Tight Binding

we complain that this road runs through any certain section, or that it does not run through any other certain section; we can't make one road pass through every County in the Province. But we do complain that the location was most unwisely chosen, and that the expense of construction has been far beyond what wisdom and economy should have dictated and secured.

When the people of New Brunswick were spending one million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds on the construction of a Railway, it should have been spent not upon one that is merely sectional, but upon one which would have connected her great centre of trade and commerce with some of the surrounding states. Had this immense sum been expended in a direction to tap the Grand Trunk of Canada, it would have been well and wisely expended; and the benefits which would have accrued to the whole Province would have far outweighed the expense. We speak without reference to any route,—whether northern, central or western. We should much rather have seen this sum expended on the North Shore or central road than on the route upon which it has been thrown away. There can scarcely be two opinions as to the propriety of selecting the city of St. John, our great commercial metropolis, for the ocean terminus of a Provincial Railway; its commanding position, its commercial importance, and its population are such that it cannot be overlooked. But having fixed one terminus at St. John, the inhabitants of the Province have a right to insist that its location should be such as to ensure its general usefulness.

Our only Provincial railroad, and the only Provincial railroad that we are likely to have for some time, was located by the city of St. John itself. Its men of business and of political influence chose the location; and the city is responsible for their acts. If it is asked how they could have been so blind as to have chosen this location, we can only answer that it is in keeping with their whole public character. Upon which point we shall have something farther to say in a future article.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL—JULY MEETING.

The half yearly meeting of the Municipal Council of this County took place on the 17th, 18th, and 19th last. The minutes are published in the *Sentinel* of the 28th. The business transacted by the Council was almost all of a routine nature. A legal opinion from L. P. Fisher on the questions "Can Assessments on non-resident property be collected by legal process? Can they be collected from Estates where the heirs are known or not known (as the case may be), or whether the property be divided or undivided;" was laid before the meeting. The Committee on printing the Bye-Laws reported that the work had been let by tender to Mr. Watts for £15, and that, although hindered by the fire, the contract would soon be completed. The new County Auditor, Mr. James H. Jacquas, reported that he could not understand the Auditor's Book "placed in his hands in January last." The County grounds or a portion of them, having been fenced in, a committee was appointed to let the enclosed portion for a term of years, Various Justices of the Peace who had not properly accounted for Defaulters lists put in their hands for collection were taken to task, and severely—threatened. Sanitary Commissioners for the various Parishes were appointed.

There is one little minute, in the proceedings of the 18th, to which we direct the attention of Tax payers. It runs in this wise: Resolved, that the expenses incident to the preparing and publication of a Bill for the amendment of the Election Law last winter be paid by the County." We think that we have somewhere seen this "Bill," and we recollect very well the amusement which it excited in the House of Assembly, when presented, very near the close of last session. We don't know what the expense of "the preparing and *publication*," as the Council are pleased to term it, of this valuable "Bill" may have been; but we venture to suggest to the Rate payers of Carleton that neither in the Municipal or any other Law is there a word about the preparation, by the Municipal Council of the County of Carleton, of Bills affecting the representation of the public in the General Assembly, and that their councillors are only bringing themselves, and those who elect them, into ridicule, by these continual intermeddlings with things not within their sphere of operation, and with which they are utterly incompetent to deal. And what right have they to shove the expenses of their own folly on the whole body of the Tax payers? If our Municipal Councillors think themselves competent to deal with a subject from which the most experienced, ingenious and astute politicians in the Legislature might well shrink, let them pay the expense of their own whims. If they are particularly anxious to render themselves ridiculous in the eyes of the enlightened public of the Province, we have no great objection; but we shall, on behalf of the tax-payers of this County, insist upon their paying the expense of the indulgence of their own vanity and folly.

ECCLESIASTICAL PRECEDENCE.

A fearful hubbub has been raised by some of the St. John papers, secular and religious, about the question of ecclesiastical precedence in this Province. It seems that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, at its recent meeting, instructed its moderator to apply to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for information upon this matter. In reply to this request Mr. Tilley wrote, by command of His Excellency, that "according to Imperial rules, which regulate precedence in this and other colonies, the Bishops of the Church of England and of the Roman Catholic Church, take precedence next after the officer in command of Her Majesty's troops; and that the Bishop of the Church of England takes precedence of the Roman Catholic Bishop."

