

attention in a high degree; and that it is therefore important to effect, at as early a period as possible, the conversion of the said Tenure into a free one, taking care that all the interests concerned are protected and equitably adjusted.

On motion of Mr Lafontaine, it was then Resolved, That such commutation of Tenure can only be effected by securing a fair indemnity to all parties whose just rights it will effect.

And the said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to:—Yeas 53; nays, Mr Marquis,—1.

Hon Mr Lafontaine moved That the said Resolutions be referred to Select Committee of nine members, to report the different plans hitherto suggested effecting the said Commutation, together with their own opinions, with power to report from time to time, and to send for persons papers, and records; and that Messieurs LaTerriere, Badgley, Guy, Lemieux, Dumas, Pollette, Jobin, Armstrong, and the mover, be of the said Committee.

Mr Davington moved in amendment, That the said proposed Committee be named by the House,—which was agreed to; and ordered that Messrs. LaFontaine, Badgley, Davington, Boutillier, Polette, Yger, Lemieux, Armstrong, and LaTerriere, do compose the said Committee.

Common School Bill for Upper Canada.

Mr Hincks then moved the second reading of the Bill for the better establishment so the Common Schools in Upper Canada.

Usury Laws.

Hon Mr Sherwood moved That the Bill to alter the Law of Usury, be now read the second time.

A long discussion then ensued the debates of which we must reserve to our next. We may just remark that all the argument was in favor of the second reading of the Bill; but the strength of inveterate and ignorant prejudice amongst the opponents of the Bill was sufficient to bear down all argument.

Mr Cauchon moved in amendment, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months,—Yeas 33, Nays 26.

Hon Mr Hincks presented a return to an Address of the 26th ultimo, for certain information relative to the Harbor Dues and Queen's Wharf at Toronto.

The remaining Orders of the day were postponed till to-morrow:

The House then adjourned.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, June 26.

Several Petitions were presented.

Great Western Railroad.

The Committee to whom was referred the Bill to enable Municipal Corporations to subscribe for Stock in the Great Western and other Railroads, presented their Report, with amendments. It was moved, that it be referred to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

County of Berthier.

A Message was sent from the House of Assembly, stating that that House had passed a Bill to divide the County of Berthier into two Municipalities. It was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Proxies Bill.

The Committee to whom was referred the Bill to regulate the system of voting by proxy, in Banking and other institutions, presented their Report. It suggested no important alterations, and it was ordered to be submitted to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

West Gwillimbury.

The bill to make a new survey of West Gwillimbury was read a second time.

The Bill was referred to a select committee, composed of the Honbles. Messrs Mathewson, Boulton, Ross, James Morris, and mover.

Law of Slander.

The Bill to amend the Law of Slander and Libel was read a second time, and referred to a Committee.

Toronto and Huron Railroad.

The bill to alter the Title of the Toronto Simcoe and Lake Huron Railroad, and to allow a change in the terminus, was read a second time.

The Bill was referred to a committee composed of Messrs Ross DeBlaquiere, James Morris, Gordon, and Irving.

Report of Finance Committee.

The House took into consideration the Report of the Finance Committee upon the defalcation of Mr DeLery, a Clerk of the House.

Hon Jas. Morris said, in moving the adoption of the Report, he would suggest, that the correspondence connected with the subject it embraced, should be returned to the parties to whom it belonged.

After a few remarks had been made by the Hon Mr Ross, and the Hon Mr DeBlaquiere, the Speaker observed, that the papers and correspondence ought to be submitted to a Committee for report, and that the Bank ought to be allowed to have recourse to law for the settlement of their claim against Mr DeLery. He would also suggest that resolutions should be adopted to refer the claim which the House had against Mr DeLery to the Governor General for settlement, and to have that officer dismissed.

The further consideration of the question was postponed until to-morrow.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, June 27.

The Motion to refer the Petition for remuneration to Mr Randall, was rejected by a majority of 42 to 10.

Mr Price, in reply to a question put by Col. Prince, stated that he should introduce the Address on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, to-morrow (Friday).

Mr Hincks explained the nature of the ordinance authorising the issue of debentures for the completion of roads near Quebec and Montreal, which were issued at six per cent interest; and said the government did not feel authorised to issue others at eight per cent, to replace those which had fallen due.

Mr Hincks informed the House, that the Government had not purchased the Victoria College at Cobourg, nor negotiated for it.

Two Bills were introduced by Mr Cameron of Kent, and read a first time;—one for reserving the homesteads of Insolvent Debtors, and the other, to extend the provisions of the Exemption Law.

Some discussion took place on the motion of Mr Boutillier, for a Select Committee to enquire into the cost of administering Justice in Lower Canada; which was carried by a large majority.

