

Chignecto Post.

Sackville, N. B., February 22, 1877.

The "Northern Light."

Debate in Parliament.—Opinions of Messrs. Perry, Pope, Davies, McIntyre and Hon. A. J. Smith.

On Thursday Mr. Perry moved for a copy of the contract with Mr. Sewell for building the "Northern Light." He has seen it stated that the steamer was a fraud, Government never having intended to have communication with the island. The steamer was doing excellent work, and he was satisfied was not a fraud. She made her trips through ice from eight inches to two feet thick in three hours and a half, and no fraud of a steamer could do that. His constituents were satisfied with her and her tri-weekly trips, and the Government had acted honorably with the island. He had hoped, however, that more should be done, and a place for crossing found instead of crossing at points all round. He believed the boat to be a good one, and her trips showed her to be no humbug. If this boat was run down by the islanders, they stood in their own light.

Hon. Mr. Pope (Prince Edward Island) agreed with the remarks of the last speaker. He did not look upon the boat as a great success, as an ice-breaker, but through some ice she would do well. She drew too much water, and if she got caught at certain points, would be destroyed. Mismanagement gave the boat a worse name than she deserved. He referred to her first, second and third attempts to get out of Charlottetown in seven inches of ice. He was then satisfied that her shape was wrong for breaking fixed ice. She should have an overhanging stern, like the Newfoundland sealers, whereas she could, with very great difficulty, run upon the ice. Though there was boat service this winter, the mails had not been carried by her to Cape Tormentine, but had gone by ice boats. The route to Georgetown was about 40 miles, while by Cape Tormentine it was only seven miles, and the boat would be much safer on account of board ice. He discussed at some length the running of the boat, and recommended the trial of the route which he was recommending, and the greater utilization of the island railway, assured that there would be a considerable saving of time.

Hon. Mr. Davies said it was well understood that it was intended to connect the island with the mainland, hence the steamer "Northern Light's" construction. He believed the proper place to have taken the vessel was between Georgetown and Pictou. He held that the Quebec merchants could appreciate the vessel, as she had made the passage for the past four weeks with great ease. He believed that she could not break solid ice, but had far surpassed their expectations in other respects. He spoke favorably of the shape of the vessel, and held that the boat was strong, durable. For working among drift ice she was admirable, but for smooth and fixed ice she was not so good. He thought she had proved a success, and it might be better to have her at Cape Tormentine than at any other place, as suggested by Mr. Pope.

Mr. McIntyre (P. E. I.) spoke from personal experience of the vessel. She would go straight through six inches of ice without stopping. On one occasion, while on the boat, she had been lifted clear out of the water, and had it been any other boat, there is little doubt that she would have been wrecked. He thought (George) the harbor was one of the best harbors, although Pictou was also a good one. He, however, thought Cape George the place for the vessel, and held that she could go to Cape George. He believed that if more were laid at points suggested by his friend (Mr. Pope), it would cost the country more than half a million of money.

Mr. Sinclair held that the Government would have to change the route of the road, and that the government could not afford to have the mails a week behind when such a thing should be abandoned. He thought the vessel could be as easily moved to the point as to the wharf. He thought this matter was a provincial question, and was of opinion they would require to appoint a disinterested commission, and if that commission found that she could work as well at the expense where she is, that was the place for her. He believed that the Government had done their duty, and that great credit was due to Mr. Sewell, who had done what the people could not do. He was sorry to see that the vessel drew 15 feet where only 12 was promised at first.

Hon. Mr. Smith was gratified that his hon. friends opposite had spoken in the strain they had. Government had been severely criticized for the attempt to make the steamer available, and failure predicted, but time had removed all that, and he held that there had been no waste of money in her construction. He was aware that few of the people of the island had much to do with winter navigation, but was gratified to find that people had appreciated the effort made in their behalf.

HO! FOR OTTAWA.—We are pleased to say that Mr. Lattrell acting on suggestion in the Bar is in communication with the Railway company with I. C. R. to Ottawa endeavoring to arrange for excursion tickets at one fare to Ottawa.

