



HARBOR GRACE, MAY 20, 1873.

bar adopting this mode of advocating the claims of his district, by drawing comparisons with that of another district, which he (hon S.) represented. If the vote for Burgeo and LaPoile was inadequate, as he (hon S.) believed it was, he would be glad to see it increased; but it was not necessary for that purpose to depreciate the value of the ferry in his own (hon S's) district, which was a most important and valuable one.

It was then agreed that the vote should be reserved for further consideration.

Capt. Parsons said as the subject before the House was one concerning the ferries he would take occasion to make a few observations on behalf of the ferryman at Mall Ray, Placentia and St. Mary's. He who was running the boat in this locality had only the paltry sum of \$50 a year allowed him. Now in consideration of the important duties performed by him, and of his length of services, he (Capt P.) would ask the House to raise it to \$80.

Mr. Warren—The idea had just occurred to him that inasmuch as Colinet Bridge was now constructed at the cost of some \$5000 to the country, there could be therefore no further necessity for the continuance of the vote for the ferry at that place.

Hon Acting Chairman Board Works explained that as William Davis was the ferryman at the Place, and lived in the vicinity of the bridge, it was thought prudent by the Government to allow him to retain his salary on condition that he would look after the repairs of the bridge and keep it in order, after his death the vote would cease. Greenspond ferry vote carried.

Mr. Tessier, in the absence of Mr. Rogerson begged leave to bring under the notice of the Government a matter with which that gentleman had entrusted him. It was a request that a Ferry should be established between Cape St. Francis and the North Shore. The object of the ferry would be to facilitate a number of people from the North Shore, who fish at the latter place during the summer months. The boat might be employed during the fall of the year in carrying freight to St. John's, and thus help to pay her expenses.

Mr. Walsh observed that one of the reasons alleged by Mr. Rogerson why this ferry should be granted was that the people of the North Shore might be enabled to bring their produce on to St. John's. He (Mr W) had a claim to urge too in the matter of a ferry, one of the most important in the whole Island. He referred to that between Portugal Cove and Belle Isle. He was somewhat astonished to find the sum of \$140 down in the estimate for the Holyrood ferry, while only \$116 was granted that of which he was now speaking, although no comparison could be instituted between the relative amount of work, benefits and advantages connected with the two; for the Belle Isle ferry performed more work than any two ferries in the country. It was the only means of communication between the Island and the mainland; and by it was there a large trade carried on all the year round. Not only were persons carried over, but cattle and poultry and produce of all sorts. He would therefore ask the hon Receiver General to raise the amount from \$116 to \$140. Besides, this the only means which the clergymen of three denominations had of going over to the Island, and it was well known that the ferryman was always on hand.

Mr. Warren wished to know from the hon gentlemen who had moved in this matter, whether or not the ferryman was not paid a toll on all articles and livestock transported by him?

Mr. Walsh—He does not receive one penny.

Mr. Winton supported the request made by Mr. Rogerson, as there was a large number of people on the North Shore who, having eggs, poultry and produce, would be much benefited in having an easy transit on to St. John's. It would afford a means of subsistence to many poor people.

Then the Committee rose and reported progress. To sit again to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow at 4 o'clock.

THE weather is changeable. Yet we cannot complain of any great irregularity. For several days the effects of sunshine and shower have been tangibly discernable in the garden. Germination is making rapid strides, and long stalks will probably soon be visible. We are happy to notice the great interest taken in agricultural pursuits in this locality—in fact the plough may be seen in operation almost at our doors.

MORE CRIME.

PROBABLE CASE OF INFANTICIDE.

YESTERDAY morning the body of an infant was discovered in a heap of kelp on Spaniards Bay Beach. On information reaching the police, two or three constables proceeded to the place indicated, and had the body removed to the Police Station, where it remains pending an inquest. The prevalent opinion is that the child suffered foul treatment, and it is probable the case will claim the attention of the Supreme Court, but will in all likelihood be fathomed prior to a trial.

