

POOR DOCUMENT

To say that the Ball and Promenade Concert were a success but feebly express the fact. It marked an epoch in the history, not only of the Local Legislature, but of the capital of the Province, which is worthy of being handed down to posterity. It was remarkable for the generally pleasant and social manner in which it passed off, nothing occurring to mar the harmony of the night's enjoyment. This is all the more worthy of note when we consider the large number who were present in the building, a careful estimate placing the number at fully twelve hundred ladies and gentlemen. This immense gathering was truly representative of all parts of our Province, from Charlotte and St. John Counties to Victoria and Madawaska. Another feature that was pleasant to note was, that it was as representative of the people of the Province as well as of the Province itself, and not of any one peculiar or particular social caste; and that everyone seemed to meet on a common ground, as was fit and proper on such an occasion. The *clat* which characterized the Ball and Promenade Concert was due to the indefatigable efforts of the citizens' committee and the smoothness during the evening particularly to the committee in immediate charge of the affair. The floor committee in charge of the dancing was composed as follows: A. G. Beckwith, Chairman; A. F. Street, Dr. McAllister, Dr. Brown, T. G. Loggie and F. B. Edgcombe; and C. H. Lugin, Chairman; Patrick Dever, J. S. Neil, Geo. H. Simmons, L. W. Johnston, Geo. H. Davis, Dr. Coulthard, Dr. Atherton, John Black, Daniel Jordan and W. Wilson comprised the committee in charge of the Promenade Concert. Mr. F. W. Wilson, of the Board of Works, also lent much valuable aid.

At two o'clock between 650 and 700 persons had been in and partaken of supper, and partners were being chosen for a Rockaway, the fifteenth dance on a programme of twenty-one dances. The supper tables were comparatively deserted, with the exception of a few who dropped in to get a cup of coffee to keep their eyes open or as for to cool their copper. About one o'clock people began to go away, and by half-past one and two quite a large number had dropped off, without having had a perceptible effect on the body of dancers in the ball room.

If the building looked well on the inside with the glare of many gas jets, brilliant fittings and gay costumes of ladies, it appeared fully as well on the outside from a point of view at the front of the grounds, only in a different and grander style. The light blazed from every window in the facade from top to bottom, which served to make the dark and imposing outlines of the pile more majestic and imposing, as it lit up its finely proportioned mass against the blue of the sky which served as a background.

Dances after the night went on with gay, wilder whirl as the night wore on and day drew near, and many a fair face from shrouded signs of rapture and fatigue; the lights seemed to burn dimmer and flare more mellowly; the sounds of extreme sociability came loud-r from some of the more retired rooms; a greater body of the guests made preparations for home, and all moved out toward the door. The last guest descends the steps, the lights fade gradually from the front of the building, flicker and die out, leaving only a faint glow of flame here and there; the great doors are pulled to with a clang—and the ball and promenade concert are over, and the dawn of another day is not far distant.

"It has been a very successful event," said a lady, as she went down the grand staircase at an early hour this morning on the arm of the Attorney General, and we think every one echoed this sentiment as they left the building for home.

[From Wednesday's Evening Herald.] BALL AND OTHER GOSSIP—THE PROGRAMME OF DANCES AND MUSIC FOR THE PROMENADE CONCERT TO BE GIVEN AT THE INTERIOR OF THE BUILDING.

Everything indicates the closeness of the opening of the Local Legislature, with its customary ceremonies and additional events of a grand ball and promenade concert in honor of this first session of the Local House in the new Parliament Building. There are already a large number of strangers in the city and a fair sprinkling of members; while to-day's trains will doubtless bring covermore. The capacity of the hotels in the city will doubtless be taxed to their utmost as they are pretty full now and many rooms are engaged ahead. Dressmakers and milliners are busily employed in getting ready the toilettes of the many fair dames for the great event of the ball, while the gentlemen are furnishing up their best apparel, hunting up gloves and ties, or crowding their tailors at the last moment with unexpected orders for swallow tail or frock coats. There is, in short, every evidence that the ball and promenade concert will be a grand affair, and that the opening of the House under such auspicious circumstances will come off with a brilliancy and eclat that was never equaled before in the annals of the Local Legislature.

