

## LEGISLATIVE.

In the House of Assembly, on Saturday the 31st ult., a very important Resolution was moved by Mr. N. Wilkins, affecting the Judiciary. It ought to command the serious attention of the country, and as there is no party spirit prevalent, we think there can be little doubt in what light it would be generally viewed. Under the old system of government, the class of Chief Justice was one to which no suspicion of party bias could well attach. Under the new, the appointment, it appears, is a prize for political aspirants, and a similar will always follow the incumbent of the office. The Resolution goes to prevent this. There could be no valid objection to the political lawyer working his way by legislative ability, to a seat on the Bench—but there ought to be a strong objection to any such overstepping the other Judges, to whom he may be confessedly inferior as a legal mind, and perhaps inferior in many moral requirements necessary to dignify and adorn the station. It does not always happen that the politician makes the best judge—still less is it to be expected that political life is the best qualification for the duties of the head of the Bench, which experienced alone, can make perfect and easy. A Chief Justice so appointed, would always stink in the nostrils of his brother Judges, and continual dissension might be expected, where alone all things there ought to be harmony of action. There would be a trifle saved to the country also by adopting the principle of the Resolution, although that is nothing in comparison with the higher objects to be attained. The people ere the House meet again, will have an opportunity of passing an opinion upon the merits of the contemplated measure, and if there be a real desire to eradicate party spirit, they have this, among many suggested improvements, to pledge their Members to at the coming election.

## RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the Judges of the Supreme Court are equal in authority and exercise the same functions, and the title of Chief Justice is nothing more than a nominal and honorary distinction, which under certain circumstances is calculated to become invidious and offensive, and on that account should be abolished:

And whereas there is no reason why of five public servants each performing the same duties, one of them should receive a much larger salary than the others, and seven hundred pounds currency is in the opinion of this House a sufficient remuneration for the services of a Judge of the Supreme Court:

Resolved, therefore, that when a vacancy shall occur on the Bench by the death or retirement of the venerable Brenton Halliburton, the title and distinction of Chief Justice shall cease, and the person who shall be appointed to fill the vacant seat on the Bench shall receive a salary of seven hundred pounds currency a year and no more, and the Judges hereafter to be appointed shall receive that amount of salary and no more, and for the future the Judges of the Supreme Court shall take rank and precedence according to the rank of their respective Commissions, and the Judge whose Commission is the oldest shall be designated the first or senior Judge of the Supreme Court.

We are disposed to give full weight to the propositions contained in the Amendment to the above, but we find nothing in it to prove, that if the present system is calculated to work a moral evil, that it should be allowed to continue. The question, as we have stated, is one for the people, and as a full discussion could not be expected of so important a principle, at the close of a Session, we are glad to find that the amendment leaves it with them.

## AMENDMENT.

Whereas the existing distinction between the relative offices and dignities of Chief Justice and Assistant Justices of the Supreme Court has been recognized in this Province since the earliest period, in Acts of the Legislature, and in the settlement of the Civil List, whilst a corresponding distinction has long prevailed in the Superior Courts in England, and in those of the other British North American Colonies: And whereas there is no reason to apprehend that in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of Chief Justice an appointment thereto will be made that will not commend itself to the approval of the people of Nova Scotia. And whereas the salaries assigned to the officers referred to cannot be diminished otherwise than by act specially assented to by the Crown—

Resolved, therefore, that the Resolution just negatived, introduced without notice at the close of the Session when many members have returned to their homes, and contemplating a change in the mode of appointment to and in the emoluments of the Bench, ought not to be entertained by this House.

On Wednesday last His Excellency the Lieut. Governor came down to the Council Chamber, and with the usual formalities closed the Session with the following Speech:

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The business of the Session having been finally and satisfactorily closed, it affords me great pleasure to relieve you from further legislative attendance.

On the measures which have been matured this Session, there are two of prominent importance, and which will render it memorable in the history of the Province.

The Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, which your enlightened sense of the public weal led you to affirm by very large majorities, having been sanctioned by the Imperial Parliament, has opened up a vast and increasing market, and will afford the most

animating and powerful stimulus to the industry of our people.

The abolition of the Chancery Courts, and the blending, by a simple and comprehensive plan, of the principles of Equity with those of the Common Law, have effected an object long and ardently desired, and will be regarded, I trust by Her Majesty's Government, as a wise and valuable measure.

The introduction of the new principle of evidence and practice in the Supreme Court, will be hailed, also, as an improvement in our Provincial Jurisprudence.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The liberality with which you have provided for all the branches of the public service, and the munificent sum set apart for the roads and bridges, demand my warmest acknowledgments.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

In the ensuing Summer, I anticipate no difficulty in borrowing, on the credit of the Province, a sufficient sum to carry on the important public works in which we are embarked; and, by the end of next year, I confidently hope that the Railway, stretching from Halifax Harbor, will be extended east and west, till it reach, on the one hand, the waters of the Bay of Fundy, and the other, those of the Shubenacadie River.