THE fine Walrus brought hither by Messrs. John Munn & Co's S.S. "Vanguard" last week has been a sight and topic of interest to many. It is at present on view in the store of J. M. & Co., whose kindness in keeping it entire for several days—so that "all who wished might see"—is duly appreciated. In dimensions it is very large—say 12 feet long, 5 feet wide, and 3 feet deep. The tusks are very perfect. A Walrus is such a rarity, that many who have seen this one will, doubtless, never see another.

THE members of the Total Abstinence and Benefit Society are active in their exertions preparatory to the erection of a new Hall. The site chosen for the new building is in a central part of the town, about 200 yds. from water street, the entrance to the hall to be from Banerman street. We understand that the corner-stone will shortly be laid, on which occasion a public demonstration commensurate with the importance of the undertaking will be held. The rapid progress made by the Total Abstinence and Benefit Society since its institution here—but a few years since—affords great encouragement to the advocates of the noble cause of temperance; and this evidence of advancement and decision cannot fail to impress all non-abstainers with the fact that the friends of sobriety, morality and order mean business, and that rum, rowdiness and immorality must eventually succumb to the benign influence exercised by the propagation of the powerful principles of TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

We are pleased to notice that the shop formerly occupied by Messrs. Neyle & Gordon, and which was for some time closed, is now splendidly fitted up and abundantly supplied with a variety of wares necessary to a general retail trade. Mr. Jarvis, the proprietor, is thoroughly acquainted with the business in which he is engaged, and, doubtless, will obtain a liberal share of patronage. We wish him every success.

LOCAL MATTERS.

A copy of the following document is about being sent to the members of the several Road Boards throughout the Colony:

Instructions to Road Boards, approved by His Excellency the Governor in Council, 10th May, 1873.

1.—That the Chairman of each Road Board shall be chosen by a majority of the Members of the Board convened at a meeting for that purpose, and he shall keep a Record Book of the proceedings held at all meetings of the Board, which shall be dated and signed by the Chairman and Members of the Board, the said Chairman being entitled to one vote only.

2.—That the Chairman, in furnishing annual returns to the Board of Works for Road Work performed during the year, shall give the names of all persons employed, rate of wages, and locality where employed.

3.—That no expenditure of any part of the Legislative grants for Roads or Bridges shall be made on the authority of the Chairman without the consent of a majority of the Members of the Board convened for that purpose, who shall determine whether the work to be done shall be by daily labor or on contract, and they shall further determine and fix the rate of wages per day, and also the amounts for contracts.

4.—The Chairman shall, when necessary for business, summon meetings of the Board by timely notice of not less than one week, written notices being furnished to each Member at his place of residence, and upon a requisition signed by any two Members of a Board addressed to the Chairman, the said Chairman shall cause a meeting of the Board to be summoned.

5.—All orders on the Government from the Chairman of the Board for payments

for labor performed, should, when transferred by receiver, be by him endorsed, to secure cash payments for the same when presented to the Government.

6.—That no Chairman will be paid contingent allowance until such time as his district returns are furnished to the Board of Works, nor will the amount of contingent allowance to be paid the Chairman for his services out of the ten per cent, exceed five per cent.

7.—That the detailed returns of the expenditure at the end of the year, to be furnished the Government, shall be signed by the Chairman and Members of the Board.

JAMES L. NOONAN, Colonial Secretary.

Secretary's Office, St. John's, 10th May, 1873.

In addition to the above, circulars have been sent to the gentlemen who acted as Chairmen last year, requiring them immediately to convene meetings of their Boards for the purpose of electing their Chairmen and Inspectors for the coming season—reports of their proceedings to be forwarded to the Government, without delay.

We are very well aware that there are many Chairmen of Road Boards who will not feel one whit uncomfortable upon receiving the instructions as above; but we are quite as well aware that there are some whose little games will be effectually interfered with by the new arrangement—men, for instance, who act as Chairmen of Road Boards without having ever been appointed, who use the public money to some extent more for their own benefit than for the benefit of the roads, who have never called the members of their Boards together for consultation or any other purpose, and who never dream of keeping a record or minute of their proceedings. We feel extremely thankful that the Government has taken the matter in hand, and proposes to deal so effectually with it. The abuses are not recent, but have been continued to a greater or less extent for years, growing more and more objectionable year after year, until at last, here occurred isolated cases in which Chairmen became bold, rapacious and impudent in their diversion of the road money—covering up their misdoings with the grossest falsehoods. We have not the slightest doubt that a strict determination on the part of the Government to carry into effect the above regulations will secure an improvement equivalent to an addition of \$10,000 annually to the Road Grant. A few men here and there will be sadly annoyed at having to conform to these rules, but the great mass of the people in the Outports will be heartily rejoiced, and will feel truly grateful to the Government for having put a check upon wrongdoers. We are confident that this one act will add very materially to the popularity of the present administration in the Outports, where the people suffered altogether too much from the rapacity of their Chairmen.