THE INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS. There were quite a number of people in the new Parliament Building yesterday on a visit of inspection and all agreed that the interior, taken all in all, was everything that could be desired both as regards pleasantness and beauty, and that the Assembly Room, with its rich and elegant carpeting, handsome desks and magnificent chandeliers, presented a strikingly beautiful and noble appearance on which the eye of the beholder rested with mingled feeling of surprise and admiration. The chandeliers in this room are the most striking in the whole building, although the gas fixtures throughout the entire edifice are noticeable for their elegant plainness (if such a simile can be drawn) and beauty of design and proportion, and reflect much credit on the taste of the one who chooses them—Chief Commissioners of Public Works Landry. These chandeliers are composed of massive looking polished brass, with large pendant prisms of cut glass. All the gas jets in the principal rooms were lighted up early last evening, and the test found satisfactory with the exception that the pressure of gas on at the time was perhaps a trifle too light. The magnificence of the contrast of the glass quivering in prismatic colors, with the more steady brightness of the polished brass, could

be then seen to most advantage. The Assembly Room together with the halls, corridors, etc., will, as nearly every one is aware, be used for the purpose of the Promenade Concert, and the floor will be cleared of the members desks and chairs. The Fredericton Brass Band, which discourses music for the occasion, will be stationed in one of the galleries. As some idea of the uses to which the other rooms will be put, and their location, may be of information to our readers, we make mention of them. On entering through the main entrance into the vestibule the centre room on the right hand side, under the ladies' gallery, will be one of the ladies' dressing or cloak rooms. The Second Division of the Supreme Court, or the room immediately on the left on entering, will be another ladies' dressing room. The Law Library will serve the purposes of a gentleman's cloak and hat room. The supper—which is no inconsiderable feature—will be served in the Legislative Library, and the other rooms in the ell adjoining it are set apart for the caterer, Mr. Hume, for kitchen, pantries, etc. The room on the ground floor to the left of the octagon or central hall will also be used as a place of refreshment, and from it ice cream and soups will be served. Upstairs, the Legislative Council Room will, of course, be the scene of the dancing—the Ball—and in the minds of perhaps a majority the most important place, not the most prominent feature of all, not even excepting the supper, which is not to be sneezed at any time. The first front room immediately over the main entrance and adjoining the Council Chamber (known as the Governor's Room) will be a retiring room where those who do not care to dance or are tired can rest and amuse themselves.

The room adjacent to it will be a ladies' dressing room and another room across the hall on the opposite side of the entrance to the Council Chamber is set aside for the same purpose. The Band of the 71st Battalion, which will furnish the music for dancing, will be placed in the eastern corner of the room in a recess formed by one of the towers. What are called the intermediate rooms, which are placed over the Judges' and Barristers' rooms, and under the Council Room, and are approached by the private staircase for the M. L. C.'s leading to the Chamber, will be set aside for the members of the General Ball Committee for the transaction of any business that may be necessary. The Speaker's Room, which is immediately off the Assembly Room, is to be for the private use of the Speaker and members, and such friends as they may choose to invite to luxuriate in its seclusion.

Complimentary tickets to the Ball and Promenade Concert have been issued to General Water, American Consul at St. John, and Mr. Spafford Barker, Consular Agent at Fredericton. One of Messrs. McMurray & Burkhardt's photographs of the new Parliament Building has been placed in the Assembly Room. It is a very fine and effective picture, and Messrs. M.C.M. & B. will shortly have copies on hand for sale. It is also their intention to take a series of views of the principal features of the interior.

Mr. John Moore, stone cutter, of Queen street, placed to-day an admirably executed bust of the late Judge Lemuel Allen Wilmot, which was cut in his workshop by Mr. A. B. Chapman. It was taken from a small photograph, and those who knew the late Judge will not be at all struck with the remarkable likeness presented in the faithful manner in which the artist has portrayed in stone the features and expression.

[From Monday's Evening Herald.] BALL AND LEGISLATIVE GOSSIP.

It was suggested as a matter for the consideration of the Public Works Department that the new Parliament Building be thrown open for the inspection of the general public the day or afternoon of the day before the opening of the House and ensuing ball and promenade concert. There are, it would seem, many who from various circumstances, or from a disbelief in the propriety of balls, will be prevented from attending, but who nevertheless would very much like to see the interior of the building, especially at a time when public interest is concentrated in it. The suggestion would seem to be a good one.

Col. J. L. Marsh issued regimental orders, directing the non-commissioned officers and men of No. 2 and 5 Companies of the 71st Battalion to parade in review at the stone barracks at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 15th for the forming of the guard of honor. The officers of the guard are Capt. Loggie, commanding, and Lieut. Pinder and Hazen, and the Battalion Band will also be present.

A detachment of the 71st Battalion, under command of Major Beckwith, will fire a salute of fifteen guns at the formal opening of the opening of the House by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.

Late on Saturday afternoon the large twenty-light reflector in the Assembly Room of the new Parliament Building was lighted up for the first time. It was found to have a great effect in the large room, and to give a fine light; in fact almost sufficient alone for the room. Another one of the same size is to be put in.