TARIFF.—An Ottawa despatch indicates that there will be an increase of duties on sugars, liquors, tins, and tobacco.

The Provincial Finances.

The following are the figures of the receipts and expenditures as they appear in the Auditor General's Report:—

RECEIPTS FOR 1876.

Balance 31st Oct., 1875.	\$61,355 47
Domestic subsidies	\$511,890 10
Casual and territorial revenue.	70,048 47
Fees Supreme Court.	1,800 00
Fees Provincial Secretary's Office.	5,878 41
Amount Lunatic Asylums, 30 Y., C. 25.	1,600 00
By-roads warrants refunded.	507 82
Sundry refunds by Chief Supt. of Education.	647 27
Refund on account connected with Carquest riot.	38 90
Fine imposed by Chief Justice at Bathurst Court.	50 00
Interest on loans to a number of school boards.	6,516 52
Interest on mortgages assigned by Commercial Bank of New Brunswick to the Province of New Brunswick.	375 39
Refund of County school loans standing 31st Oct., 1875.	14,466 95
Refund of County school loans, 1876.	15,328 46
	\$654,850 39

EXPENDITURE FOR 1876.

Audit Office.	\$ 1,867 75
Agriculture.	12,870 71
County Societies.	\$11,498 00
Department.	1,549 22
Attorney General.	9,505 37
Board of Health, St. John.	1,400 00
Board of Health, St. John.	475 00
Board of Health, St. John.	71 94
Board of Health, St. John.	129,142 36
Board of Health, St. John.	71,001 04
Board of Health, St. John.	1,628 44
Board of Health, St. John.	18,191 03
Board of Health, St. John.	1,000 00
Board of Health, St. John.	1,395 00
Board of Health, St. John.	13,682 60
Board of Health, St. John.	10,000 00
Board of Health, St. John.	8,974 43
Board of Health, St. John.	5,073 55
Board of Health, St. John.	114,434 39
Board of Health, St. John.	8,887 05
Board of Health, St. John.	4,200 00
Board of Health, St. John.	57 50
Board of Health, St. John.	4,586 72
Board of Health, St. John.	6,498 99
Board of Health, St. John.	26,410 50
Board of Health, St. John.	6,500 00
	\$857,329 58

PARISH COURTS.—We learn there have been started grave legal questions respecting the authority of these Courts. The first question which arises is as to the power of the Local Legislature to appoint the Commissioners, the appointment of Judges of the Superior, District and County Courts being in the Dominion Government. The next is, that supposing the Local Government can appoint the Commissioners whether they have any term of procedure; the Parish Court act came into operation on 13th April last and its proceedings were according to the law relating to Justices Courts (Revised Statute chapter 118). This law was repealed on 1st June, and a new act enacted which it is stated in no way refers to the Parish Courts, and therefore there is no law under which the Commissioner of the Parish Court can act.

THE DEATH OF ADMIRAL WILKES, who took the Southern Commission, Sir John and Sir John, out of the British Mail Steamer "Trent," affords the patriotic *Globe* of St. John the text for eulogizing that act. "He did the right thing at the right moment," "although it took some tact and prudence to avert the danger that followed," viz.: to give them up. "Mr. Seward said at once that he was glad of the opportunity to show his readiness to support those principles which the United States had ever maintained." Was it in accordance with those principles, that Admiral Wilkes was feasted and feted and lionized everywhere in the North and received a vote of thanks from the Congress of the United States? The *Globe* ought to be published across the line.

TIMES CHANGE.—If Sydney Smith had lived to-day and witnessed the partisanship of the President's funeral, the exposure of an scandal connected with Bismarck and Williams, and seen the Whiskey Rings, the Indian Rings, credit "millionaire" and a thousand other combinations fattening on the spoils of jobbery, would he have written, as he did sixty years ago:—"In America there is no waste of public money; all public matters are conducted with exemplary frugality. On days of ceremony two constables walk before the President, and he is followed by a joint of meat and a pudding followed at the expense of twenty-two republics."

