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By Charles Wilson,
dated February, 1864.

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Petition Correspondence—Letter from
JACK ROBINSON.
Fredericton, 15th February, 1848.

Mr. Editor.—As yesterday was the last day of the Session for receiving Petitions, and bringing in Bills, an unusual number are now before the House. The Clerk has no rest day or night, being incessantly employed in keeping a record of the proceedings. Many important matters have been introduced and discussed since I last wrote you, and I have been very busy in reading the despatches on the expenditure of the Road money, in which the proceedings in the Road Committee were minutely recorded, and the want of system clearly pointed out. A Bill has been introduced to provide for a report of the relative condition and wants of the Roads by a General Surveyor. An animated discussion took place on Wednesday last on the subject of revenue, in the Committee of ways and means. A most splendid and eloquent speech was delivered on the occasion by Mr. L. A. Wilnot, partaking largely of the principles of Political Economy. His ideas on the latter subject are somewhat circumscribed and confused, but he can easily make an eloquent speech upon any subject.

The law officers have given an opinion on the Bill, and the House has the power to lay it on the table, or to pass it. The Bill is a very good one, and it is quite possible that the House, acting upon this opinion, will frame a Revenue Bill as objectionable as the one complained of by the Colonial minister, which gave rise to the Despatch in question. Despatches on the subject of Responsible Government, and the tenure of office, similar to those addressed to Sir John Harvey in Nova Scotia, were laid on the table of the House, and were read. They were already called forth a public discussion next week. By them the principles of British Constitutional Government, so long declared by many as totally inapplicable to a dependent Colony, have been fully established in New Brunswick. Numerous petitions from various parts of the Province have been received, praying for a grant of money to defray the expenses incurred in suppressing the riots at Woodstock on the 13th of July last, and one petition which measures may be adopted for the suppression of party combinations. Several petitions, numerous signed, praying for the removal of the seat of Government from Fredericton to St. John were presented. They were received in the House with cries of "Hear! Hear!" Bow-wow-wow!!

The Bill to increase the allowance to Petit Jurors, after a great deal of discussion, was this day passed in the House. It is the first general Bill of the kind that ever passed, although frequently attempted. It requires all cases for trial to be entered on a docket the first day of the term, and to be paid in at the time on each case entered, as a Jury fund, and when the Jurors are dismissed at the end of the term, the money is to be divided among them at the rate of 4s. a day if it will go that far, or to any smaller sum per day that it may amount to. Its details were altered after the first days debate, in order, if possible, to secure the support of a majority of the House, and although manifestly imperfect, it is all that could be obtained at present, and there is reason to hope that it will pass the Council, and become a Law.

This day the select Committee reported a Revenue Bill with blanks for all the rates of duty. The whole questions of Revenue, Protection, and Free Trade, will with it come fully before the House, and the discussion will probably last several days.

Mr. Wilson, the President of the Saint Andrews & Quebec Railway, with Capt. Robinson and Mr. Hatch are here. They have put two Petitions and a Bill before the House connected with their great undertaking. One Petition is for certain amendments required in the existing enactments, the other petition and the Bill were for a loan to be guaranteed by the Province of £100,000, six per cent interest to be paid semi-annually, and the principal to be paid in 50 years. It is not likely that the House will grant the request unless they are prepared to borrow at least half a million more, as the great trunk line, and several other lines, will be considered as having equal claims.

With regard to Charlotte, a Bill has passed to assess £400 to meet the county contingencies.

The Bill to incorporate the free Bridge between Saint Stephen and Calais was lost. A number of the people petitioned against it. A Bill has been again introduced for the relief of the land purchasers which will perhaps pass, the House and be rejected by the Council as before. Mr. Potters petition for damages sustained by the loss of silos, dams, &c., is again before the House—also petitions for the return of export duties, and for School allowances too numerous to mention.

Mr. Hillour Executive Councillor is here, and I am informed that a new Commission of the Peace for the County is in progress, with a goodly number of names in addition to the magistrates at present in Commission. As I am not in the secret, I cannot give the names—no doubt some of our people will be pleased, and some displeased, and our friend will take the thanks, and bear the blame. The Reporters are to be paid, but as I have no box in the gallery, I fear I shall not be able to come in for a share.

Yours, JACK ROBINSON.

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

January 9.

(From the Alliance)

The House pursuant to the order of the day resolved itself in a Committee of ways and means of raising a Revenue. Mr. Hayward in the chair.