The St. John *Globe* has the following:—In order to accommodate ladies and gentlemen from this city who are going to the Ball at Fredericton on Thursday next, the managers of the St. John & Maine Railway will despatch a special train to Fredericton on that day, leaving St. John at two o'clock sharp. This will be a great accommodation to all who desire to get to the ball and the concert.

The total number of invitations to the ball issued to date is 1,726, and of the answers received to the same, the acceptances are a little less than one-half.

INSPECTION.—Lt. Col. Taylor, D. A. G., and Lt. Col. Baird, Military Storekeeper of District No. 8, inspected the various military buildings in this city on Wednesday for the purpose of reporting to headquarters, on their condition and capacity.

ANTHONY MINING.—The Anthony mining Companies of Lake George, York County, employ upwards of 100 men. The Lake George Mining Co. intend putting in a powerful engine to draw off the water and hoist the ore, and have issued tenders for 3,000 cords of wood.

Notes and Notions.

—Our contemporary, the *Reporter*, in his last issue says that "Mr. Edward Jack sends to the St. John *Globe* a scheme for the settlement of the crown lands by a company or association." The *Reporter* further states that "in reading it, one is disposed to view his suggestions as the result of a want of confidence in the ability of the Government to settle the land." Sir John A. Macdonald and his Government devised a scheme for the construction of a railroad and for the settlement of the crown lands in the North West by a company or association. Did this imply a want of ability or of confidence on the part of Sir John in himself and his Government? We wish to hear contemporary's opinion on this. We know, however, before seeing his reply, what it will be, and that what he blames in Jack's scheme he will find all right in John's.

—The population of British Columbia is put at 50,000 of whom 20,000 are whites. —The Temperance Colonization scheme meets with cordial approval from the Toronto *Globe* which believes that the whole thing will frizzle out.

—Mr. White, of Sunbury, has taken his seat to the left of the Speaker and has thereby intimated his intention of casting his vote with the Loyal Opposition. This was to be expected from the circumstances attendant upon his election; and his course will meet the warm approval of his constituents.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE BALL.—Invitations are out for a ball at Government House on Monday next.

PEOPLE'S BANK.—The annual meeting of the Peoples Bank will be held at 2.30 on Wednesday afternoon next.

LAST OF THE SERIES.—The Rev. A. J. Mowat preaches the last of his series of sermons on "Sabbath" on Sunday evening next.

PERSONAL.—A. F. Randolph, Esq., starts on a trip to England in a short time. He goes on business and via New York.

BUILDING NOTE.—D. E. H. Rand intends putting up a dwelling house on the property on Church street which was purchased by him a short time ago.

AT LAST.—The City of Fredericton has obtained possession of the plot of ground known as the Office's Square with the exception of the space of fifty feet in front of the office quarters which has been reserved.

NEW ORGAN.—The organ of the Methodist Church in this city have arranged for the purchase of a new organ for their church from Messrs. Warren & Co. of Toronto, Ont. The organ, it is stated, will be in place by June next.

THE WATER WORKS.—The Yeas and Nays vote on the water-works question will be taken on Tuesday, 29th of February, at the debate of the City Hall, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. The question on which the electors are asked to vote is—"Shall the city corporation forthwith proceed with the introduction of water, in some of the routes called by Mr. Blake, and giving over to the most economical manner possible?"

TELEGRAPHIC. Ottawa. Parliamentary. Ottawa, Feb. 11. In the Commons yesterday the address in reply to Speech was moved by Bageston in French, seconded by Guillet. Blake followed in a masterly criticism of Government policy. Sir John made a short reply, declining to discuss some of the points raised by Mr. Blake, and giving over to others. Afterward the address was read paragraph by paragraph and passed. The House adjourned at 6 o'clock on Monday.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S RECEPTION—A BRILLIANT AFFAIR. (Special to THE HERALD.) OTTAWA, Feb. 12. The great Saturday was the annual drawing room given by His Excellency Lord Lorne in the Senate Chamber which was attended by some seven hundred persons. Hitherto receptions have been given on two successive evenings, but on this occasion all comes being received on one evening, the crush was tremendous.

His Excellency wore full court dress and was supported on the right by Sir John, Tilley and Langensin and on the left by Sir Campbell, Speaker Macpherson and Mr. Aiken.

Governors Robitaille of Quebec and Dewdney of the North-West were present. Lady Balfour was also present, but did not join His Excellency.

In the evening, during the reception, the Senate Chamber presented a gay and brilliant scene. The newspapers were filled with descriptions of the splendid toilettes of the ladies present.

The session of the House to-day is expected to be short and unimportant.

