

We have heard of coughings and crovings and stampings in the British House of Commons on the part of members, to silence some obnoxious or stupid speaker, but we never heard of any such attempt in the Galleries of that House.

Mr. Johnston very properly called the attention of the House to the subject, and brought in a Resolution to call the Mayor of Halifax to the Bar, in order to ascertain whether his Worship cannot provide the necessary number of conservators of the peace, without resorting to other means. He ought to have had at least 50 special constables ready for an occasion which any one of common sense might have foreseen. It will be well to be prepared for a similar scene.

On Saturday, papers were brought down respecting the projected Lunatic Asylum, (we hope they may lead to something more than paper work, of which we have had enough in every thing) and also in reference to Elective Councils.

On Monday the Railway Bills were taken up; but the discussion had not proceeded far when Mr. Marshall proposed that they should be referred to a Committee, who should have full powers to send for persons and papers, and report by Bill or otherwise, as to the best mode of constructing Railways. This was assented to on all sides, and Messrs. Howe, Johnston, Chipman, S. Campbell, Smith, McLeod, Holmes, T. Coffin, and Killam, were appointed. This was a good move, and it is to be hoped that both parties will yield something in order to accomplish the great project upon which the hopes of the country are set. We heard a sensible speech from Mr. Henry on this subject.

There seemed on Monday evening to be some symptoms, if not of a coalition, at all events of harmonious intentions. The heads of Messrs. Johnston and Howe appeared in closer proximity than they have probably been since they sat at the same Council Board. The latter stated that "he had not the slightest objection" to the proposition for referring his Bills to a Committee, tho' it came from the Opposition.

On Tuesday, the House only met to adjourn,—the Railway Committee being at work all day, examining parties connected with the schemes of Jackson and Sykes.

Wednesday and Thursday were similarly occupied. —Messrs. Sykes, Brookfield, C. Fairbanks and Mosse, C. E., were examined. The following new proposition from Sykes & Co., was laid before the Committee:—

#### SYKES'S NEW PROPOSITION.

If the entire scheme of 320 miles be adopted.		
320 miles at £1,500 per mile		£1,440,000
Supposed interest of loan during the time of construction over and above amount rec'd.		50,000
Expense of Staff and Directory		25,000
Contractor's Stock	1-3	£505,000
Province Stock	1-3	505,000
Province Loan	1-3	505,000
		1,515,000
The Loan of 505,000 to be a first charge or Principal and interest at 5 per cent., but if the Province, by means of the guarantee of Home Government, can borrow money at a less rate of interest than 5 per cent., they shall reduce the rate of interest proportionally.		
Under this the Provincial Liability unsecured yearly is £30,300—falling at 6 per cent.		
If Trunk line only be adopted, 133 miles at £5,200 per mile		£691,600
Supposed interest of loan during construction over and above the amounts received		20,000
Expense of Staff and Directory		8,400
		£720,000
Contractor's Stock	1-3	£240,000
Province Stock	1-3	240,000
Province Loan	1-3	240,000
		720,000

The loan for £240,000 to be a first charge for principal and interest at 5 per cent., (subject as before.)  
The Province Liability unsecured, under this proposal would be £14,400 at 6 per cent.  
Should the Province prefer taking no portion of these amounts in stock, then we propose to organise a Company, borrowing £3,000 per mile from Government, for which we propose to give them a first charge of £1,500 per mile, at 5 per cent., per annum, subject as before. The second £1,500. to be a second charge at 3 per cent., per annum, until the contractor's proportion pays 3 per cent., when this shall join with the contractors in the Dividend until it amounts to 5 per cent.  
After this any surplus revenue shall be the exclusive right and property of the Contractors.

JAMES SYKES & CO.

February, 1853.

The Honble. Joseph Howe,  
Provincial Secretary, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING. We are sorry to hear that the Railway Committee have broken up without any satisfactory result. The Government still adhering to their plan, a Resolution proposed by Mr. Johnston to do the work by a Company, was negatived by the casting vote of the Chairman, Mr. Howe. If no accommodation can be arrived at, an appeal to the Country would seem the only alternative.