PARLIAMENTARY.

Mr. Masson on 12th made a violent attack on Mr. Cauchon:

He mentioned an incident which occurred on the 1st of October, when the late Minister of Militia on the eve of election, and with him a number of persons, were for political reasons and because they voted against the Government candidate. Mr. Mackenzie replied that no corrupt bargain had been made with Ross, who had a perfect right to retire from the Government contract and must retire as a matter of fact before he could legally become a candidate. Dr. Tupper made a general attack upon the Government, charging them with persistent dismissal of officials for political reasons. Mr. Mackenzie said the Government exercised the greatest forbearance in not dismissing more officers of doubtful efficiency with which Dr. Tupper packed the service before going out of office, and this was the reason they were retained. Mr. Vail also replied very effectively, denying in toto the charge of a corrupt bargain with Ross. The Inspector spoke of so contemptuously was an appellation of the late Government, which proved to amount to a slur on the late Government. Sir John A. Macdonald made explanations with reference to the \$25,000 secret service money which it had been charged, he had kept and been obliged to disgorge by the Minister of Finance. He stated that at the time the late Government resigned there was \$32,173 lying to the credit of the Secret Service Committee at the Bank of Montreal. There were also some unadjusted claims, which proved to amount to about \$7,000. This sum was paid and the balance handed over to the Receiver General. None of the money had ever been in his hands at all.

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Mr. Marshall gave notice of motion for papers connected with by-road money paid members of House. On motion of Mr. McQueen one member from each County was placed on the Agricultural Committee. Mr. Crawford introduced a Bill to reduce the fees of judges of Probate. Correspondence connected with liquor licenses and obtaining an opinion of the Supreme Court was laid on the table. The correspondence shows that the Minister of Justice is of opinion that it is not desirable to bring the question before such a court as proposed, in view of the fact that it may be brought before a regular process of law and reach the court in that way. Mr. Rogers gave notice of a motion for a statement of all payments to the Albert Railway Co., or any person in their behalf, the minutes of Council or other papers relating to the change in location of said railway. Mr. Austin gave notice of a motion for copies of all papers, surveys, estimates and correspondence connected with the Grand Trunk Railway, St. Martins and Upham railways. Mr. Johnson stated that he believed Kent is entitled Railways. He was not wedded to either line, but was ready to resign if justice could be obtained for Kent. Provincial Secretary laid on the table financial statement from 31st Oct. to 31st Feb. Public Works Commissioner laid on the table a statement connected with Woodstock Bridge repairs, and also statement in other fields, with amounts due, etc., on public works. Mr. Ryan introduced a bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Hillboro Branch Railway with a petition favoring the same. Mr. Marshall gave notice of enquiry respecting claims to St. John penitentiary. Mr. Smith gave notice of enquiry respecting publication of agricultural report in French. The Surveyor-General in answer to Mr. Tweedie, said no lands have been reserved in New Brunswick for the River du Loup Railway, but the N. B. Railway has been authorized to select and survey on the water shed of the St. John, lands the company are entitled to for connecting the N. B. Railway with the Grand Trunk. Mr. Macchie's bill to secure interest on mortgage and insurance after a lengthy debate was on motion of Pickett given a six months' delay.

Hon. Mr. Crawford introduced a Bill to amend Parish Courts Act. Application of James Tibbets for Special (an old claim) referred to a committee. Mr. Covert introduced a Bill to amend the Central Railway Act. Mr. Rogers moved for papers connected with the Albert Railway. In answer to Mr. Covert the Provincial Secretary stated the Government had received on 22nd April '76, \$100,000 on account of subsidy due 1st July, and on 30th Nov., \$100,000 on account of subsidy due 1st Jan. Mr. Humphrey presented petition of H. Charters and 178 others, praying that money be not granted for the construction of the railway between James Richard's and Dominion White's. Mr. Ryan introduced a Bill to amend incorporation act of the Hopeville Freezone and Mining Co. Mr. Murchie committed a Bill to amend the General Assessment Act of 1875. The mover explained the bill as one to render all personal property within a parish subject to assessment therein. He said that under the present law Assessors deal with all debts of rate payers from the value of property in the parish or district in which he resides, making the law operate unfairly in the latter parish.