The debate was opened by Mr. Wark, from the select committee, in a speech which gave evidence of industry and exact preparation and bringing before the House statistical information spread over a period of from five to ten years. Mr. Wark stated the average income of this Province for five years to be in the gross £106,880, and when the duties collected for light, head-money on Foreign goods, and other supplies, amounting to £7,717 on an average of the same five years was deducted, it left a net revenue raised on imports and exports of £99,163, which was the sum which would be required to be raised this year, as he did not think the public service could be properly conducted for a less sum. Mr. Wark then gave a very clear and satisfactory comparative statement of the different duties from which this Revenue had been derived and recommended a reduction of the duty on *r* glasses, which was now equal to about ninepence a gallon, to 4d a gallon; also a reduction on the duties paid on Foreign sugar. He was also of opinion that a specific duty should be charged on wine and brandy, but recommended that the duty on spirits of other descriptions should be regulated according to its strength, to be ascertained by Sykes' Hydrometer.

Mr. R. D. Wilnot followed in a speech also full of statistical information, republishing the Free Trade policy of Great Britain, as ruinous to herself as well as her Colonies, and if persevered in, the days of her greatness are numbered. Mr. Wilnot made it appear that to seven years past the people of this Province had paid for barrels alone, the enormous sum of £78,363, at 40 cents a piece. That within the same period we had imported 400,000 barrels of wheat flour, and that by importing flour instead of wheat, we had lost in the barrels which contained it £78,363; and in other trade stuffs, (a barrel of flour equal to 5 bushels of wheat) the Province had also lost one million of pounds of bran and horse feed, while during the same period they had imported 600,000 bushels of oats. Mr. Wilnot contended warmly for the protective system, and said that those who would legislate on abstract theories against facts and figures, were little better than lunatics, and should be sent to the Lunatic Asylum.

He was followed by Mr. Brown in a speech of some length on the opposite side of the question, during which the hon. member turned some of Mr. Wilnot's arguments against himself, and warmly deprecated the use of strong language in such a debate, while with the very next breath he told the hon. member that if he was so much dissatisfied with the Government of England, and so well pleased with that of the United States, he ought to go there and live under a Government which he could cordially support, as such language was not fit for a British Legislature.

Mr. R. D. Wilnot replied that he loved his country as much as the hon. member from Charlotte, and as much as any other hon. member on the floor of that House; and was ready to shed the last drop of blood in his veins in her defence. No man dare accuse him of disloyalty, but was he to be told that he must leave his country and the institutions which he loved, to go among foreigners, because he wished to see such measures adopted as would make that country and flourish? He hoped not. It was that hon. member, and those who like him, would take the bread from the mouths of our people and give it to foreigners, that should leave the country and live among those whom they seemed to love better than their own countrymen.

Mr. Woodward did not see the necessity for such warmth in a debate of that kind; he took it for granted that every hon. member was equally honest in his opinion, and went on to advocate the Free Trade system at length. Mr. Wark then proposed to offer a resolution based on the reports and statistics which he had formerly brought before the Committee, but Mr. Pottelow proposed to substitute a general resolution, which his hon. friend on his right (Mr. Huntington) had prepared, pledging the House to nothing but the appointment of a Committee to prepare a

Revenue Bill. Mr. Pottelow also reaffirmed his opinion that the House was at liberty to place what duties they pleased on Foreign articles, provided they placed such duties on the foreigners alike. He stated that was the opinion he had given on a former day, and he had no doubt when the opinion of the law officers of the Crown should be made known to the House, they would be found to be the same as his own.

Mr. Bailie said such was the opinion of the law officers.

Mr. Huntington then prefaced his resolution by remarks, the substance of which was that neither of the extreme opinions which they had heard respecting Free Trade and Protection, would answer for this country. That extremes sometimes did meet, and that both the hon. members from St. John (Mr. Woodward and Mr. R. D. Wilnot) would have to yield a portion of their theories in framing the Revenue Bill. The free-trade opinions, when carried to the extreme, would never answer in any country—they never had, and never would answer. The resolution having been read from the chair, and the question being about to be put.