The remainder of the evening was occupied in the transaction of routine business.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, June 28.

The Bill to vest a certain allowance for a Road in the Township of York, in certain persons, was read for the first time, and referred to a select committee composed of the hon Messrs. Widmer, Ross, and Boulton.

Ameliasburgh.

The Committee to whom was referred the Bill to confirm a certain survey in Ameliasburgh presented their Report without amendment.

Hon Mr Ross stated, that the provisions of the Bill were the same as those in a similar Bill which was presented last Session.

It was then ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.

Law of Slander.

The Committee to whom was referred the Bill to amend the Law of Slander and Libel reported the Bill without any amendment. It was ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

Grimby Harbor.

The Bill to prolong the time for the completion of the Grimby Harbor, was read a second time.

The Speaker said, the object of the Bill was to allow the Directors ten years longer to complete that Harbor.

It was ordered to be read a third time, on Monday next.

Berthier Municipality Bill.

The Bill to amend an error in Berthier Municipality Bill was read a second time and ordered to be read a third time, on Monday next.

Bank Proxy Bill.

The House went into a committee on the whole, on the Bank Proxy Bill.

Hon Mr Boulton said, if the Bill passed, it would, in his opinion, produce much inconvenience. If there was any inconvenience resulting from the existing system, it could be rectified by the Stockholders themselves, without the aid of a Bill.

Hon J. Morris said the Bill was necessary. The elections in most of the Banks in the Province were ruled by two or three Individuals who held a large number of proxies. There was a great deal of suspicion in the opposition to the Bill. He knew its appearance acted like a bomb shell upon the directors he had referred to. Many of them perpetuated themselves in an office by proxies, for their personal interests, for the purpose of discounting their own notes. He then entered into a brief explanation of its provisions, which were published in a former issue.

Hon Mr Goodhue was opposed to the principle of the Bill. He did not believe it could effect the design it professed to have in view, in protecting the interests of resident Stockholders against the parties who held a large number of proxies.

Hon Mr Irving believed that Bank stock would increase 10 per cent. so soon as this bill came into operation.

Mr. De Lery.

The Report of the Finance Committee on the defalcation of Mr De Lery was adopted.

Hon J. Morris then moved that an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General setting forth the defalcation, and praying His Excellency to dismiss Mr De Lery from his office.

It was then moved that the correspondence sent by the City Bank be returned to it, and that that institution be informed that this House has not now any right to interfere with its claim.

It was then moved that the future Clerk of the House should be required to furnish security to the amount of £4000, viz.—two thousand pounds by himself, and two sureties for £1000 each.

A message was received from the Legislative Assembly, stating that that House had concurred in the amendments made by the Council to the Bill requiring written memorandums for the validity of certain engagements.

The House then adjourned until Monday next.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, June 29.

Mr. Cameron (Kent) Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, reported by Bill, which was read a first time.

Mr. Price submitted the address to her Majesty, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves; and embodying the resolutions passed on a former day, which passed, 46 to 23.

Hon. Mr. Robinson moved the address to the Queen, expressive of undiminished attachment, which was carried by a majority of 46 to 11.

Hon. J. J. Boulton made an enquiry, of which he had given notice, relative to the death of Mr. Wethenhall, in the Lunatic Asylum; and Mr. Hincks stated in reply that although he had been slightly wounded by another inmate, yet his death had been caused by a prostration of his mental and bodily powers.

REPRESENTATION BILL.

Hon. Mr. LaFontaine moved the second reading of the Bill to increase the representation of the Province. A long debate ensued.

At a quarter to one, A. M., (Saturday) the House divided on the motion. Yeas, 51; Nays, 21.

The motion was consequently defeated, because the majority did not compose two-thirds of the members in the House.—[Patriot.

DEATH LEAP.—Last evening as the steamer Hudson, of the Jersey City Ferry, which left the New York side at 6 1/2 o'clock, and made about one-fourth the distance across, a man having on his arm a small basket containing books, which he was evidently peddling, was seen to walk deliberately to the stern of the boat, set down his basket and leap into the river. He was called to when his purpose was suspected—but he heeded not, and made the fatal jump. He was seen to rise once, but made no effort to save himself, and sunk again to rise no more. The engine was immediately stopped, the boat backed, and every possible effort made to obtain a glimpse of him, but to no purpose. The man had on a black hat, white coat, satin vest and black pants, and was about five feet seven or eight inches high, with black whiskers. His basket contained several second hand books, with a few new song books, primers, basket, fan, lead pencils, and other trifling trinkets, together with three cents—probably all the cash he had.—Jersey City Signal 11th.