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The Maritime Penitentiary.

To the Editor of CHIGNECTO POST.

Sir:—I have just paid a visit to St. John's, where the new Penitentiary near Dorchester. The work is moving along nicely now, and as it may be of some interest to your readers, I will do some of the information I obtained. The excavation for the basement is already out, and close by a fine shed has been erected, most economically arranged. It is over 120 feet long; at one end there are two smaller buildings, a large and an office, and through the centre runs a trolley track extending several hundred feet at each end. In the shed on either side of this track is a row of stone cutters of whom there are over 20, who make the place reverberate with the noise of their tools. The rough stone is loaded on the trolley outside one end, and after it has passed into the cutters' hands it is run out at the other end and piled away in assorted lots.

There is a large quantity of stone already delivered at the site—about three or four thousand tons. I heard from one of the foremen that the contractors have had from fifteen to twenty teams hauling for some time past, many of them being three and four-horse teams belonging to the contractors, and some of the best in the country. One four-horse team took up a load of over 9 tons lately, and as they go four trips a day the hauling progresses very rapidly. In fact the stone has been going up at the rate of one hundred and fifty tons a day.

The winter frost has kept back the stone-cutting somewhat but not the quarrying, as the contractors have had over fifty men at work getting out stone. The contractors propose to make their own bricks, but they complain that the people of the place seem to want to drive them elsewhere for such material by their exorbitant charges, not dreaming that economy is a thing to be considered in a large work, and that they are fighting against their own interests. For what better advertisement could they have of their building material than to have it in such a building? Yours truly, RAMBLER. Dorchester, Feb. 19th, '77.

To the Editor of the Post.

DEAR SIR:—The following fable is not to be found in any edition of Aesop which I have seen, and as it conveys an excellent moral, I take the liberty of asking you to insert it in the next issue of the Post, in hope that it may do good. Yours Truly, A. BUTTERFLY.

THE ELEPHANT AND THE BUTTERFLIES.

Once on a time a flock of butterflies were disputing themselves in a sunny meadow upon a flower-decked mound when they came upon a huge elephant which had apparently strayed from his keeper. The butterflies were greatly amused with the unwieldy motions of the ponderous animal, and they flattered round him with unresisted curiosity as he tried to pluck the buttercups and daisies and flowering immortelles which he reached for with his trunk. Some of the bolder ones alighted at length upon the monster and clustering together began examining his immense head, his frightful tusks, and the long proboscis which he twisted and writhed with endless dexterity. For some time the elephant preserved his equanimity under the attentions of his volatile interviewers, but at last when one of them remarked upon the extreme length of his ears, he suddenly became frantic and with uplifted trunk and dreadful trumpeting he charged madly upon the gay butterflies, but the sprightly dwellers in the sun light at once took wings, and with many a merry turn they whirled round the angry animal, and then flashed off to seek amusement in other fields.

The vexed and disappointed elephant gazed in wrath as they flitted from his view, and then slowly turning back reflected, "After all I can not find it in my heart to resent a butterfly. Besides on account of their extreme smallness they overlook any want of courtesy as by these ephemeral insects, while they were surveying my lately and venerable form."

Moral:—It is folly to get angry at fun.

THE following is a comparison of the Expenditure of Public Works for 1876 with that of 1875:

Great Roads and Bridges.	\$106,773 51	\$123,019 50
Legislative and all other Public Buildings.	4,549 67	13,306 21
Lunatic Asylums.	440 50	3,440 50
Prison Station.	11,541 71	18,403 26
Depot actual charges.	1,242 03	1,040 89
General Miscellaneous Accounts.	4,847 98	4,612 06
	\$131,944 40	\$163,831 42

Expenditure of '76 less than '75 by \$31,887 02.

