

Telegraphic News.

FREDERICTON, April 5.
In the House this morning Mr. Willis asked the following questions:
1st. Whether the Government consider that the Dominion is responsible for the whole or any part of the liability which the Albert Branch Railway extension will entail? and if part, what part?
2nd. Whether the Better Terms Delegates urged the assumption of liability on account of the Albert Branch Railway?
3rd. If the Delegation did not press this matter, and the liability is ignored by the Dominion under terms of Union Act, in what manner will the Government propose to arrange for the subsidy of \$340,000 in case the road is commenced within the period of extension?

Mr. Hatteway said he would answer on Monday.
Mr. Adams asked if the Government intend to codify the laws and the Secretary in reply said the Attorney General would answer when present.
The House on Committee of the Whole passed bills to incorporate the St. Andrew's Society, and to extend the time of holding the election of Trustees of Churches in connection with the Church of Scotland.
The report of the Mining Committee was also agreed in Committee.
Mr. Oddy, from a Special Committee, submitted a report recommending that \$12,000 be paid to the Province by Counties on By-Road Account, be discharged.

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Mr. Wedderburn gave notice in the House that on Monday he will again move for the further consideration of the St. John liquor Bill.

House in Committee, Mr. Lindsay in the chair, had under consideration the bill to amend the office of Road Commissioners and instead, to have the surveyors who would be selected by the magistrates and approved of by the Sessions. The bill also substitutes a money rate for the statute labor.
General opposition was given to the bill and progress was reported.
Mr. Mackenzie introduced a bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the New Brunswick Railway Company so that they could raise a larger sum of money than was at first contemplated; Mr. Robinson a bill for the regulation of the E. & N. A. Railway for Extension Westward, and Carleton Branch Railway.

Ottawa, April 6.
Andrew Wilson, editor of the Daily News, died here to-day of consumption, aged 51.

The Hamilton Despatch reports a lecture on the position of Canada as affected by the relations between Great Britain and the United States. He spoke of the great connection as a source of embarrassment to England and thought the position we should aim at was that of an independent nation in alliance with England. He was loudly applauded.

London, April 5.
Thus far 143 ministerialists and 94 coalitionists have been elected to the Cortes. Sagasta is elected and Espartero and Topete defeated.

MANITOBA.—The second session of the first Parliament of Manitoba, has recently been closed. Responsible Government seems hardly to have got into fair working order yet. Some of the most important Government measures have been defeated and the Commissioner of Public Works seems in some cases to have acted in direct opposition to his colleagues on Cabinet questions. Mr. Clarke's Liquor License Bill and Registration of Partnerships Bill have been defeated in the Legislative Council. Mr. Donald Smith has carried a bill repealing a clause of the Homestead Act of last session which provided that for seven years after residence, no one should be pursued to the courts of Manitoba from the other Provinces. The attempt to prevent new comers voting at the ensuing general election, by requiring in effect a two years residence before exercising the franchise, has failed, and Government has been forced to introduce liberal electoral measures. Attorney General Clarke declares the public income insufficient, and hints at an appeal to foreign capitalists if one to Canada fails.

The Snow Blockade.
A correspondent of the "Boston Journal" writes snowed up on the Railway, graphically describes the inconvenience, delay and great loss to the Railway Companies and storm stayed travellers. We have only room for the following extracts:—
Do you know what it means—"the blockade"? Have you tried to imagine its real extent, during the three weeks since it began? It means that a vast multitude of men and women, five times as large as the entire State of Massachusetts, and has snatched nearly all activity beneath it. It means that from Bangor to St. John, from St. John away to the stormy Nova Scotia coast, from McAdam up half a dozen minor lines, and all over Northeastern Maine, the snow and ice have declared supremacy, and maintain it. It means that if you start from Bangor to go to Houlton, you are six days in accomplishing it, instead of half a day. It means that if you leave Boston to go to Calais, you will be a week on the road, and get irretrievably snowed up coming back. It means losses of thousands upon thousands of dollars to the provinces and to Maine. It means an accumulation of freight which will remind one of the Erie canal blockades. It means a wear and tear of rolling stock which a year's steady work would not accomplish. It means picking slender rails free from incrusting ice, from one hundred and eighty miles, and it means employing nearly a

regiment of men night and day at from \$4 to \$8 per day each, to "freshen" the tracks, and by, when the great sun opens his fierce eye full widely on the snow.

At every station in the forest, before which you dubiously arrive, you find the telegraph bringing messages of discouragement from above. "No—stuck in the drifts at—out of wood and water." "No—cannot pass you—must wait for her here." "Men freeze their ears and noses at—this morning; what's to be done?" These and kindred perplexities are constantly arising.

The Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, APRIL 10, 1872.

NOTICE.—On very many occasions we have been earnestly requested, as a favor, not to give publicity to information, reports and items of intelligence, as well as certain proceedings of companies. Now we believe such sympathies are called for, and we know that it has many times placed us in a false position; as the matters sought to be kept secret, have leaked out in correspondence to other journals, as well as editorially. Our experience in the editorial chair, enables us to decide, what to publish or to leave unmentioned; and having seen in the columns of a contemporary an editorial notice of a matter, which we were requested not to publish, we have decided to publish all such information in future, without waiting to copy it from our contemporaries, when we are in possession of facts.

