

nhabitants of Random, praying for grants to open and repair roads.

FRIDAY, March, 23.

The House met shortly after 4 o'clock. Mr. Parsons presented a petition from Gregory Kavanagh, of Flat Rock, also a petition from Daniel Henston and others, of Rocky Hill Road, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered to lie on the table. Mr. Duder presented a petition from John Wheeler and others, of Musgrave Harbor, Dozing and Ladle Cove, praying for compensation to Ampehas Day for acting as ferryman at Ragged Harbor, for the past fifteen years.

The hon Premier, from the Joint Committee of the House of Assembly and Legislative Council, appointed to take evidence of the insufficient supply of water furnished by the General Water Company, for the town of St. John's, presented the report of the Committee, which was received read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Walsh called the attention of the House to a matter which had been referred to yesterday, during a debate respecting the Board of Works accounts. He had received small sums in May and July, which were not brought forward until the end of the year. As to the amount set down to him he had kept it against advances made by him to persons in the extern settlements of St. John's East, on account of the Board of Works, when these persons came into town late, after office hours at the Board and the Bank.

The hon Attorney General could well understand the difficulty of correctly keeping the Harbor accounts of the Board of Works, especially with persons not resident in St. John's. He had some experience in the matter himself, for he had frequently cashed orders in favor of constituents of his own, who coming into town before or after office hours at the Board, and the Union Bank, and anxious to return with as little delay as possible, asked him to advance the money. The Chairman of the local Boards gave their orders on the completion of contracts on the roads, and these he had frequently cashed to accommodate their holders, and when he afterwards presented these orders for payment by the Board, it was probable that his name might, by chance, have been written down in place of the names of the parties in whose favor the orders had been drawn, just as the name of the hon member, Mr Walsh, appeared in the public accounts.

Mr Winton stated that he had acted in like manner, to accommodate some of his constituents.

On motion of the hon Attorney General the House then resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the Legislative Council's amendments on the Bill to regulate the storing of Kerosene and other inflammable oils.

Mr Parsons in the chair. After a short discussion in which the hon Mr Carter and Mr Emerson took part, the Committee rose and reported progress. To sit again to-morrow.

The hon Attorney General presented a petition from John Haddon and others, of Manuel's, South Shore, on the subject of roads.

Ordered to lie on the table. Mr Fenelon presented a petition from Henry Chafe and others, of Petty Harbor, on the subject of roads. Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Warren presented a petition from Joseph Strong and others, of Hopeall, and from Eli Pretty and others of Chapel Arm, on the subject of roads. Ordered to lie on the table.

The hon Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor presented to the House correspondence respecting Report of the French Minister of Marine, in regard to the fishery off St. Pierre and Miquelon.

Report of Thomas Peyton, Salmon Warden for the district of Twillingate. Ordered that these documents lie on the table.

The Surveyor General, by command of his Excellency the Governor, presented to the house a return of the names of persons holding licenses to search for minerals, with the localities included in each license.

Report of Mr Long on the survey from Channel to Codroy and Sandy Point, St. George's Bay. Ordered that these documents lie on the table.

Mr Munn presented a petition from the Revd J. Godden and others of Harbor Grace, South Side, praying for the repair of a road along the sea coast there.

Mr Munn, in moving that the petition lie on the table, said he could bear testimony as to the statements in that petition. The roads were differently situated from other roads, running, for a considerable distance, along the seashore, and being undermined by the action of the sea, driven violently against the beach in stormy weather. It also runs under a large overhanging hill from which a considerable quantity of earth and stones rolls down from time to time, and in rainy weather a good deal of water flows down, all these contributing to its requiring much and frequent repair. Petitioners asked for the appointment of a local Road Board for the South side of Harbor Grace and Bryant's Cove combined. He concurred in that prayer of the petition, and trusted the Government would comply with it. Bryant's Cove is seven or eight miles from Harbor Grace, and however anxious the Harbor Grace Board may be to attend to its road, they must neglect, to some extent, its road interests.