The Rev. Mr. Ferrie, a minister of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, communicated Mr. Tilley's letter to *The Colonial Presbyterian*, with some severe and characteristically anti-Popish observations on the rule as therein set forth. This was the signal for the commencement of a furious clamour, the *Presbyterian*, *Religious Intelligencer*, and *Globe* waxing fiercely Protestant and fearfully eloquent over such a stigma upon the Protestant sects as that a dignitary of the Roman Catholic Church should have this precedence. We have always regarded a number of the papers called "religious" as the most un-Christian, bitter, prejudiced, ungenerous, illiberal and unreasonable section of the press; and this discussion strengthens us in the opinion. But they find an able and most willing coadjutor in the *Globe*. This matter is quite a windfall for it. It had worked the land cry to death, and was evidently sadly in want of fresh fuel for the fire of sectarian rancour, upon the feeding and fanning of which it has recently entered with so much Christian fervor. Its issue of the 28th last contains a magnificent specimen of the irritating, venemous, hate, breeding lucubration. It is a leading article of the stereotyped Scarlet Lady—Anti Christ—Abomination of Desolation—Whore of Babylon style,—the style so much affected by ranting field preachers and newspaper polemics, whose only object in dealing with the subject of religious differences appears to be to strengthen the prejudices and aggravate the ill-feelings of their easily moved hearers or readers.

We may say at once that we by no means approve of the rule of ecclesiastical precedence which appears to be established. We think that as in our Province there is no state church, and no church or churches entitled to any peculiar privileges above others, the question of precedence should be settled in some way which would recognize the claims of each to be put on a footing of perfect equality with all the others. Some simple arrangement might be made which would do justice to all. But if there is any cause of complaint in this matter, why not set about its removal in a calm and rational manner? Why all this clamor and hubbub and rant and invective? And why attack so furiously the Roman Catholic Church for an arrangement made by the Government of Great Britain? Why attack or abuse anyone or anything until we endeavor to have set right that which we believe to be wrong? When we have asked to have the rule amended, and been refused, it will be time enough to work ourselves into a fury about it. Is it not possible for the people and press of New Brunswick to arrange a question of precedence without working themselves into a fury resembling that of two tipsy polemics discussing a doctrinal question in a tap room?

We are glad to see that a portion of both the religious and secular press incline to put on the discussion of the question to a more decent occasion, and to treat it with fairness and moderation.

We are requested to state that the duties of the Carleton County Grammer School will be resumed on Monday the 13th

TOWN TALK AND COUNTRY TOPICS.

The weather during the past week has been very peculiar—too peculiar to be at all comfortable; or rather, too peculiarly cool. Cool weather is very good, and very appropriate—in February; in the Dog days it seems rather out of place. It is quite as much in place, though, as wet weather in Haying,—which we have also been favored with. If the Clerk of the Weather has any more such novelties in store for us, the sooner he gets through with them, and returns to the old, conventional mode of doing up the weather, the better. The frosty nights have been rather too sharp for the Buckwheat in some localities; though we would fain hope that the effect will not be very serious. The dry weather has kept the Buckwheat,—a most important crop in this district,—very much back. The most thriving crop that we have noticed is the Potatoe The Potatoe fields generally look exceedingly well.

The Rifle Companies of Captains Baird and Kilburn have been, we believe, requested to attend at Fredericton at the reception of the Prince of Wales, the Government paying their fare thither and back. We are told that Captain Baird's company have resolved to go, and have got the large cotton tent used by Mr. Spaulding at the Camp Meeting, and will camp out somewhere in the vicinity of the metropolis. They will go down by towboat. We have heard nothing as to the determination of the Brass Band, but wish that they may find it convenient to go.

The building of the Town goes on bravely. On the south side of King Street, on the bank of the creek, we have four frames up. Just at the corner of the Bridge Mr. George M'Donagh has erected a large frame, four stories in the rear and three in front Mr. Tobias McLean has a long two story building well advanced towards completion. The second flat of it is being furnished for a Masonic Lodge Room. Messrs. Owen Kelly and John Lindow have two story frames up on the same side of the street; and the foundation of Messrs. Grover and Donaldson's brick buildings are advancing. On the other side of the street Messrs M'Coy, Baird and Kelly are laying foundation walls. The foundation of the large brick building which Mr. Connell is to put up on Main Street has been commenced. On Queen street Mr. Caldwall is hurrying on a large two and a half story building, with barn, intended for a Hotel; and Mr. Stephenson has also put up a large two and a half story house frame, with a barn. Preparations for building are being made in other places.

NEW PAPER.—We have received the second number of the *British North American*, a new tri-weekly paper published in St. John by Edward Willis, on the mornings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If St. John can support three papers on the other three mornings of the week we can see no good reason why it should not sustain two on these.

NEXT WEEK.—Owing to the disturbance in the arrangements of our office which will be caused by the near approach of that great star, the Prince of Wales, we shall not be able to publish a full sized sheet next week.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AT NEWFOUNDLAND.

THE RECEPTION.

We have the following particulars relative to the reception of the Prince of Wales by telegraph 24th;

At noon to day Prince of Wales and suite landed from Hero, under Royal Salute from Citadel, Adriane and Flying Fish, the yards of which were manned, as also those of French War Steamer Jesastris.