The St. John Liquor License Bill, drawn up by the Y. M. C. Association, Evangelical Alliance, and Temperance Societies of that city, was introduced in the Legislature by Mr. Wedderburn in a lengthy and forcible speech, in which he showed the evil effects produced in that city by the excessive use of intoxicating liquor. No one denies the misery and destruction resulting from the intemperate use of liquor, and every means should be adopted to prevent, or at least to confine its evil effects within the narrowest limits—more than this they cannot expect, while the State permits its manufacture, and therefore its sale. While "water runs and grass grows," people will drink liquor, and much as it is to be desired that drunkenness should be abolished, still no legal enactments here, or ever will have, the effect of preventing men becoming inebriated. Prohibitory laws have been productive of deception, hypocrisy and other evils. Moral suasion has done more for the promotion of temperance than all the laws ever passed by Legislatures. The Legislature and the Platform can do more towards suppressing intemperance than any other means. The sale of liquor may be confined within certain limits, to respectable vendors, but it is a well known fact, that where prohibitory laws are in operation, they only control the sale of liquor, but cannot prevent its use; and the people are induced to evade the law, to deceive and practise hypocrisy. There are men who use liquor in moderation, who are in every point the equals and in many the superiors of some who are great temperance advocates; some of the latter are advocates of sordid motives. There are many good and excellent men who are totalitarians from principle, and who are respected by those who use liquor as a beverage, but they properly despise the man who from interested motives, attempts to dictate what his fellows should eat or drink. The bill before the Legislature will be amended or otherwise be thrown out.

Dinner to Hon. Peter Mitchell.
The Hon. Peter Mitchell, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, was entertained at a public dinner, given to him by a number of bankers, merchants and manufacturers at Montreal on the 3d inst. The "Montreal Daily News" of the 4th inst., has a full report of Mr. Mitchell's speech. Mr. Workman, M. P., occupied the chair. The compliment paid Mr. Mitchell was not a party demonstration, as many of those present were political opponents. A member of the Commons from far off British Columbia, Mr. Nathan, was present. Mr. Mitchell's management of the department of which he is the head, appears to have given great satisfaction to Canada. In his speech he referred in eulogistic terms to his efforts and success in bringing about Confederation—he said he "was present at its birth and rocked in its cradle." He gave a history of its defeat at first by a majority of 3 to 1 at the polls, but said he, "within 14 months" it was called upon to form an administration. It did so, and went to the country on the disputed question—the result being a majority of 4 to 1 in "favor of Confederation." Referring to the Washington Treaty, he said "the policy which will be submitted to Parliament in relation to the Washington Treaty will be one which will recommend itself to the judgment, the true sense and right feelings of the country." He also alluded to the policy of the Government with reference to the improvements of the St. Lawrence, the expansion of the canal system, the great want of a channel of communication with the Lower Provinces by the Bay of Fundy, and the erection of additional light houses, during his term of office. He was frequently applauded during the delivery of his speech.

The Railway Open.—After much exertion and labor the N. B. & C. Railway and St. Stephen Branch, were opened on Friday evening last. A train arrived from McAdam Junction on Saturday evening; and now that the line is open, trains arrive and depart as usual daily. Several of the men are suffering from partial blindness from working in the snow so constantly. The Woodstock and Houlton Branches are expected to be open to day. Great credit is due to Mr. Osburn

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The Sessions met yesterday, with an attendance of ten Magistrates. Wm. Whitlock, Esq., was chosen Chairman. Mr. W. B. Morris was elected Foreman of the Jury. His Worship addressed the Grand Jury, briefly stating that the County Accounts would be laid before them, which they were to examine, and report upon. They would also take into consideration the License Law which they had heard read, and report any violations of this law.

The Grand Jury examined all the accounts laid before them, and were dismissed last evening. The business must have fallen off materially, or they could not have got through it in such a short time. We remember having been kept nearly a fortnight, some years ago, on the same duty with some of the oldest accounts in the County.

Fishing.—Quite a brisk business has been doing in the Bay for the past week. A number of Camps Delia and other fisher-men have their nets set, and have made large hauls. Several American boats are also engaged at the business on the same grounds. What the Fishery Overseer about to allow this violation of the law, to the detriment of our own subjects. How long would such violation be permitted in American waters? Not one hour, nor would the nets be allowed to be set on Sunday night. There should be some protection afforded to our fishermen, who are prevented from bringing their cured fish into an American market without being subject to a duty of \$1 on every barrel. We learn, however, that the Overseer is powerless, having neither force nor means at his command to compel an observance of the law. Should not the Fishery Department supply its officers with something more than a piece of parchment to enforce the law.

The latest rumor from Ottawa is that Mr. Tilley is to supersede Mr. Archibald as Governor of Manitoba, "owing to the latter's injudicious interference in local politics." [Yarmouth Herald].

We can assure our Yarmouth contemporary there is no foundation for the report. Mr. Tilley could have had Manitoba or a better Governorship had he chosen to accept it. His constituents are dearer to him than any office, and he has no belief in a desire to desert them. He cannot be spared—that is the fact.

Presbyterians.—At the quarterly meeting of the Montreal Presbytery of the Canadian Presbyterian Church held on the 3d inst., applications were made by the English and French congregations at River du Loup, and the Church at Manitoba for Missionaries. Presbyterianism is making rapid strides all over the continent.

The Speaker's Ball at Fredericton on Friday evening last is described as a grand affair, and passed off to the satisfaction of those who were at it. Government and Opposition mingled together as though they had not fought the battle of "no confidence."

The snow is fast disappearing from the streets and drays are now in use. The roads it is said are in a fearful state, and travelling very bad.

New Firm.—Messrs J. W. Street and W. D. Foster have entered into partnership, in the Wine and Spirit business. We trust that the new firm will receive the support of their many friends throughout the country.

Whipping a little boy at school in St. John with a cow hide, has brought the teacher, a Mr. Crawford before the Police Magistrate. We trust he will be punished, and dismissed by whipping. The day has passed away from whipping a child because he cannot say his lesson well.

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