Mr Green supported the prayer of the petition. Ordered that the petition lie on the table.

Mr Munn presented a petition from the Revd J. Godden and others, of Harbor Grace, South Side, praying for a grant for the erection of a landing place there.

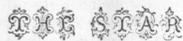
Mr Munn, in moving that the petition

lie on the table, would state that he considered that a very necessary object, and he did not know how a portion of the special grant for the district of Harbor Grace could be better applied than in carrying out the purpose of that petition. There was a sum of about \$1,400 of the grant of last year unexpended, and he would suggest that a portion of that sum be appropriated for that purpose.

Mr Rogerson presented a petition from J. A. Whiteford and others, of St. John's, praying for a grant in aid of the Protestant Industrial Society, about to be established in St. John's.

Mr Rogerson, in moving that the petition lie on the table, said the necessity for such an institution was very urgent, especially during the winter months, in order to furnish employment to distressed widows, crippled men and youths, who are so constantly, during that season, roaming about our streets, asking for employment, which they are unable to obtain. The establishment of such a Society as the one he referred to would meet this necessity. The petitioners asked for such a grant as would enable them to carry out that desirable object, under their personal superintendance, giving employment and subsistence to the poor, as is done by the Society of St Vincent de Paul, by the manufacture of nets, hose and other useful articles. He believed it would thus accomplish a great deal of good; and therefore he trusted the petition would receive the favourable consideration of the Government and the house.

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HARBOR GRACE, MAY 13, 1873.

We learn that the "Great Eastern" and "Edinburgh" will leave about the 28th inst., with the ocean cable to be laid between Valentia and Hearts Content. The "Great Eastern" will then repair the broken Anglo-American cable; and the "Edinburgh" will proceed to lay the two new cables between Placentia and Sydney. It is expected that four new cables will be working across the Atlantic, and five across the Gulf of St. Lawrence, before September. This is, as our contemporary the "Chronicle" observes, "pretty good evidence of the value of Newfoundland as a cable terminus, and this value is certainly not one that should be lightly esteemed either by our Government or people."

We are always pleased to hear of anything being put in operation that may tend to promote the interests of our common country; and it is quite natural that this should be the case. Who, we ask, could be so morbid, and impervious to patriotic feelings as not to be proud of the advancement and prosperity of the land of his nativity—the land that contains all the endearing memories of childhood's sunny days. Yes! altho' "Old Terra Nova" cannot boast of the advantages possessed by many of the sister provinces, as regards congeniality of climate and variety of resources, yet we love her still, and heartily wish for the time when her hardy and hospitable sons shall see her in the important position she is destined to occupy. Some years ago Newfoundland was only a fishing station. Now she is a flourishing colony, celebrated for being the terminus of the Atlantic cables. A short time since we received the agreeable information that it is probable a railroad will ere long be constructed through the country. Should this project be carried out, another step in the path of progress will be taken, the benefits to be derived from which must greatly tend to the promotion of the best interests of the country. Thus it will be seen that we are advancing; slowly, it is true, yet perceptibly. And altho' our condition at present is not what we would desire, still we are sanguine that the future has in store for Newfoundland bright and encouraging prospects.

YESTERDAY afternoon the tranquility of the town was for a short time disturbed by an alarm of fire. On repairing to the locality from which the cause of alarm issued, we ascertained that a house at the foot of LeMarchant Street was on fire. The Fire Company, however, were promptly on the spot, and speedily succeeded in extinguishing the flames, without much damage having been done to the property.

THE S. S. "Merlin" arrived here on Sunday morning—from a second trip to the seal fishery—with 4500 old seals. The S. S. "Hector" is said to have arrived at St. John's this morning with 14,000 (second trip).

THE inquest held on the body of James Coffee resulted in a verdict of manslaughter against Richard Singleton, and his two sons, Albert and John, all of whom are now in custody. The former under charge of the police at his own home, and the latter in goal here. The father, in consequence of his wound, cannot be removed for a few days.

