Thursday 2d April.—Leader.

Government House, Fredericton, was on fire on Thursday morning, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done.—[B.]

A PROSPEROUS EMIGRANT.—Mr. William Gregg emigrated to this country from England twenty six years ago, and was then what you might call a poor young man, without money or friends. This past season he milked thirteen cows, worked two yoke of oxen and a span of horses, keeps fifty sheep, besides a number of young cattle. Mr. Gregg has also raised this season the following crop of grain—oats, 1066 bushels; buckwheat, 450 bushels; wheat, 100 do. He had seven acres and a half of potatoes, which proved a failure. Mr. G. owns 600 acres of land in this Parish in one block, on Jordan Mountain, so called, 200 of which are cleared, and the most of it has been ploughed. He has first rate buildings; and is in every respect a thriving and prosperous farmer.—News.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.—Baltimore, Jan. 21.—A terrible tragedy occurred here to day. A druggist filled a prescription ordered by Arnold, a German physician, for a child. The child took the medicine, and died immediately. Arnold took the medicine to the druggist, and told him he had made a fatal mistake. The druggist insisted that the medicine was right, and to show his confidence in his correctness he swallowed a portion himself. He was immediately attacked by horrible convulsions, and died in five minutes.

Advices have been received by the last steamer from Aspinwall at the Central American legations here, that the Costa Rica and Rivas governments of Nicaragua have amicably arranged the boundary question, and all other matters in dispute between the two republics. The territory forming the southern bank of the San Juan river is ceded to Costa Rica, and that river is made the dividing line between them. The right of transit is to be made the subject of joint grants.

It is also said that two Commissioners have been sent to New York to make a new sale of the Transit route. President Rivas has obtained abundant proof that the old Accessory Transit Company is as much to blame for the advent of Walker to Nicaragua as the Morgan and Garrison Company is for supporting him.

The confiscation of the boats and property of the old Transit Company by the Rivas-Walker government, will be sustained by the present Rivas administration, and the whole thing sold to some other party. Walker had not been heard of for three weeks.

ARM YOURSELF IN ADVANCE.—Not more necessary for the preservation of life on the battle-field is a complete armour, than is a bottle of Perry Davis' Pain Killer, to those who are suffering from acute bodily pain. It is a sure cure, and costs only 25 cents per bottle.

On Tuesday evening, 19th inst., after a lingering illness, aged 19 years and 10 months, Mary, eldest daughter of the late Mr. James Sica.

At his residence in St. Stephen, on the 6th inst., Mr. William Hanson, the deceased, had almost completed a century. His age being 92 years. He had been the father of 19 children, and had left an affectionate widow, sons and daughters, and numerous relatives and friends to respect and revere his memory.

On the 5th inst., after a long and painful illness, Sophia S. wife of Mr. G. W. C. Leurgin, and youngest daughter of the late James Bagnall, Esquire, of Prince Edward Island, in the 27th year of her age.

Ship News.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.
—ARRIVED.—

Jan. 13th.—Packed Malinda, McMaster Eastport—general cargo.
15th—Schr. Henry Go'smidli, Tatton, St. John.—Produce and coals.

Arrived at Mobile, 12th, ship Montezuma, Sails from Liverpool.
Sailed from New Orleans, 25th, ship Blanche, for Cork.

The brig Azoff, of Digby, master, from Newcastle, bound to Boston, went ashore at Cow Bay, N. S., on the morning of the 27th ult., and became a total wreck. Crew saved.

Arrived at Mobile, 21st, ship Henry, Calhoun, from Liverpool.
Arrived at Boston, 6th, barque Alton, Masters, from Belize, 5th, ul; at Matanzas, 26th ult, brig Grande, with loss of dock load and all movables.

Crushed Sugar.

John Duncau from Liverpool, via Saint John
2 Hhd. CRUSHED SUGAR, white
5 Boxes TIN PLATES, (D. C.)
JAMES W. STREET,
Feb. 16, 1857.

Crown Land Office.

THE right of Licence to cut and carry away Pine Lumber, until the first day of May 1857, from Bertha applied for by the following persons, in the undermentioned situations, will be offered for sale by Public Auction at this Office on Wednesday the eighteenth day of February, inst. Sale to commence at noon.

(Not to interfere with any Lots of Land located, or which may have been applied for within one year previous to the date of entry of the application for Licence.)
("In all cases of competition, the purchaser must immediately pay the amount of purchase money, or else the Bertha will be again offered for sale, excluding this from the defendant.")
"All Berths within ten miles of the proposed Lines of Railroad will be subject to the prior right of the European and North American Railway Company to take Timber or other material for the construction of the same."

No. Name. sq. mile. Situation.
436 Wm. Davidson, 4 Great Salmon Riv.
437 do. 2 Little Salmon Riv.
(2w) JOHN MONTGOMERY,
Sur. Gen.