Gov. Sir A. Bannerman met His Royal Highness on Queen's Wharf, and conducted him to carriage, drove from thence through triumphal arches to Government House.

Procession consisted of Masonic body, St. Andrew's St. Gorge's, British, Mechanics, Temperance, Native and Irsh Societies, and Volunteer Fire Company. Guard of Honour: Royal Newfoundland Corps, and first, second, third and fourth Volunteer Rifle corps.

At 1 o'clock, Prince held levee at Government House, and dined with Governor this evening.

Immense concourse of spectators and great enthusiasm prevailed.

Wednesday regatta to come off. Prince drives out receives addresses and will embark on Wednesday for Halifax.

Ball comes off Wednesday evening.

To-day is a holiday in Newfoundland, all the shops are closed, in St. John's and surrounding villages—inhabitants which are nearly all here.

Flags are flying from every house, and are decorated.

Hero in coming in passed over Merlin but did not touch, although low water. was blasted by Telegraph Company fiv ago.

Weather cloudy and threatening; rain at 11 o clock.

The Squadron would sail at six on T morning, for Halifax.

ADDRESS AND REPLY OF THE PRINC

25th—Yesterday addresses were prese the Prince. to which he replied as —

I sincerely thank you for the addresses ed to me, and for the hearty welcome from all upon landing on the shores of thi Colonial possession of the British crown. you will not think me regardless of your loyalty. if I acknowledge these addre lectively. It will afford me the greatest tion to report to the Queen the devotions Crown and person, unmistakably evinced reception of her son, eloquently express dresses from various bodies in this town bor.

Grace I am charged by the Queen to to you the assurance of the deep concern for this interesting portion of her dominions shall carry back lively recollections of t preceding, of kindness to myself person above all, of those hearty demonstrations is a which prove your deep rooted attachm great and free country of which we all gl called the sons.

The Prince pleased the populace im by his handsome countenance and mild ge ly bearing. He drives out to-day. Din in Government House this evening and 10 o'clock to-night.

The fire works last evening was a poo To-day the weather is clear and beau Regatta,

REGATTA

The Prince honoured Regatta with his in the forenoon. Drove out in the C the afternoon. He seems much pleas Newfoundland. Embarks for Halifax at 1 on Thursday.

BY TELEGRAPH LAST NIGH

THE BALL.

26.—Ball last night. Brilliant affai one thousand present, Prince graceful danced nearly all evening. Left at a q 3 o'clock, amid deafening cheers and the Queen" by the band. Prince leaves ement House at 10 o'clock and rides ro Embarks at 11 in the same manner as he Beautiful day. The town has gay app Everybody delighted. "Golden Flee at midnight.

SECOND DESPATCH

Prince and suite embarked at 10 o'cloc ceremony as landing. Tremendous Fleet sailed at 11 on Thursday morning ifax. Call at St. Peters, all hands seen ted, Steamer City of New York arri morning.

GOVERNMENT EXPEDITION TO THE GROUNDS OF THE BRITISH PROVINC Steamer City of New York, sails from to-day under a charter of the U. S. Go and will proceed to the fishing grounds British North American Provinces. of New York takes as passenger ex-G bard of Maine, one of the U. S. Comm under the Reciprocity treaty, with oth ington engineers and officals. At St. J F., the British Commissioners will party, and together they will proceed the fishing boundeir as provided for in between this country and England. A party from the United States is a g from Seabrook, N. H., of great experie matters connected with the fishing inte having a thorough knowledge of the which the Commissioners are about to first of September.—*Boston Traveler*

JOHN BENNET, ESQ. Superintendent o is now holding a series of meetings in th of Charlotte. We learn that he make excellent impression as an energetic educationalist. His opinions are very d the subject of the necessity of secuni taxation for Schools by Legislative He does not know any other or better curing the selfishness of the rich, or the of the poor.—*Colonial Presbyterian.*

MARSEILLES, *Wednesday*.—Advices sina to the 8th inst. state that Col. Mo the village of Barcelona awaiting volunt and reconnoitred the height of Messina azzo. The attack on Melazzo was fix 10th instant. Assassinations took plac sina on the night of the 7th. The N army was demoralized. The soldiers serting. Signor Cozeno arrived at P the 6th, and was received with joy by 1500 embarked yesterda Genoa. embarkation will take place this evenin teers continue to arrive.

A balloon came down on Saturday near Cranberry Hall, hou half wa Wrightstown and Hanover, N. J. Tw basket attached to it, and b its rent a condition, it looked as though it had ta journey through storms and ex sts. It is of large size and made a t noise in it descent, surging and crashin the trees to the ground.