Mr. L. A. Wilnot rose and said that he would like to say a few words on this question, and that perhaps a better opportunity might not soon offer for taking a somewhat broader view of the present condition of this Colony, and of its relative position as respects the empire, but it was not his intention to touch the local question at present. Mr. Wilnot then proceeded to take a most comprehensive and statesmanlike view of our position as Colonists. The policy of the mother country, the value of the Colonists to the Parent State, and the causes now operating unfavorably on the Colonies in the councils of the empire. It would be madness here to attempt to give you an outline of the surpassing power and eloquence of this admirable address. To be fully appreciated, it should have been heard. The House and the gallery was as still as the grave during the whole time of its delivery, and I must confess that great as Mr. Wilnot's powers are known to be, on no former period was he ever listened to in the House of Assembly with such breathless attention; period after period rolled from his lips apparently without effort, and swelled into a tide of eloquence never to my knowledge equalled in the Assembly of this Province. When he sat down, both House and gallery forgot for the moment parliamentary decorum, and a round of applause burst from all quarters, amid loud cries of "order" from the chair.

The question on the resolution was then taken and carried without a division. The House having resumed, the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to frame a Revenue Bill. Mr. Pottelow, Mr. Wark, Mr. Huntington, Mr. R. D. Wilnot, and Mr. Brown.

I LOVE THE LADIES

I love the ladies, every one
The laughing, ripe brunette
Those dark-eyed daughters of the sun
With tresses black as jet
What rapture in their glances glow
Rich rosy cheeks disclose;
And in the little dimples there
Young smiling Loves repose.

I love the ladies, every one
The blonds so soft and fair
With looks so mild and languishing
And bright and golden hair
How lovely are their sylph-like forms
Their alabaster hue
And their blushes, far more beautiful
Than rose-buds bathed in dew.

I love the ladies, every one
Even those whose graceful forms
Are rugged as the oak that burns
Abundant winter's stores
The young, the old, the stout, the thin,
The short as well as tall;
Widows and wives, matrons and maids
O, yes, I love them all!

I love the ladies, every one
None but a wretch would flout 'em
This world would be a lonely place
If we were left without 'em
But lighted by a woman's smile
Away all gloom is driven,
And the most humble man appears
Almost a little heaven.

I love the ladies, every one—
They're angels all, God bless 'em
And what can greater pleasure give,
Than to comfort and caress 'em!
I call myself a temperance man,
So, I'll drink their health in water—
Here's to the mothers, one and all,
And every mother's daughter.

THE PASSION OF SURGERY.

Theodore P. Fay, in a letter to the Home Journal, relates the following anecdote of Dieffenbach, the celebrated German Surgeon, whose recent death has been very greatly regretted by scientific men:—

He was a snail man, with a high, shrill voice, and nothing externally remarkable, except a pair of brilliant black eyes, and a good deal of style and dash in dress and equities. His second passion was apprehensive

His first was those terrible operations for which he was so celebrated. They relate numerous anecdotes, true or false. Among others, this:—He one day saw a student in the street, with some unhappy excrescence growing out of his head or neck, and that glittering eye once fixed upon the poor fellow, it was not possible to escape. Dieffenbach addressed him, and proposed to operate for nothing. In vain. He described the probable course of the deformity. It would lead to torment—to death, perhaps. The student impatiently replied, "When he felt the approach of those grave inconveniences, he would address himself to the operator—and not before." Dieffenbach left him at length, and the young fellow returned to his books, pipe, and lectures, laughing heartily at the perseverance of his formidable enemy, and congratulating himself upon a happy escape. But one morning, about day-break, a knock at the door announced, as the sleeper supposed, the "Midnighter" (the boot-cleaner), who usually came at that hour. He rose, unlocked the door—and lo! Dieffenbach stood before him, with those supernatural eyes, and four stout medical students at his back.

"We have come to operate upon you!" "No, Doctor Walter!" cried the student. The surgeon made a sign. The subject was thrown on the bed, and held there by firm force. He had hardly time to express his sense of this treatment by certain exclamations, when his frightful infirmity was whisked off him, and he lay a minute or two in the bed, recovering from the effects—He did recover, however completely; and the students (the subordinate demons of this diabolical drama) declared the ungrateful dog was no sooner on his legs again—a correct dog, a mended man—than he went and sued his benefactor, and recovered heavy damages.

Arrival of the



Steamship Hibernia.

The English mail by the steamship Hibernia was received here on Thursday evening last. The Hibernia sailed from Liverpool on the 30th January.

We are indebted to the New Brunswick for the following summary of news—"which possesses no striking feature of general interest, except that a gradual return to prosperity is observable throughout Great Britain. The mercantile failures which have occurred since the sailing of the last steamer have been fewer in number and less in magnitude than during any corresponding period within several months past."

Trade in almost every department was improving, including the staple article of our export. A cargo of St. John Yellow Pine, averaging 20 in realized 18d per foot, and