THE weather continues cold and disagreeable, with prevailing east winds.

ARCTIC EXPEDITIONS.

WHETHER it is madness, or a true relish for the physical features and productions of the Polar regions that excites from time our scientific men, it would indeed be hard to say. The anticipated result of the "Polaris" expedition, may be summed up briefly enough. A very high degree of latitude was attained, yet not without loss of life. The death of Capt. Hall we trust to have more satisfactorily accounted for.

'Tis an old saying, that North America extends from the north pole to the Isthmus of Darien. Possibly! but before that known pole is got hold of, we will safely state that many lives will be sacrificed; and if found, will be taken possession of (or claimed) by the Crown of Denmark. We understand that the meteorologist of Hall's expedition has some very interesting information for American scientists. At present he will not impart facts to anyone.

We can, however, state that lichens and mosses are found as far north as those hardy explorers had gone.

Antediluvian remains of immense fossil kinds are to be found in the lower latitudes, more particularly the amphibious ICHTHYOSAURUS.

[FOR THE STAR.]

Numerical Puzzle.

I am composed of 11 letters. My 1, 3, 11, 5, is a vessel for holding water. My 6, 5, 4, 10, 11, is the name of a noted sea captain. My 5, 4, 7, 8, is a farrier's implement. My 2, 9, 11, is what every one must do once. My whole is the embodiment of meanness. F. J. H.

The subjoined report from the University gives still further evidence of the highly creditable studies of the sons of the Rev. M. Harvey of Free St Andrew's Church of this town. We heartily congratulate the young gentlemen upon their advancement; and of course our good wishes extend to the "Parent stock."—Times.

McGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL.

At the closing examinations, McGill University, Montreal, the following honours were obtained by Newfoundland students:

Charles J. Harvey—First Rank General Standing; First Prize in German and in French; First of the first Class in French, German, Mathematics, Experimental Physics, and two years Mathematics.

Alfred J. Harvey—First of Second Class in Zoology; Third on list in Mental and Moral Philosophy; second Class, Greek and Latin.

RESOLUTION.

Her Majesty's Legislative Council of Newfoundland having considered the Reports for 1872 upon the Newfoundland Fisheries, of Captain Hoskins, R. N., late of H.M.S. "Eclipse," and of Captain Knowles, R.N., of H.M.S. "Lapwing," with accompanying tabular statements by Captain Knowles, laid upon the table of this House by command of His Excellency the Governor, are of opinion that Reports of such remarkable merit, containing observations and information of great utility and importance, with elaborate and valuable statistics, call for particular recognition, and that the gentlemen who are the authors of them deserve the special thanks of the Legislature and people of this Colony.

To His Excellency Colonel Hill, C. B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

The Legislative Council in Session convened having passed and entered upon their Records the accompanying Resolution, respectfully present your Excellency with a copy of the same for your use and information.

St. John's, May 2nd, 1873. [Passed the Legislative Council.] EDWARD MORRIS, President.

The preceding considerate and well-timed recognition of the valuable services rendered by Captain Hoskins, R.N., and Captain Knowles, R. N., in the protection of our fisheries last year, elicited the subjoined very pleasing response from His Excellency the Governor:— Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, I concur with you as to the great utility of the service rendered to this Colony by the valuable Fishery Reports of Captains Hoskins and Knowles, and shall forward your present Address with much pleasure to the Earl of Kimberley for the information of the Lords of the Admiralty.

STEPHEN J. HILL, Government House, Newfoundland, 3rd May, 1873.—Ibid.

ROYAL FORESIGHT.—We are told by moralists that the man who constantly meditates on his latter end is sure to lead a good life. If this be true, the King of Dahomey is the most devout of monarchs. His dusky Majesty has death ever before his eyes, and he is not un-mindful even of how his Imperial person will appear, after his soul has shuffled off its mortal coil. At all events, he recently gave an order to a West Coast merchant for a coffin, and the latter has commissioned a Birmingham house to execute His Majesty's wishes. The coffin is to be a most elaborate metal one, and will cost about £1,000.

