

On Thursday night last, some person attempted to force, from a ladder outside, a bottle of asatenda through the window of the hall of the Assembly; the bottle fell, however, between the double windows, and remained there. On the following night some of the same substance was placed on the wardrobe stove, and on another in the passage. The strong smell obliged the Assembly to adjourn. The *Conradine*, which is always earnest in circulating the truth, calls it a "constitutional joke," which will probably be believed by its readers. On Saturday warrants were ordered against the parties mentioned in the routine business, who had left town.—*Quebec Gazette*.

A public meeting of Reformers was held at Howard, Upper Canada, on the 9th inst., to form an Association for the purpose of furthering the cause of Reform, at which a number of spirited Resolutions were passed. An *Elective Legislative Council*, the control of all the public Revenues of the Province, and the non-interference of a Colonial Minister, 4000 miles distant, in their internal affairs, are among the most prominent of the resolutions. We hope these signs will not be disregarded in the proper quarter.—(Vindicator.)

The House of Assembly adjourned from Saturday evening last to Wednesday, (to give the different committees an opportunity of attending to the various matters referred to them.) when they resumed their important duties. We anticipate much benefit to the country, from this Session, unless prevented by the *collective wisdom* of the old ladies in the Legislative Council.—*Cor. & Aids*.

We have, by the *Gannet*, received our customary files of Jamaica papers, and a letter from our private correspondent, at that place, of the 23d ult. The letter contains the gratifying intelligence that not a single instance on the part of the apprenticed labourers, of refusing to resume their work after the holidays, had occurred. The island continued perfectly tranquil. The Corps, it is apprehended, will not be very abundant; such as they however may be, it is thought that the Proprietors must try "what virtue there is in the current coin of the country, for procuring the extra labour of the Apprentices." The Island Parliament was to meet on the 26th January; and, from the very little business before the house, and the peaceable state of the Colony, it was presumed that the Session would be exceedingly short.—*Bermuda Gaz.*

Mr. JOHN. N. B., March 1st.

We congratulate our fellow citizens on the new and interesting species of instruction and amusement offered them by the Rev. Dr. McCulloch's Lectures. His Lecture last evening on the Law of Gravity and Attraction must have opened sources of information entirely new to many of his audience. The experiments by his apparatus were in several instances very interesting. In a word, we venture to say, that if our readers only knew how much they are losing by not availing themselves of this opportunity of gratifying themselves, we feel certain that none of them would miss a single lecture.—*Observer*.

The Council have agreed to the Bill to provide for the further increase of the Capital Stock of the Bank of New Brunswick, and to continue and amend the Act for incorporating the said Bank, with amendments to which they have desired the concurrence of the Assembly.—*Id.*

P. F. ISLAND, February 16.

A child, four years of age, son of Mr. Donald Fraser, of New London, who is at present in Miramichi, was a short time since so dreadfully burnt, from his clothes taking fire, that he died a few days after.—(Gazette.)

NOVA-SCOTIA. PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

[From the Times, March 1.]

Tuesday, Feb. 23.—Mr. Johnston reported from the Select Committee on the several Petitions relating to the Laws for Licensing Public Houses and shops, for the sale of Spirituous Liquors—referred to Committee of the whole house on Ways and Means.

A Petition of the Temperance Society of the West River of Pictou was presented by Mr. G. Smith, praying that an additional Duty may be imposed on all Spirituous Liquors imported; that Alms should be prohibited from trafficking in Ardent Spirits; that the 4th and 5th sections of the License Act of the last Session may be repealed; and provision made for the more easy conviction of offenders against the License Laws; and that a further tax be imposed on the vending of Liquors, to be applied to the support of the Poor in the several respective Townships—laid on the table.

A Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation of Onslow; also, a Petition of the Congregation of the West River, Pictou, under the Pastoral charge of the Rev. James Ross, were presented by Mr. G. Smith, praying that measures may be taken for restoring the efficiency of the Pictou Academy, which has suffered by the remodelling thereof, by the last Act of the General Assembly in relation thereto—referred to Committee on Schools.

On motion of Mr. G. Smith, *Resolved*, That it be referred to a Committee to enquire and ascertain what sum has been received by, or paid to, the Collector of Colonial Import Duties at the Port of Halifax, as and for the salary of commissioners, or such Collector during the last two years, and to report thereon to the House—referred to Committee upon Public Accounts. On motion of Mr. Stewart, *Resolved*, That the same Committee enquire and report as to the expediency and practicability of combining the present offices of Provincial Treasurer and Collector of Colonial Duties for the Port of Halifax, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

A message from the Council desiring a Conference by Committee, with a Committee of this Honorable House, on the subject of the Resolution for granting £10,000 for the service of Roads and Bridges for the present year. On motion of Mr. G. Smith, *Resolved*, That the Conference desired by the Council be agreed to by this House, and that the clerk do acquaint the Council therewith—Messrs. Smith, Young, and Stewart, were appointed to manage the Conference. Mr. Smith reported that the managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of it to the House.

Judges' Fees.

