

had no minerals or lumber or other resources except agriculture, consequently there is no just comparison between our Province and the Province of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario. The interest on the public debt of the Province was so great, that every bushel of the farmer produced had to pay tribute to the Government. Anyone who would say that the finances of our Province were not alarming was not a patriot. But there was no hope that this debt would not continue to increase. The final consequence would be that we would lose our Provincial autonomy. We are standing on the verge of a financial volcano. Taking all these matters into consideration, who would say there was a bright future for Prince Edward Island?

Mr. Campbell seconded the resolution. He said he never saw, during his fifteen years in the Legislature, such sharp practices as were indulged in by the Government, in endeavoring to shut out this debate. He said he did not consider himself confined within the four corners of the resolution before the House. He referred to the advent of the Province into confederation and the building of the railway. Those who denounced the railway because it would drive us into confederation, went off to Ottawa, on Sunday, to secure terms. Better terms were afterwards secured. The Premier's Government and the present Liberal Government to the great disadvantage of the latter. The Government had not brought down the information asked for; consequently the financial questions could not be brought into discussion. Under the policy of reduced expenditure, the Conservative Government did not spend less on public works. The Premier was pleased to call the Conservatives "burglars," in his Lyceum speech, but he would not show by comparing the acts of the respective Governments who were the burglars. The expenditure in 1893 was the largest since confederation. That was election year. If \$84,000 were necessary for roads in 1893, how could they exist on \$18,000 in 1894? Where is the money gone? He showed that the present Government had not constructed any permanent public works. Were it not for Grit opposition, the Conservatives would, long ago, have abolished the Legislative Council, and saved \$60,000 to the Province. Not only did the Grits refuse to pass the abolition bill; but they thwarted the Conservative Government by defeating bills intended to curtail the expenditure and to be of advantage to the Province. Not one dollar of public money ever dishonestly clung to him, when he was Commissioner of Public Works. He referred to Mr. Farquharson's distinguished services as a supervisor, prior to the election of 1893. Notwithstanding his diligence, he came in only third in the race for the expenditure on roads. The districts of the Premier and the Commissioner of Public Works were ahead of him. He referred to the rotten butter supplied to the Lunatic Asylum, by the son of Mr. Farquharson. Several other charges of a rather amusing nature, he

laid to Mr. Farquharson. He created much amusement by his reference to Mr. Farquharson's trip to Malaga, as a tour of inspection, to assist Mr. Galant in his election. The present Government came into power professing to be anxious to reduce expenditure, and practice economy. But their record has been one of recklessness, waste, debts and deficits. He here showed what an enormous debt had been settled upon the Province by the present Government. Not only did the Government increase the debts, but they have reduced the assets of the Province. No matter what the Government might do, they were doomed in this Province. The plans for the new wing of the Lungsic Asylum came in for severe criticism. He characterized it as "a veritable rat trap" and "a veritable fire trap." He strongly protested against the plans of the new Prince of Wales College.

The discussion was continued by Mr. Warburton and Hon. Mr. Farquharson on the Government side and by Mr. Campbell on behalf of the Opposition. A vote was reached about half past one Friday morning when the resolution was declared lost. The House divided on strict party lines.

On Friday Hon. Mr. Peters moved the House into committee of the whole and the following resolutions: Resolved that it is expedient to amend an Act passed in the 57th year of Her Majesty's reign entitled: "An Act to impose an Income Tax" by repealing the third section thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "This Act shall not apply to any person resident in this province whose income shall not exceed the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars annually, where such an income is derived from wages salary or manual labor, and by providing that the amendment shall not affect the said statute with respect to Income Tax." After some discussion this bill was suspended the rule was passed through all stages. Hon. Mr. Peters moved that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of taking into consideration the following resolutions: Resolved that it is advisable to close the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands and to provide for the performance of the duties of that office by the Registrar of Deeds at Charlottetown, and to make suitable provision for the vesting of the lands and titles now vested in the Commissioner of Public Lands in some Public official in the same manner as they are now vested in the Commissioner of Public Lands, and that such officials have power to convey the same to the parties now entitled or hereafter to become entitled to receive conveyances thereof similar to those now possessed by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