NEWS ITEMS.

THE KHIVA EXPEDITION.—The Russian War Minister, General Milutine, is very much averse to the presence of foreign officers with the Khiva columns, and it was only on the application of the Crown Prince of Germany to the Czar in person that leave was given to Lieutenant Stamm, brother of the officer who was at Rome, to accompany the expedition.

WEST COAST OF AFRICA.—The British and African Steam Navigation Company's Royal Mail steamer "Roquette" arrived in the Mersey recently from the West Coast of Africa. The Cape coast still continues in a state of great excitement in consequence of the expected Ashante invasion. It was reported when the "Roquette" sailed that the Ashante forces were only 24 hours' march distant, the Fantees having been beaten on all hands. The Ashantees marching into British territory were said to number between 60,000 and 80,000. The King himself was at the head of the principal division. The West African squadron were watching over British interests. Governor Keate, who had only arrived out at Cape Coast Castle a few days, died on the 16th ult., at Cape Coast, after a few days' illness.

THE VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN ICELAND.—It appears from the news brought by the Danish mail steamer Diana, which arrived at Lerwick on the 2nd ult., that the eruption of Skaptar Skull commenced, as stated in "The Times" on the 7th of January, and lasted four days. Skaptar Jokull is 60 miles E. N. E. from Hecla and 4,500 feet high. The eruption was first observed at Reikjavik, 120 miles distant, where the light was very bright on the morning of the 9th of January. An eyewitness of the scene says it was magnificent beyond description. Some of the inhabitants had ventured near the spot. Large quantities of ashes fell on the south east of the Island, about 60 miles distant from the mountain. Noises were heard on the north sides of the island shortly before the eruption.

BEDDING OUT.—The Paris correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette" writes:—"The father of a family living in the fashionable suburb called Passy makes a heartrending appeal to the papers to aid him under the following circumstances:—His quarter was exposed first of all to the Prussian batteries on the heights of St. Cloud, Meudon, Clamart, and Chatillon, and then during the Commune to Mont Valerien and Montretout. This unfavorable spot has not yet recovered its pristine security, and many unburied shells are still to be found close to the surface, only awaiting a slight provocation to go off. One in particular lies in the garden of paterfamilias, with its percussion apparatus peeping just above ground and occasioning great uneasiness when the children are playing about. The writer has in vain communicated with the Artillery Committee in the hope that it would send up half a battery to remove the dreaded projectile, and having received no answer has recourse to the press."

THE "CHALLENGER."—Dr. Carpenter, F.R.S. lectured in the theatre of the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall, on "The Voyage of H. M. S. the 'Challenger.'" Admiral Sir George Back took the chair, and among those present were Captain Colomb, R. N., Vice Admiral Erasmus Ommanney, C.B., &c. In the course of Dr. Carpenter's remarks, he dwelt upon the importance of deep-sea explorations, and spoke in terms of great praise of the manner in which the Government had taken up the matter in the interests of science. He then touched on the various discoveries made in deep-sea dredging, notable among which were that the temperature of the sea was not uniform at any considerable depth, as was the opinion of Sir John Herschel; and as to the existence of organic matter, animal life having been found on the surface of the mud brought up for inspection, which was new to Britain and new to science altogether. By the aid of a chart he then sketched out the places of interest the Challenger was to touch at during her expedition, and hoped that the physical examination of the ocean would bring out points of great interest in aid of science.

THE NAVY.—Two great Blue-books have been printed and laid before the House of Commons, containing together about 1200 pages, filled with the usual accounts relating to shipbuilding and dockyard transactions in the financial year 1871-72. One volume shows, for each of the home dockyards and foreign yards, and in detail, the amounts paid out of the votes, and its appropriation to the building, completion, and maintenance of Her Majesty's ships; and there are accounts showing the value of

land and buildings, and the stock of timber and stores at the beginning and end of the year. There is an account of expenses for shipbuilding, &c., other than those incurred at Her Majesty's dockyards. There is given this year for the first time, a detailed statement of the expenditure on each class of experiments conducted at the dockyards &c., during the year. The other volume shows in detail, as in former years, the cost of manufacturing and repairing articles on conversion at the several dockyards and factories. It appears that the difference between the aggregate cost and the rate-book price or value, at which articles have been charged to stock, of the conversions of timber and of articles manufactured in the year is 1/2 per cent.