To yourselves, returning to your homes, at the termination of this present Parliament, it must be highly gratifying to mark the unexampled prosperity, and the rapid advance, of this fine Province; and I am sure that you will everywhere inculcate sentiments of mutual good will, freedom from party strife, and affectionate loyalty to our Queen and Constitution.

Capt. Chearnley, formerly of H. M. 8th Regt., has been appointed Lieut.-Colonel of Militia, and Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency Sir Gaspard Le Marchant.

Holloway's Pills, the most celebrated Remedy in the World for the cure of diseases of the Liver and stomach—Edmund Alga, of Niagara, was for the period of nineteen years a complete misery to himself, and a burden to his friends he suffered so severely and continuously from liver complaint, and a disordered stomach, that he was constantly for weeks together confined to his bed, the doctors did him no good, and he therefore left off consulting them. Nine weeks ago he commenced using Holloway's Pills, and his wife called last week at the store of Professor Holloway, to acknowledge most gratefully that her husband is quite cured. Professor Holloway hopes that the thousand others who have been benefited will now come forward.

## LETTERS RECEIVED.

From Rev J. S. Smith, directions will be attended to; from Rev. R. J. Uniacke, we have not got the book required—shall order it from England; from Rev. H. Stamer with remittance—shall order the books required. We have a parcel of books for you awaiting an opportunity to send. From Rev. Mr. Roach—see Ch. Times. March 31—for acknowledgement.

## Married.

On Saturday, the 21 ult., by the Rev. R. Stewart, Mr. James McGill, to Mary McMaster, both of Wilmet. On Wednesday evening, 21st ult., by the Rev. J. T. Moody, Mr. John H. Drayton, to Mrs. Mary E., wife of the late Mr. Clements Porter, of Yarmouth.

## Died.

On Saturday, 31st March, CLARENCE EDMUND, son of J. H. Anderson, Esq., aged one year and four months. Suddenly, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., SERAPINA, wife of J. N. Shannon, Esq.

On Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock, EMMA GEORGINA, youngest daughter of Honble. A. Keith, aged one year and 5 months.

On the 3rd inst., suddenly, Miss CATHERINE WAT, aged 53 years, a native of Devonport, Devonshire, England.

At Lifford, March 27th, ELIZA FRANCIS CLARK, eldest daughter of the late Rev. J. W. Weeks, of New Dublin.

At East Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 19th, ANN, wife of Mr. George Nicholl, in the 44th year of her age, daughter of the late Joseph Wilson, of this city.

## Shipping List.

## ARRIVED.

Saturday, March 31st.—Brigt. Halifax, Green, Mayaguez, 20 days; schr. Alice Rogers, St. Thomas & Bermuda, 17 days; Am. Steamer Union, Havre & Southampton, 17 days; Ship Mimosa, Kempt, Shanzai, 20 days.

Monday, April 2nd.—Brigt. Dasher, Cleverly, Clenfuog, 30 days; schr. Dancing Feather, Nfld., 8 days; Government schr. Daring, Daly, 2 days from Sable Island, wrecked materials to the Board of Works, reports has brought up Capt. Calahan and crew of the brig Nisthus, of and for St. John's, Nfld., from New York with a cargo of flour, pork, corn meal, tobacco etc., wrecked on Sable Island Jan. 19, during a S. E. gale—the greater part of the cargo saved in a damaged state—also some of the Brig's materials; Daring has also brought up some goods saved from the wreck of the ship "America," previously reported cast away at the Island.

Tuesday, April 3rd.—Schr. Medway, Belto, Philadelphia, 6 days.

Thursday, April 5th.—Brigt. Victoria, Morgan, Porto Rico, 32 days; schr. Splendid, Thorburn, New York, 8 days; schr. Forester, Syner, Liverpool, Day, Liverpool; James McNab, Turner, Porto Rico, 21 days; Herald, Yarmouth, 20 hours.

Friday, April 6th.—Brigt. Mercy, Flint, Clenfuog, 33 days; schr. S. Campbell, Boston.

## CLEARED.

Saturday, March 31st.—Brigt. Florida, Armstrong, Kingston, J.A.; brigt. Billow, Clusholm, Cuba; brigt. Martha Miller, Porto Rico; brigt. Lady Seymour, B. W. Indies; schr. Atalanta, Nickerson, Mayaguez; schr. G. N. Big-

ow, Whittier, Bermuda; schr. Elucence, Detroit, Olerio; schr. Promoter, Nickerson, Boston; schr. Mary Dawson, New York; brigt. Belle, Campbell, Baltimore.