A LVELY SKIRMISH—GRAND BALL AT RIDEAU HALL—ADDRESS BY MR. BLAKE. (Special to THE HERALD.) OTTAWA, Feb. 12. The session of the House yesterday afternoon, which was expected to be very lively and uneventful, turned out to be a very lively one. When the Premier made the usual explanation of Ministerial changes during the recess, he referred to the appointment of McLellan of Colchester to the position of President of the Council. Mr. Blake follow-

The "Williams" always Ahead!

The C. W. WILLIAMS MANUFACTURING CO. of Montreal would respectfully announce to the citizens of Fredericton and vicinity that they have opened a branch office in Hall's Book Store, Queen Street, where a full assortment of their celebrated WILLIAMS SHOWER and NEW WILLIAMS SHOWER MACHINES may be seen. These world renowned machines have been honored with Medals and Diplomas at all Exhibitions held in the Dominion since 1871. They have also received the highest awards in foreign countries for workmanship and general merit. Inspection requested. Machines delivered in good order and fully guaranteed for five years. Machines sold upon easy payments. Machines taken in exchange. Repairing promptly done by practical mechanics and warranted moderate. Buy none but the genuine. Beware of imitations. Each of our machines bears our trade mark on the top and on side of stand. Offices and Show Rooms at Hall's Book Store, Queen Street, Fredericton.

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BOY WANTED. At THE HERALD Press, boy of 10 years of age, to learn the Printing Trade.

Accident on the N.B. Railway

(Special to THE HERALD.) MILLVILLE, Feb. 12. This morning Amos Jones, a brakeman on the regular train out on the New Brunswick Railway, in charge of Conductor McQueen, accidentally met with his death just south of Zealand Station. He was walking along the box cars while the train was in motion, and it is thought that their tops being slippery from the recent thaw, he slipped and fell between two of the cars and was instantly killed.

The body of the unfortunate young man was taken to Millville Station where he belonged when alive, and the Coroner notified of the occurrence. It is not probable, however, that the inquest will be held until tomorrow, or until the train on which he met with his death returns.

Jones was a promising young man and the sad accident is much deplored by all who knew him.

Billiards (Special to THE HERALD.) PARIS, Feb. 15. The proposed international billiard tournament has been given up, owing to the inability of the parties to agree on terms. Schaeffer has left the city.

MARRIAGES. In this city, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. A. J. Mowat, William H. Rutherford and Miss Alberta List, both of Fredericton.

At Christ Church, Woodstock, on the 15th inst., the Rev. Thomas M. L. Lakin, of St. Luke's, Bonaventure, youngest daughter of the late Joseph Phillips, Esq., of Woodstock, to Frank A. Nevers, M. D., of Hartford.

DEATHS. Suddenly, at his residence in the Parish of Bonaventure, York County, on Saturday the 4th inst., Mr. Edward Charters, died at the age of 65 years. He was a native of the Parish of Appleton, Dumfries-shire, Scotland, and for many years a resident of St. John. A good husband, a firm friend and an honorable man.

THE COUNTY MARKET. The following were the prices ruling in the County Market during the past week and on Saturday:

beef, per lb.	\$0 04 to \$0 06
Mutton, per lb.	05 00 to 05 00
Turkeys, per lb.	10 00 to 11 00
Chickens, per lb.	05 00 to 05 00
Geese, each.	40 00 to 45 00
Partridge, per pair.	25 00 to 30 00
Duck, per pair.	05 00 to 05 00
Butter, roll, per lb.	17 00 to 19 00
Eggs, per doz.	20 00 to 22 00
Potatoes, per bushel.	15 00 to 15 00
Carrots, per bushel.	05 00 to 05 00
Oats, per bushel.	04 00 to 05 00
Hay, per ton.	8 00 to 10 00
Straw, per ton.	4 00 to 6 00
Black Cherries, per cwt.	15 00 to 20 00
Pork, per lb.	07 00 to 07 00
Hams, per lb.	10 00 to 11 00
Shoulders, per lb.	08 00 to 08 00
Socks, per pair.	30 00 to 35 00
Hides, per lb.	07 00 to 08 00
Sausages, per lb.	09 00 to 11 00
Cheese, per lb.	10 00 to 12 00

Farm for Sale. THE subscriber offers for sale a valuable Farm, situate in Gibson, containing eighty acres, fifty of which are under cultivation. There are two good barns on the farm. The land will be sold in block or in lots to suit purchasers. For particulars enquire of GEORGE A. PERLEY, Fredericton, or Henry Gutz, St. Second Railway Crossing, Gibson.

NEW Dry Goods store. The Subscriber has rented the store lately occupied by P. McPeake, Esq., Wilmot's Block, Where he will keep on hand a well assorted Stock of Staple & Fancy Dry Goods. Prices as low as any in the trade.

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