MUNICIPAL INCORPORATION.—Carlton County has had some years experience of incorporation, and the results of its working there are thus spoken of by the last *Sentinel*:—"Under the new system, the finances are managed with a regard for economy that effects an immense saving as compared with the results of their management under the old rule, councillors showing a very decided inability as to criticisms of their votes by their constituents. And we may add the Council Board is a capital school, the members of the preparatory members for creditable entrance upon higher and broader fields of Legislative labor."

THE DEBT OF CANADA on 30th of June last was \$161,204,707; an increase of \$68,000,000 since Confederation. The average rate of interest paid has gradually decreased from \$5.21 in 1867 to \$4.18 in 1876. To Re-Enter Political Life.—It is said three hundred and thirty, Morris, and Archibald, who were terms of office expire this year, intend to re-enter political life, and run for the Commons next election.

Advertisements This Day.

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6 tons Pork, Hams and Bacon, Of Superior Quality.

Also, a lot of Choice SUGAR CURED HAMS, selected for family use.

Those wishing to purchase, please send in early.

J. L. Black.

New Goods!

1 CASE SUGAR.

6 DOZ. BROOMS.

2 CASES DRUGGIST'S Sundries.

1 Lot Hair Braids.

FOR SALE LOW.

J. L. Black.

APPLES, APPLES.

15 BARRELS

NOVA SCOTIA BALDWIN.

Consigned from prompt sale. They will be sold cheap.

J. L. Black.

FLOUR & POT BARLEY.

200 BBLs.

FLOUR

1000 LBS.

Ont. Pot Barley.

For Sale at Lowest Rates.

J. L. Black.

Kerosene Oil.

10 CASKS KEROSENE OIL, of extra quality just received. Will be sold very low by cask, at retail for cash.

J. L. Black.

Fish & Smoked Herring.

20 QUINTALS POLLOCK & 5 quintals CODFISH.

100 boxes SCALED HERRING.

J. L. Black.

FURNITURE.

3 Dozen Bedsteads, AND A FEW BEDROOM SUITS.

Which we can sell very low. Please call and see them.

J. L. Black.

SOLE LEATHER.

40 SIDES

NOS. 1 & 2 B. A. 901 LEATHER.

Very Cheap for Cash.

J. L. Black.

TURPENTINE!

2 casks Spirit Turpentine.

Just received and for sale cheap.

J. L. Black.

WORTH KNOWING!

FROM British, American and Canadian sources, we have now in store and to arrive, the most varied and valuable Stock of Goods ever offered our customers, and we are offering at prices so low as to command a ready sale. Below we enumerate some of our Stock and invite examination:

120 bbls. Montreal and Quebec Green Apples.

5 Dry Apples.

5 Onions.

12 hds. Molasses.

12 bbls. Liverpool Salt.

10 Butter Salt.

25 quintals Pollock and Codfish.

30 barrels Herring.

6 " Am. Refined Kerosene Oil.

25 chests Superior Quality Tea.

12 boxes Tobacco.

10 " Soap.

1000 lbs. Rice.

60 boxes Raisins.

1000 lbs. Dairy and Factory Cheese.

Confectionery, Spices, Currants, Coffee, &c.

White and Colored Paints.

Putty, Oil, Varnish, Apprais.

Spirit Turpentine, &c.

2 tons IRON, full assortment sizes.

2 tons Spring, Nigh shoe and Shoe STEEL.

1000 lbs. Short Link Chain.

1000 lbs. Horse and Ox Nails.

80 kegs Cut Nails, all sizes.

60 boxes Window Glass.

12 " Glassware, viz.: Pitchers, 10 boxes Axes.

12 " Brooms.

1 gross Shovel and Heavy Hardware.