FARMERS IN DISTRESS.—We learn that a letter has been received from Caona, near River du Loup, below stating that on the night of the 5th inst., a fire occurred in the township of Whitworth, in that neighborhood, which consumed thirty-six houses, besides a number of barns and other buildings, as well as all the grain sown by the unfortunate inhabitants. It was only by very great exertions that the Chapel was saved. The fire originated from a pile of burning rubbish in a field.—Quebec Gazette.

TELEGRAPH BETWEEN ENGLAND AND PRUSSIA.—The Emperor of Russia has decided on placing Petersburg in telegraphic communication with Vienna and Berlin by means of the electric telegraph, which will also pass through Warsaw and Posen. The wires are now being laid down between Berlin and St Petersburg and the Black Sea. When the continuous line of wire, an important part of which is now being sunk submergely between Dover and Calis, is completed in connexion with the Continent, a person in London may hold almost instant communication with another in Russia.

It is estimated that £6,000,000 sterling will be expended in London by means of the Industrial Exhibition.

A man and woman were hanged by Lynch law in Missouri on the 9th of May, for an attempt to kill a Mrs. Allen. The mob took them about a mile from the town of liberty, and then suspended them from a tree.

The weather continues very sultry, and we are afraid the hay crops will be very short. The fall wheat looks very well, and the ears shooting up in many fields. Oats and spring wheat are not so promising. There is every likelihood of wheat maintaining a high price this year from all we can learn, and that important fact must be gratifying to all and sundry. No change in present markets, wool causes a good deal of local competition amongst the merchants in Galt—a higher price being obtained through this rivalry than the United States market warrants. We perceive large quantities arriving daily.—Dunfries Reformer.

CONVENTION OF THE PRESS.—A document has been in circulation among the members of the Fourth Estate now congregated in this city, recommending that a convention of Canadian Editors and Publishers shall be held in this city on Wednesday, July 3 next, to take in consideration various matters affecting the profession. The paper has been signed; and we trust it will be generally responded to by our contemporaries throughout the Province. Parties at a distance finding it inconvenient to be present at the convention, might feel disposed to communicate their views by letter, on any point they desire to bring under its consideration.

Washington, June 23.

A terrible struggle is apprehended in the house to-morrow, Mr. Day is to bring in a bill for California, and there will be an attempt to push it through, which the South will resist. Some of them threaten to throw the Free Sellers out of the Window.

The New Brunswick Colonial Association have issued an address, in which they advocate the following objects:—

- 1. The unlimited control of our internal affairs.
2. Reciprocity with the United States in Trade, and in privileges of Navigation and Registry—or, the power conceded to us of negotiating our own commercial treaties with that country.
3. The initiation of the Money Grants by the Executive of the Province, and the establishment of Municipal Corporation in their full effectiveness, so as to afford the people the management of their local affairs.
4. That there should be no distribution by the Legislature of the monies granted for Bye-Roads and Schools, but that the same should be apportioned in gross to each County, and subdivided or distributed by the local Corporations.
5. The Registration of Voters, and Vote by Ballot.
6. An Elective Legislative Council.
7. A thorough retrenchment in the Public Expenditure.
8. The encouragement by the Government of Public Works of general utility.

Toronto Market Prices, June 29.

Corrected weekly for the Watchman.

Table with 4 columns: Item, S, D, S, D. Items include Flour per brl, Wheat per bushel, Barley per bushel, Rye per bushel, Oats per bushel, Oatmeal per bbl, Pease per bushel, Potatoes per bushel.

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For the Watchman.

DEAR SIR,—

Will you have the kindness to announce in your next issue the following appointments? I intend, God willing, to hold a quarterly meeting

- At Henrysburg on the 20th and 21st July.
" Bolton " 27th " 28th do.
" Dunham " 3rd " 4th August.
" Goulburn " 10th " 11th do.
" Mallory Town " 17th " 18th do.

I also intend to preach at the following places, the preachers in charge to fix the places and hours.

- At Potton on the 25th and 26th July
" Stanstead " 29th " 30th do.
" Stukely " 31st July and 1st August.
" Kemptville (Ox'd circ't) 13th do.
" Elizabeth Town (Hill's S. II.) 14th do.
" Crosby Chapel 15th do.

I shall have to trouble the friends on the different Circuits, to convey me from one appointment to the other. I should esteem it a great favor if the Rev. J. Histon would make arrangements to meet me at Mr Irwin's, McGill Street, Montreal, on Friday the 19th July, and the Rev. N. C. Gowan to meet me at Bytown on Friday the 9th of August.

I remain yours, respectfully, H. O. CROFTS.

London, June 19, 1850.