And whereas the pursuit of Agriculture forms by a large measure the basis of the prosperity of this Province and its importance is such that it is deemed advisable that a Department of Agriculture should be constituted: Therefore resolved, that in the opinion of this House a Department of Agriculture should be established with a responsible head having a seat in the Legislative assembly and in the Executive Council of the province, and further resolved that it is advisable to introduce legislation with the object of establishing such a department, such legislation to contain the necessary clauses with respect thereto. The resolution was passed through committee and reported agreed to.

At three o'clock on Saturday afternoon his Honor the Lieutenant Governor came down to the assembly where he presided over the session. His Honor then prorogued the Legislature with the usual formalities.

FIFTY sets of Nova Scotia fishermen left Canoe on Monday for Georgetown where they intend to secure from ten to fifty barrels of bait each.

## LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Dr. S. R. Jenkins has returned home from New York.

Discussion on the tariff in committee in the House of Commons at Ottawa commences to-day.

The Steamer Norwich came into this port on Saturday and is now loading oats for the English market, the shippers being Messrs Carvell Bros.

It is understood that the Government at Ottawa has informed the Opposition Leader that the Superannuation Bill will not be pressed this session.

On Saturday last Hon. E. Rogers, of Alberta, was sworn in a member of the Executive Council, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Hon. Alexander Leard.

Advices from Melbourne, Australia, say that a movement is on foot there to send 20,000 sheep and 6000 bullocks to England for the Prince of Wales dinner to the poor at the Queen's Bazaar.

The Dominion wire company, whose factories are at Lachine, near Montreal, have closed down their hatched wire works in consequence of the placing of barbed wire on the free list. They employed about three hundred hands.

It is thought probable that when the combine clause of the tariff resolution is reached, the Opposition will propose an amendment committing to the courts the duty of determining whether the combine clause, and of applying the prescribed remedy.

The Steamer Campana, from Montreal arrived at Summerside on Saturday morning. After discharging freight she proceeded to this port. The Captain reported very little ice in the Gulf, but was considerably delayed by thick fog after leaving Father Point.

The Northumberland of the Steam Navigation Co's line is now plying regularly between Summerside and Point du Chene, and the Princess of the same line is on the Charlottetown-Pictou route. The mails were transferred to these steamers on Monday morning.

Advices of the 1st inst. from Kingston, Jamaica, say there has been a terrible series of earthquake shocks in the Leeward Islands, in which many people were killed and much property damaged, principally at Guadalupe. Montserrat, was the centre of the disturbance, which extended from St. Kitts to Martinique.

Advices from Montreal say that W. C. McDonald, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer has closed down his tobacco factory in that city in consequence of uncertainty over the clause in the new tariff bill relating to increased duty on tobacco. This factory employed about seven hundred hands.

The schooner Jenny Armstrong, Grady, with a cargo of hay, oats, and potatoes, and Mary May, McKay, with hay and turnips, sailed on Thursday morning for Miramichi ports. The schooner Restive, Grady, is ready for sea, with a cargo of hay and potatoes for North Sydney, and will sail as soon as the ice permits.

Despatches of the 2nd inst. from towns in the Interior of the State of Ohio say that the rain Saturday night turned into snow and in many places wintry conditions prevailed Sunday morning. At Bagby three inches of snow fell, and at Martin's Ferry, in the southern part of the State, the ground was covered with it.

Recent San Francisco advices report the loss at sea of Captain Martin McKee of the ship Samaria, together with his wife and two children. Captain McKee was a native of Belfast in this Province, and his wife was a daughter of William McKee, Esq. of Pictou River. Capt. McKee was about forty years of age and had been sailing on the Pacific coast for a number of years.