E. G. Fuller, Esq. has been appointed U. S. Consul at this port, in place of the late Mr. Livingston.

#### SOCIETY PRO. CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

In our notice of the Public Meeting of the D. C. S. last week, we find that we omitted a prominent topic of the Bishop's address. His Lordship informed the Meeting that a District Committee of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has been formed here, of which any person may become a Member by subscribing 10s. 6d. stg., and that they would gladly receive names of Subscribers to the Parent Society at £1 1 stg. The following, amongst other, Extracts from the last Report were read: "In the year ending April last, there were issued by the Society 143,482 Bibles; 73,982 New Testaments; 329,444 Prayer Books; 3,516,308 other Books and Tracts. These supplies consist in a great degree of publications gratuitously voted by the Board in behalf of destitute Districts. The Scriptures or portions of the Bible have been published in 13 languages, and the Prayer Book in 17." This Society combines in itself therefore several distinct Branches. It is the Church Bible Society, and the Church Tract Society. Every now Church in this Diocese receives from it, a gift of the large Books required for the performance of the Service; and scarcely a Church or Parsonage has been built, few indeed could have been undertaken, without its liberal aid.

"It will plainly appear from the financial statement, that the Society stands in need of additional means. Its long and zealous services in the dissemination of the Word of God, and in the maintenance of revealed Truth, constitute a powerful ground of appeal to Churchmen to come forward and help it with their contributions and their prayers."

His Lordship concluded this subject with a notice, that a large supply of Bibles, and other publications of the Society, had lately arrived, and were to be had at a very low rate at their Depository, kept by Mr. Gossip, at 24 Granville Street.

MR. DAWSON'S LECTURES.—On Wednesday and Thursday evening, J. W. Dawson, Esq., lectured at the Mechanics' Institute on Mineralogy. It would be superfluous to say that he proved himself a thorough master of his subject, and that he treated it with a clearness and a fluency which could not easily be surpassed. It is to be regretted that so few of the "upper crust formation" of society have attended on these occasions. All who were present must have been instructed and pleased. The concluding Lecture is to be delivered on Wednesday evening, when we hope there will be a still larger audience.

DEATH ON BOARD THE AMERICA.—Mr. Kitchen, of Picton, owner of the barque Aurora, (for Australia,) who was passenger in the America, died during the passage, on Wednesday, 9th inst., 4th day after leaving Liverpool, and was interred the following day, with the usual maritime services. Mr. Kitchen was, we believe, a member of the Society of Friends, and was highly respected as a Merchant of Picton, as well as in Halifax, where many friends will lament his loss.—B. N. A.

We would direct attention to a large assortment of Bibles, Testaments, and Prayer Books, received recently from England from the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge. These works surpass for cheapness and durability of material and excellence of print and bindings, the similar publications of any other Society. There are Bibles at 1s. 1d. and 1s. 3d.—Testaments at 6d. and 7d. Books of Common Prayer at 9d.—Ditto, handsomely bound in roan, morocco, and velvet, at correspondingly low prices. The public are requested to call and examine this stock. For further particulars see advertisement in next page.

The collection in St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 9, in behalf of the Diocesan Church Society, realized the large sum of £45 17s. 6d.

The collection at the Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, held at Temperance Hall, on Thursday, Feb. 10th, amounted to £23 2s. 9d.

#### LETTERS RECEIVED.

From Rev. R. F. Unlacke, Newport—with remit. £1—amount of previous order paid Rev Dr Shreve, with remit. and new subscriber—the back Nos have been sent him. Rev. T. White—the Books have been sent for but not received—shall try again. Rev. Mr. Ruddle—will attend to his request—have received nothing. Rev. Mr. Stamer—2 new subscribers with payment in advance. Rev. J. Griffiths, one subscriber and half in advance.