—Chronicle.

The mail steamer Nestorian, Captain Watts, from Liverpool the 6th, and Westonsdown the 7th ins., arrived here on Wednesday, unexpectedly, in consequence of the dense fog which prevailed all the day, and which it was not thought she could manage to grope through. Owing to the drift ice in the harbor she was unable to come to her wharf, and the passengers and goods for this place were transferred to the steamer Leopard, and landed at Messrs. Tessier's in the evening.—Newfoundland.

M. Jobert, the Governor of St. Pierre, and his lady and family were amongst the Nestorian's passengers. They were conveyed to Government House, and remained guests of his excellency Governor Hill until yesterday morning, when they proceeded in the coast steamer Tiger, en route for St. Pierre.—Ibid.

The business of the spring here is much retarded by ice, which has been hanging about the coast during the past month. We believe arrivals from the northern bays have thus been prevented, and considerable loss must result if this obstruction should much longer continue.—Ibid.

We understand that the Most Rev. Dr. Power will be a passenger by the steamer Moravia to leave Liverpool on the 3rd June.—Ibid.

A Crisis.—A former subscriber, who discontinued his paper because he could not make it say just such things as he thought ought to say, has, we learn, recently expressed considerable surprise to his friends that the paper should keep running, since he had withdrawn his patronage. It was pretty close work for a while, we confess; but by omitting to put sugar in our tea, and by buying a cheaper grade of paper collars, and reversing them for the second or third time, we managed to rub along until a new subscriber came and took the place of our respected, but displeased friend—and then Richard was himself again. Nothing but rigid economy will carry one safely over such a calamity as the loss of a subscriber.

BENDGO, the prize fighter, once champion of England, has been converted, and now holds forth in London to large audiences as a champion of the gospel. His style of oratory is described as more zealous than refined, as would naturally be expected from a person of his antecedents. It is to be hoped that Bendigo will make a good fight in his new vocation, for it must assuredly be far more exhilarating sight to behold the burly fellow buffeting Satan from the pulpit or the platform than to have seen him in the act of pummeling a fellow creature in a twenty-four foot ring.



Latest Despatches.

ROME, May 13.

The Pope was very feeble yesterday. To-day rather more so, showing excessive debility. This is his 81st birthday; but he is unable to see visitors tendering their congratulations.

The principal business in Germany is much depressed by the Vienna panic. NEW YORK, 12.

The Modocs have been driven from Lava Beds. The troops are in hot pursuit.

Gold 117 1/2. Nixon will be hanged on Monday. The United States steamer "Florida" leaves New York to-morrow for St. John's, Newfoundland, to bring home the "Polaris" party.

James A. Cole—Boston broker, charged with defrauding the bank and individuals of \$200,000, by forging stock certificates, making one share represent one hundred, and depositing them as collateral—has been arrested.

WESTVILLE, 14.

The Drummond colliery burned fiercely last night, and several explosions occurred, shaking the country for miles around. At 8 a.m., the flames issuing from the entrance to mine had somewhat subsided. The side entrances are being filled up with earth, and it is the intention to have the whole mine filled up in the same manner. Water is scarce and fears are entertained of the fire reaching Acadia pit, closely adjoining. The destruction of the Drummond mines will be a severe loss to Pictou county. About 30,000 tons of coal at the pit head will be saved.

LONDON, 15.

Bradlaugh has arrived at Paris en route for Madrid, with an address to the Spaniards from the English Republicans. Gambetta will accompany him south.

A severe engagement has taken place between the Carlists and government troops. The latter were defeated and driven off the field.

NEW YORK, 15.