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WASHINGTON advices say the United States Senate resumes business in earnest this week. According to agreement a vote was to be taken on the arbitration treaty today. There is great uncertainty as to the fate of the treaty, and it looks as if the margin would not exceed two or three votes, whatever the result may be. A canvass made Saturday shows forty votes certain for the treaty and thirty-five against it.

Advices of the 2nd inst. from Huntsville, Pa., say that the incessant rain fall of the previous twenty-four hours had overflowed the Juniata river and its numerous tributaries, causing thousands of dollars of destruction to growing crops. The farmers along the Juniata branch have suffered severe loss to buildings, fences and growing grain. The Juniata river was sixteen feet above low water mark and still rising.

We inadvertently omitted to mention in our last issue that in connection with the mammoth Tree to be held at Lennox Island on the 10th August next, in accordance with arrangements made with the Superintendent of the P. E. I. Railway, by Chief Bark, returning from Charlottetown to Port Hill will be issued at 90 cents; and to intermediate stations at proportionate rates. Trains will be at the station on arrival of train to convey visitors to and from the ferry. It is expected the new church will be fully completed interiorly by the time of the tea party.

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## LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

In consequence of the spring freshets the Red River has overflowed its banks causing a great amount of damage in some parts of Manitoba. In some places there is no dry land to be seen, the surface being completely submerged.

According to announcement, the St. Dunstan's College Dramatic Club present the drama "College Boys," in the Opera House on Monday evening last. The play was splendidly presented. The acting on the whole was of a very high order, and the entertainment was heartily enjoyed by all who attended it.

The war between Greece and Turkey still wages with varied success. The Greeks have, within the last week, won some victories; but the overwhelming numbers of the Turkish forces render it almost impossible for the Greeks to hope for any great success in future. Probably the end of the war is not far off.

The parliamentary committee which has been enquiring into the Transvaal raid resumed its session on the 30th ult. The secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, made a statement on oath, declaring in the most emphatic manner that neither himself nor his colleagues in the colonial office had, until the day before the raid, the slightest suspicion in the nature of an armed invasion of the Transvaal.

The St. Dunstan's College Dramatic Club will present their excellent drama, "College Boys" in St. Patrick's Hall, St. John's, to-morrow (Thursday) evening. A special train will leave this city for St. John's at 12 o'clock, noon, and return after the play. The price of return tickets will be as follows: From Charlottetown to St. John's, (inclusive) \$1.00; from stations between Mount Stewart and St. John's, one first class fare. An orchestra will be in attendance at the play. Doors open at 7.30; curtain rises at 8. Admission 25c and 35c. We bespeak for the performance a bumper. All who witnessed the play in Charlottetown on Monday night, would certainly advise their friends to not miss the performance.

## DIED.

At Drogheda, on the 23rd April, 1897, of pneumonia, James Hand, in the 67th year of his age. May his soul rest in peace.

Suddenly, at Drogheda, on April 16th, 1897, of inflammation of the lungs, Angus McLeod, aged 47 years, leaving a widow and 11 small children to mourn their irreparable loss. May his soul rest in peace.

At Sea Cow Pond, on the 18th inst., William Hogan, aged 64 years. The deceased fell dead near the door of his dwelling while returning from his barn. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

At Head St. Peter's Bay on February 25th inst. after a protracted illness, incident to old age, Richard Dwan, in the 89th year of his age. Deceased was born in County Wick, Ireland, and immigrated to this Province in 1845, when he settled down on a greenwood farm, and began to carve out while in a short time, became a splendid homesteader. He had a family of four sons and one daughter. His wife, two sons and his daughter predeceased him. Deceased was a most respectable, hospitable gentleman, and enjoyed the esteem of all his neighbors and acquaintances. May his soul rest in peace.

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9 Suits, 6.25 for 4.00		16 pairs, 2.75 for 1.85	
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