## COUNTRY MARKET.

## PRICES ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1.

|                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Apples, per bush. primo           | None                  |
| Bacon, per lb.                    | 7 1/2 d.              |
| Beef, fresh, per cwt.             | 80 s. a 45 s. 6d.     |
| Lamb, per lb.                     | 3 1/2 d. a 6 1/2 d.   |
| Butter, fresh, per lb.            | 1 s. 2 d.             |
| Cheese, per lb.                   | 6 d. a 7 1/2 d.       |
| Chickens, per pair.               | 5 s. a 2 s. 6 d.      |
| Eggs, per doz.                    | 1 s. a 1 s. 3 d.      |
| Geese, each.                      | 2 s. 2 s. 6 d.        |
| Hams, green, per lb.              | 5 d. 6 d.             |
| Do. smoked, per lb.               | 1 1/4 d.              |
| Hay, per ton.                     | 26 10 s.              |
| Homespun, cotton & wool, per yard | 1 s. 7 d. a 1 s. 8 d. |
| Do. all wool.                     | 2 s. 6 d.             |
| Oatmeal, per cwt.                 | 23 s.                 |
| Oats, per bus.                    | 3 s. 9 d.             |
| Pork, fresh, per lb.              | 5 d. a 6 1/2 d.       |
| Potatoes, per bushel.             | 5 s.                  |
| Stock, per doz.                   | 11 s.                 |
| Turkeys, per lb.                  | 7 1/2 d. a 9 d.       |
| Yarn, worsted per lb.             | 2 s. 6 d.             |
| Canada Flour S. F.                | 52 s. 6 d.            |
| Am.                               | 53 s. 9 d.            |
| Rye                               | 40 s.                 |
| Corn Meal                         | 27 s. 6 d.            |

## LU MBER.

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| Hemlock, per M. | 42 s. 6 d. |
| Spruce, per M.  | 52 s. 6 d. |
| Pine, per M.    | 80 s.      |

## AT THE WHARVES.

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| Wood, per cord.     | 27 s. 6 d. |
| Coal, per chaldron. | 40 s.      |

## SEEDS! SEEDS!

A VARIETY of genuine GERMAN FLOWER SEEDS, imported from CARTER of LONDON, in the original Sealed packets. Also—Flower, Vegetable and Field SEEDS of Carter's growth; with a great variety from other respectable Houses in England, Scotland, and the United States: ALL warranted of the present year's importation. For Sale by

April 7 3w AVERY, BROWN & CO.

## RAILROAD PROVISIONS.

## CANADA HOUSE.

## FAMILY SHIP AND ARMY STORE.

No 33 & 34, Upper Water Street.

## 60 Barrels Prime (new) Nova Scotia BEEF.

|                            |        |             |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------|
| 20 do do                   | do     | PORK.       |
| 32 do do                   | do     | Oatmeal.    |
| 48 Pickles do              | do     | Butter.     |
| 250 Smoked do              | do     | RAMS.       |
| 25 Quintals do             | do     | Codfish.    |
| 15 Cwt. do                 | do     | Cheese.     |
| 15 Barrels do              | Canada | PEAS.       |
| 20 do do                   | do     | Split Peas. |
| 25 Keros do                | do     | Saratoga.   |
| 30 Boxes and Kegs 5, 8, 10 | do     | Tobacco.    |
| 65 Chests and half Chests  | do     | TEA.        |

N. B. A general assortment of FAMILY GROCERIES and SHIP STORES. Also—Wines, Liquors, Cordons, Ale, Porter, and Cider (not forbidden Juice) except when tempered with old Martell.

WM. RENNELS.

Wanted—An experienced Man for the Liquor Store, March 31, 1855. 3m.

## KING'S COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that all Interest due to the Governors of King's College, by Subscribers to the above Fund, will be remitted, provided the Principal shall be paid up on or before the 31st DAY OF MARCH next.

Halifax, Feb. 16, 1855.

By order of the Board.

JAS. C. COCHRAN.

Secretary.

P. S. The time of payment, on the above terms has been further (and finally) extended to the 31st May next.

J. C. C.

April 2nd, 1855.

## D. C. S.

AT a Meeting of the Executive Committee of D. C. S., March 15th, the Secretary was directed to give Notice, that the Subscription Lists for 1854 will be put into the Printer's hands on the 16th of April next.

The Local Committees who have not yet forwarded their Lists, are requested to do so before that time.

March 17. EDWIN GILPIN, Jr. Sec'y.

## D. C. S.

THE Sub. Com. of D. C. S., to whom was intrusted the subject of provision for Widows and Orphans of the Clergy, having determined to proceed immediately to make collections in Halifax for that object, the Clergymen in the Country are requested to make their collections and forward their returns before the first of May next.

EDWIN GILPIN, Jr.

Sec'y D. C. S.

Subscription papers were distributed about the time last year—more will be sent if needed.

March 10.

## SEEDS! SEEDS!! SEEDS!!!

## RECEIVED PER STEAMER.

THE Subscriber has received from England, his usual Assortment of Garden and Flower Seeds, which are as confidently recommended.

WILLIAM LANGLEY, Hollis Street, Halifax

March 31.

2m.

## NOTICE.

MARTOCK HOUSE, near Windor, to be Sold—Or Let unfurnished, on a lease of 5 or 7 years, with Land attached, sufficient for a Gentleman's residence. For further information apply to COLONEL BUTLER, March 17.

4p.