The pursuit of the Modoc Indians continues. The cable between Havana and Key West has been laid.

OTTAWA, 15.

Castigan's resolution to disallow New Brunswick was carried by vote of 96 to 83. All the members of the government voted with the ministry. The government, it is said, will, in the event of P. E. Island becoming part of the Dominion, provide that all rum imported to the Island under the low tariff shall be subject to duty, if shipped to any of the other Provinces. If this report be true, the rum speculators will be badly sold.

PICTOU, 17.

The fire at Drummond colliery is believed to be under control, and Acadia mine safe.

All the slopes and air holes are filled with earth except one, into which a small stream of water is running. Water is much wanted. The roll was called to-day, and sixty found missing. Some 29 widows and 92 children are left destitute.

NEWS ITEMS.

THE BANK FORGERIES.—The "Boston Advertiser" gives the following account of the past career of Macdonnell, now in custody in New York on a charge of complicity in the Bank of England forgeries:—"Macdonnell, under the assumed name of George W. Bradford, operated in a cattle swindle in Portland Maine, several years ago; and while under arrest there was delivered up to Detective Coyle, of New York, who had the papers for him for a swindling operation at Tiffany & Co's, the Broadway jewellers, and he was sentenced to Sing Sing for two years. In the summer of 1868 he and his brother Michael, professing to be commission merchants, attempted to steal \$500 out of the Hide and Leather Bank of Boston, on a bogus check, drawn by a Chicago house; but the Bank officers were too smart for them, and they made off to escape arrest. Michael, in October of the same year, having in his company a young man named Hill, appeared in Worcester, Massachusetts, and by forging a certified check got \$2,200 out of a bank there, and then stole a horse and wagon to aid them in escaping. Hill was subsequently arrested in New Jersey for a forgery perpetrated in connexion with Michael Macdonnell on the Sturtevant Bank, and got seven years in the State prison, but was pardoned out last fall. George Macdonnell was one of the gang at the time of these forgeries, but did not appear as a principal. From the admission of his confederates, however, it appears that George was the inventive head of the organization, and planned a gigantic system of forgeries in the United

States. Deposits in small amounts were to be made in different banks, and certified checks to be obtained thereon, which were to be altered, and, by simultaneous action, the forgers expected to make a haul amounting in the aggregate to hundreds of thousands of dollars. After Michael had been in prison over a year, George came here and tried to get him released when the Legislature was in session, but met with no encouragement. Michael then tried to bribe the son of the late warden, Willard, to aid him in securing outside assistance, and gave him a letter to W. W. Bidwell, in New York, which was never delivered. This Bidwell, it now appears, was one of the confederates of George Macdonnell in the English robbery. These facts go to show the gang is an old one, and the New York detectives in concealing the fact evidently have some motive for it. Michael's term in the State prison will expire next fall, and he will go free now that the Worcester matter has been settled."

It is stated that a number of the Boston Fire Department intend visiting the Maritime Provinces about the first of June. They will come by rail, staying a day or two at Bangor, visiting St. John, and then proceeding to Halifax. They will be accompanied by a portion of Gilmore's Band, and no doubt our Fire Department will be prepared to give them a good reception.—They gave such a good account of themselves at the great fire that they must be a fine body of men, and deserve a good reception.

An Atlanta, Ga., despatch states that Dr. J. W. Craig and Judge Thomas Pullman, members of the drug firm of Heard, Craig & Co., took a drink of liquor in their store, on the 15th ult., and by mistake put in as a flavor acetic for ether of orange. Dr. Craig died in four hours in terrible agony. Judge Pullman has recovered. A Mr. Jones, an employee of the firm, fixed up the drinks, unintentionally making the error.

The entire cast iron product of the world in 1871 reached 13,315,000 tons. Great Britain led off with 6,500,000 tons the United States manufactured 1,912,000 tons, France 1,350,000, Germany 1,250,000, Belgium 896,000, Austria 450,000, Russia 330,000, Sweden and Norway 280,000, Italy 75,000, Spain 73,000 and all other countries 200,000.

A beautiful white silk banner has been presented to the Nova Scotian Association, of Boston, by its lady friends of that city. On the banner was inscribed the name of the Association, with the date of its formation, and in centre, the arms of the Province.