Latest Despatches.

LONDON, May 8.

Cholera is prevalent at Vienna and Constantinople. Stewart Mills is very ill at Avignon. It is generally believed in Rome that the Pope is dead, but nothing confirmatory has been received. Telegraphic communication between Portugal and Madiera will be established in June. New York, 8. Oakes Ames is still alive. The Boston contributions to sufferers by the loss of the "Atlantic" amount to \$1896. \$1239 have been expended and the balance sent to the Rev. Mr. Ancient for the Prospect fishermen.

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, 77s. 6d. a 82s. 6d.; Extra Prime 67s. 6d. BEEF—Prime, per brl. 35s. LARD—American and Canadian 8d. MOLASSES—Muscovado 2s. a 2s. 2d.; Clay-ed 1s. 9d. SUGAR—Muscovado, 50s. to 55s.; unrefined 46s. a 48s. 6d.; American Crushed 75s. COFFEE—11d. TEA—Congo 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. CORDAGE—per cwt. 65s. SALT—per hhd. Foreign, Liverpool—none afloat. KEROSENE OIL—New York manufacture 2s.; Boston 2s. to 2s. 0 1/2d. COAL—per ton, North Sydney 31s. 6d.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF HARBOR GRACE.

CLEARED. May 12—Glangary Keefe, Montreal, oil—John Munn & Co.

PORT OF ST. JOHN'S.

ENTERED. May 7—Zouave, Cranah, London, Job Brothers & Co. 8—Hibernian, Archer, Halifax, A Shea. 9—Victor, Roberts, Porto Rico, W Grieve & Co. Margaret Jane, McDonald, P E Island, J. & W Pitts. Leopard, Diamond, Ayr, W Grieve & Co.

CLEARED. May 7—Fruit Girl, Sullivan, Barbadoes, J. & W Stewart. Arab, Forest, Sydney, A Goodridge & Sons. Neptune, Brien, Picton, Job Bros. & Co. Ocean Wave, Hocken, Greenock, W. Grieve & Co. 8—Hibernian, Archer, Liverpool, A Shea. Come On, Matthews, Greenock, Baine, Johnston & Co. Mary, Nickerson, Caledonia, Clift Wood & Co.

Passengers.

Per Hibernian from Halifax—Miss Jarvis, Mrs. Stirling and son, Miss Stirling, Messrs. Daniel Crowley, J. O'Mara, L. Lovalley, and Lord; 3 in Steerage.

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Executed with NEATNESS and DESPATCH at the Office of this paper.

THE this por date:— Commod Vangua Havenwe Atlanta. Rescue. Escort. Glangary Cyrus. Walrus. Islay. Rival. Eastern Matilda. Vesta. Glencoe. Consort. Sisters. Jessie. A. T. St. Kilda. Vulcan. Mastiff. Rusina. Sweet H. Pet. Isabella. Sophia. Orient. Mary & Native L. William. Sneez. W. Doni. Susan. Breadab. NEW. On SATU 12 o'clock. (If not p. Mr. Ch. DWE At Unexp. Ground. May 13. BY In the At 1 o'clock. Sited. One Fis. One SALT a large Store an Preserv. tached. One large detached tions. One Winte One Fish. and Stag. One Fram. feet. What ab heavy M The Premi every business. Two Salm turn are property wise a Rooms, I At the s. TH On the sa tories will Any fut be given of Harbor Gra 6th Ma C. I WOUL Ship Grace and v Loft lately (opposite th Munn & C make and s-izes in a m eral satisfac patch. April 25,