

The Provincial Wesleyan.

General Intelligence.

(From the Royal Gazette Extraordinary.)
(LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.)
3rd April, 1854.)

At three o'clock this day, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, commanded the attendance of the House of Assembly, who being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give his assent to several Bills, and closed the Session with the following Speech:

Mr. President, and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

My dear Sirs, I have the pleasure to inform you that the Queen's assent, heretofore distinguished the Session that is now my duty to close.

For the unexampled liberality with which you have provided for every branch of the Public Service, I thank you in Her Majesty's name.

The great Public Works which you have authorized the Government to construct, shall be carried out without delay, and carried forward in a manner that will enable us all to forget, in the course of their utility, the conditions of opinion, which, in a free country, always precede sound and beneficial Legislation.

The elevated views of National obligation, which you have shown to be the basis of the struggle in which the Mother Country is engaged,—the devoted loyalty to our Sovereign,—and the cautious disregard of consequences in the performance of duty, evinced by the Addresses which you have desired me to convey to the foot of the Throne, will challenge the admiration and respect of your fellow Subjects in every part of the Empire.

Though I trust in God that this Continent may be preserved from the scourge of War, yet it behoves us to be prepared for any emergency; and of this you may be assured, that it is my determination so to organize the Militia of this Province as to make defence easy, I shall not hesitate, if occasion should arise, to place myself at their head, with the same entire reliance upon their gallantry and self-devotion that I have upon your wisdom, liberality, and public spirit.

Items.

The rum traffic is the great feeder of crime, misery, destitution, and pauperism.

A steamer with some flaws is still more precious than a jumble that has none.

It is said on good authority at Washington, that the Japan Expedition has been recalled, the order being on its way to the commander of the squadron Mr. Samuel Herran merchant of this city, has recently presented \$1000 to the Washington Total Abstinence Society.

The quantity of copper produced in Cornwall and Devon in 1853 was 230,000 lbs. In 1851 it was valued at £200,000, while last year its value was £1,211,600.

The British Museum has just secured an exquisite Oriental mosaic—one of the treasures of Typpoo Sahib, and one of the prizes at the taking of Seringapatam. The price was £212.

The Edinburgh Review for the month of March, contains a very interesting article on the Quarterly, forty-four; the New Monthly Magazine, thirty-three; Blackwood, thirty-eight; and Fraser, twenty-four.

Men of color resemble earthen vessels, easy to break and hard to mend; but good men are like golden vessels, broken with difficulty and easily repaired.

It is reported that a great steam company is to be formed for the navigation of the Ganges, Gogra, and Gomtee, with a capital of £600,000. The company is to be solely an English one.

The Rev. Jesse T. Eck, D.D., has been appointed editor and corresponding secretary of the West Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

There exist in some parts of Germany a law which runs thus: "Any person drinking in an alehouse during Divine Service, on Sunday, or other holiday may legally depart without paying."

The corn crop of the British Isles of 1853 is when valued at the present prices of last week, worth 10 millions sterling, more than it was the first week of harvest, and entirely we are without reliable information as to the real value of our crops.

It is stated that the whole number of Jews in England is only 30,000—20,000 of whom are in London. Russia contains 100,000; Constantinople 20,000, and India 17,000. It is also stated that out of the 20,000 in London 2000 are baptized Christians.

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