ON THEIR BEER.—A beer riot was caused by the advance in the price of lager, at Frankfort-on-the-Main. On Monday 16 breweries were wrecked; 12 persons killed; 40 wounded and 140 arrested in the city and suburbs.

The Bank of England forgeries, it is now announced, were committed by Austin Bidwell, who is now in custody at Havana.

A valuable horse at Dobaque, after bleeding almost to death, was saved by the injection of calves' blood into his veins.

Wholesale Prices Current, St. John's.

- BREAD—Hambro' No 1, 32s. 6d.; No. 2, 30s.; No. 3, 24s. Local No. 1, 26s.; No. 2, 23s. 6d.; F. C., 22s., 6d. FLOUR—Canada Fancy 45s.; Canada Superfine, or New York Extra, 41s. 6d.; New York Superfine 36s. 6d. to 39s.; New York No. 2 32s. 6d. CORN MEAL—White and Yellow, per brl. 21s. a 22s. OATMEAL—Canada, per brl. 32s. RICE—East India, per cwt. 21s. PEAS—Round, per brl. 21s. BUTTER—Canada and Nova Scotia, 11d. to 1s.; Hambro' 8d. CHEESE—9d. to 10 1/2d. HAM—9d. to 10d. PORK—Hambro' Prime Mess 140s.; Mess 80s.; Prime Mess, 75s. 6d. a 82s. 6d.; Extra Prime 67s. 6d. BEEF—Prime, per brl. 35s. RUM—per Imp. gallon 7s. 10d. a 8s. MOLASSES—Muscovado 2s. a 2s. 2d.; Clay-ed 1s. 9d. SUGA—Muscovado, 50s. to 55s.; unrefined 45s. a 48s. 6d.; American Crushed 75s. COFFEE—11d. TEA—Congou and Souchong, ordinary broken leaf, 1s. 7d. to 1s. 9d.; fair to good, 2s. to 2s. 6d. LARD—American and Canadian 8d. LEATHER—American and Canadian 1s. 5d. TOBACCO—Canadian, 1s. 7 1/2d. to 1s. 8 1/2d.; American 1s. 5d. to 1s. 6d.; Nova Scotian, 1s. 5d. to 1s. 7d. CORNAGE—per cwt. 65s. SALT—per hhd. Foreign, Liverpool—none afloat. KEROSENE OIL—New York manufacture 2s.; Boston 2s. to 2s. 0 1/2d. CACI—per ton, North Sydney 81s. 6d.

THE fol this port fi date:— Commodore Vanguard Vanguard Ravenwood Atlanta... Rescue... Escort... Glangary... Cyrus... Walrus... Islay... Rival... Eastern Pa... Matilda... Vesta... Glencoe... Consort... Sisters... Jessie... A. T. Stone... St. Kilda... Vulcan... Selina... Mastiff... Rusina... Sweet Hon... Pet... Isabella R... Sophia... Orient... Mary & A... Native Las... Margaret... William... Give them a... W. Donne... Susan... Breadalban... On the... Mr. Edward... Miss Hann... PORT... May 17—S... —D. Gre... 19—Marga... salt—Jo... PO... May 14—S... W Pitts... Orielton, B... Breadalban... Good n, Ja... Nestorian, 15—Charlo... & Co. Lilac, Reed... Jane, Suth... Emeline, F... Trefoil, Ry... 16—Pione... nett & Co... Emen, Cou... Boyd... George Me... J & W P... Calderbank... Co. May 14—N... Shea... Ruth, Gerri... Maria & B... W Stewar... Guide, Dow... sier. Per Nesto... Monsieur J... manuel Jou... vant), Louis... Mrs. Tessie... sier and ser... Mr. and M... Messrs Lloy... Lamour, D... son, Capti... mediate—W... Mrs. Monro... Per Nesto... Saloom—Mr... seat, Messr... Furlong; 21... NEW A... A Special M... Tot... BENI... ST. PA... On To morro... at 8 o'clock, MAY 20. JAL... C. B... WOULD... Shipov... Grace and vic... Loft lately oc... (opposite the... Munn & Co... make and rep... sizes in a man... eral satisfacti... patch. April 25,