Mr. Morton moved the following Resolution, which being seconded, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Uniacke each moved amendments, in effect doing away with the original resolution—these were separately put and negatived, when the original motion was put and carried, 24 to 16.

Whereas, during the last and present Session, two bills have passed this house for the abolition of fees taken by the Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Courts of this Province, and have been sent to His Majesty's Council for their concurrence, and said Bills have not been returned to this House by His Majesty's Council, agreed to or otherwise, neither have they asked a conference or sent any Message to this House upon the subject; *And whereas*, this house consider the taking Fees improper and unconstitutional, that are not sanctioned by some British or Colonial Statute, and as they are obnoxious and distressing to the Inhabitants of the Province, as set forth in their several Petitions to this House upon the subject: *Resolved therefore*, that a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to His Majesty, praying for the abolition of the Fees demanded and taken by said Judges, and that in future, the inhabitants of this His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia may be subject to no other or greater Fees than are sanctioned by the Laws or Statutes of said Province.

Wednesday.—On motion of Mr. Young, *resolved* that the Conference desired yesterday by the Council, on the Bill to declare the value of certain Coins, &c. be agreed to by this House. Messrs. Young, Johnston, Stewart, G. Smith, and Mr. Delbois, were appointed to this Conference.

Mr. Donn pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to incorporate the General Mining Association—read a first time.

Mr. UNIACKE, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for repealing various Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, and for consolidating and amending the Laws relative to Larceny and other offences connected therewith—referred to Committee.

Mr. UNIACKE, from the joint Committee of the Council and this House, reported an Address to His Majesty, which the Committee had prepared and concurred in, in regard to the encroachments upon the Fisheries, &c.

The Address being read, It was resolved that the said Address be received and adopted by this House, and that the Council be desired to join by Committee, with the Committee of this House, who reported the foregoing Address, in preparing and presenting to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor an address, praying him to forward the foregoing Address to His Majesty, with his favourable recommendation of the prayer thereof.

Mr. WILKINS, from the Select Committee, to whom were referred on Monday last several Petitions relative to Stage Coach Communication, reported thereon. Mr. B. Duffell moved, that the Report be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eighteen, against it, eighteen. Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote and the motion was carried. Mr. Uniacke reported from the Select Committee, appointed on the 3d inst. to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with a Copy of Report and the Resolution of this House, relative to the Halifax County Division Act, and the petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Annapolis against the same; that the Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he would communicate the same to His Majesty's Government. Mr. G. Smith, from the Select Committee, on the several Petitions of the General Mining Association and others, relative to deepening the Navigation of the East River of Pictou, reported thereon, by presenting to the House, a Bill for improving the Navigation of the East River of Pictou—read a second time. On motion the report of the Select Committee relative to the proposed Light Houses on the Islands of Seatarie and St. Paul was read, and thereupon, on the motion of Mr. Uniacke, *resolved*, that the said Report be adopted by this House. Ordered, That the same committee who made the Report to this House do wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with a Copy of said Report, and the Resolution of this House thereon, and respectfully request His Excellency to forward the same to the Governments of Lower Canada and New Brunswick, respectively. A Petition of W. Armand and others, Inhabitants of Upper Musquodouit, was presented by Mr. Lawson, praying that the sole power of granting Licences for the sale of Spirituous Liquors may be restored to the Justices of Sessions and Grand Jurors, and that the prices of such Licences may be enhanced—laid on the Table.

A Petition of Charles Archibald and others, of St. Mary's, was presented by Mr. Young, praying that an Act may be passed to divide the County of Sydney into two Counties, and to allow the Lower Section thereof two or more representatives in General Assembly—referred to Committee.

Thursday.—Mr. UNIACKE brought forward the Bill to incorporate the General Mining Association. Mr. Stewart made a few observations on the Bill, to which he could not consent, and he hoped the house would not adopt a measure by which the assumed rights of the company would be confirmed and sanctioned.—Bill laid on the table, to be considered by Committee of the whole House. The Bill to improve the navigation of the East River, by deepening the same, was gone into. Mr. Doyle said it went to establish the very principle which was just controverted by the hon. and learned member from Cumberland. He denied the right of the crown to lease these mines to the Duke of York, and any act of this House, which went to sanction it, would be a direct interference with the rights of the people. Mr. Uniacke explained the intentions of the Company—by deepening the river, vessels would be enabled to get their coals at a cheaper rate, and the country would feel the advantage—they did not intend to extend their privileges, and if the clauses contained any thing which the house thought objectionable, he was prepared to alter them. He declined all intention of recognising any exclusive right in the bill. Messrs. Dickson and Smith, who reside in Pictou, made some observations, and appeared to take much interest in the passing of the bill; which was read a second time.

An Act to continue an Act for the Inspection and Weighing of Flour and Meal, was read a third time. Mr. Roach introduced a motion to make the Act permanent; but as the House did not appear inclined to part with the salutary power of periodical supervision which it possessed, it was after some observations withdrawn.

On Saturday the House engaged in a long, and as it appeared to us, very profitable debate on the License Laws. It seemed to be a trial of strength between the friends of the Temperance cause, and the spiritual members. The war of words was lengthy; and the