#### Married.

At Chester, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Shreve, Mr. JOHN HENRY MONK, to Miss SARAH BOUTILIER. On Tuesday, the 8th, by the same, Mr. BENJAMIN DEWON, to Miss SARAH LANGILLE. On Thursday, the 10th, by the same, Mr. JOHN YOUNG, to Miss LUCY SCHWENKHEIMER. By the Rev. Mr. Taylor, in Rawdon, on the 23rd January, 1853, Mr. JOSEPH FISH, of Newport, to LYDIA ELWIS, daughter of Thomas Moxon, Esq. of Rawdon. In Maliland, on the 27th January, Mr. DANIEL McLENNAN, of Rawdon, to FRANCES, and Mr. GEORGE HENRY, of Kennetcook, to HANNAH, daughters of Mr. George Miller, of Maliland. And in St. Peter's Church, Reddy-

cook, on 3rd February, Mr. JACOB E. ETTINGOR, to ELIZABETH daughter, of Mr. Hugh Burns, all of Kennetcook. At St. Peter's Chapel, Margaret's Bay, on the 13th, by the Rev. W. R. Cochran, Mr. GEORGE ICKSON, to Miss THERESA SMITH, of Dover. Also by the same, at St. James' Chapel, on the 15th, Mr. J. HENRY BOUTILIER, to Miss SARAH E. BOUTILIER.

#### Died.

On the 12th inst. FREDERICK W. SHORTLAND, infant child of Capt. Shortland, R. N. aged 14 months. At Sandy Point, Shelburne, on the 6th inst. aged 3 years, after a protracted illness, JANE, wife of Mr. JOHN PUNNEY. At Fort Cumberland, Westmoreland, N. B., on Thursday evening, 10th inst. JOHN GEORGE ALLAN, son of the late William Allan, Esq., in the 51th year of his age. At New Germany, Lunenburg, on the 4th February after a short but painful illness which he bore with Christian fortitude to the divine will, Mr. FREDERICK JORDAN in the 61st year of his age. In London B. T. C. GRAY, Esq., Son of Rev. R. C. Gray, and brother of the Rector of St. John—highly respected, and greatly lamented.

#### Shipping List.

##### ARRIVED.

Saturday, Feb. 12.—Brig Star, Cassidy, from Fortune Bay, Nfld., Brig Good Intent, McKenzie, 4 days from Boston, Packet Scher General Washington, Patterson, do. Packet Scher Liverpool, McLean, 60 hours from Liverpool. Sunday, Feb. 13.—Schr Medway, Day, 4 days from New York. Monday, Feb. 14.—Schr Maria, Steman, 4 days from Boston. Tuesday, Feb. 15.—Packet Steamship Sir John Harvey, Taylor, 59 hours, from Boston, 15 passengers, Brig Humming Bird, Tuzo, 4 days from New York; Schr Archives, Bank, 4 days from Philadelphia. Wednesday, Feb. 16.—Brig Laura, Day, 41 days from New York, Schr Golden Age, Herman, from Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, schr Ariel, 8 hours from Lunenburg. Thursday, Feb. 17.—R. M. S. America, Liverpool, G. B. 114 days; Mary Jane, Fortune Bay; General Washington, bound to Boston; Bonita, Sable Bank. Friday, Feb. 18.—R. M. S. Canada, Boston, 30 hours.

##### CLEARANCES.

Feb. 12.—Mrs. Farrell, Baracon, Cuba; Dan'l Cronan, Scotch, Ariz, Kingston, Jam.; Exile, Gilliat, St. John N. B. Feb. 14.—Muta, Cleverly, Kingston, Jam. Feb. 15.—Sir John Harvey, (ss.) Taylor, Boston; Halifax, (pkt.) O'Brien, Boston; General Washington, (pkt.) Patterson, Boston. Feb. 16.—Chebucto, Wallace, Br West Indies; Lovantine, (ss.) Hunter, Bermuda; Sarah, Griffin, New York. Feb. 17.—R. M. S. Ospray, St. John's, N. F.; R. M. S. America, Boston.

##### PASSENGERS.

Per Steamer America,—Boston to Halifax.—Capt. McKenzie, Capt. Cary, Messrs John Jardine, Houston, Croser, Phillip, Holden, Ansell, Heathcock, John R. Clobble, J. C. Kelly, John McCulloch and 38 for Boston. From Halifax to Boston, Messrs. John Whitman, Geo. Lawson, Lewis, and Smith.

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