

bers of the various churches within their bounds— But, that an individual, manifestly ignorant of the state of those whom he addresses, unacquainted with the doctrines of his church, and without the authority whatever, should be at liberty to obtrude his crude ideas on their notice, is what I cannot believe.

What authority has he to invite the Presbyterians of the three Provinces, without distinction, to observe the Sacrament of the Lord's supper, when their Pastors have, but too often, to lament the painful necessity of forbidding many amongst them, from coming to the Table of the Lord? Does he not know that the Westminster Confession teaches, that "all ignorant and ungodly persons, as they are unfit to enjoy communion with Christ, so are they unworthy of the Lord's Table, and cannot, without great sin against Christ, while they remain such, partake of these holy Mysteries, or be admitted thereunto." It is certainly sometimes necessary, to encourage the timid, and invite the humble, to confess the Lord that bought them, at His table; but in general, it is far more needful that proper means should be adopted, for keeping back the presumptuous and profane, from eating and drinking judgment to themselves.

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cellency, whether Mr. Stewart remained in England as a Delegate. His Excellency's reply was to the effect, that he had given no instructions to the Council's Delegates, and knew nothing of the cause of Mr. Stewart's stay. Mr. Huntington gave notice, that when the business of the session was brought to a close, he would move an address, or resolution, requesting Her Majesty to remove Sir Colin Campbell.

Tuesday, Feb. 18.—The following sums, agreed to yesterday in Committee of Supply, passed the House to day; £200 to the Speaker; £600 to the Treasurer; £200 Clerk of House; £100 Assistant Clerk; £25 each, Chaplains of Council and House; £50 Serjeant at Arms; £30 Assistant Serjeant; £40 Messenger to Governor; £30 Messenger to the House; £45 Clerk of Revenue; £200 Guager and Weigher; annual allowance of 7s. 6d. and 5s. per day for impost waiters; £600 for transient poor at Halifax; £350 to John Howe, for public printing; £60 Keeper of Council and Assembly Rooms; £50 Parrsbro' Packet; £50 Guysborough do.; £400 Sable Island; £150 Steam Boat to P. E. Island; £100 Steam Boat between Annapolis and St. John; £300 Horton Academy; £50 Halifax Dispensary; £20 Gut of Causo Ferry; £20 Shubenacadie Ferry; £10 Sable River Ferry. A motion by Mr. Waterman, that the grant of £300 to Horton Academy, be not agreed to, was negatived. A Bill for incorporating the Bay of Fundy Steam Navigation Company, sent down from the Council, was read a first time. Mr. Howe brought in a Bill to raise an additional sum, for repairing and sinking wells and pumps in Halifax, by an annual tax on Fire Insurance Companies. The Council sent down the Bill, limiting the duration of the General Assembly to four years, agreed to. After various other scales of road appropriations had been negatived, the original resolution for granting £18,000, moved yesterday, by Mr. Huntington, was agreed to.

Wednesday, Feb. 19.—£26,000 was granted, on motion of Mr. Howe, for the improvement of the Main Post Roads, to be expended this year and next.

Thursday, Feb. 20.—Several local Bills were passed.

Friday, Feb. 21.—The House was occupied in the consideration of private petitions.

Saturday, Feb. 15.—Mr. Young's Bill for abolishing the Inferior Courts was agreed to 23 to 6.

POLITICAL SUMMARY.

In consequence of the continued absence of the Packet, now upwards of seven weeks at sea, and the non arrival of the Liverpool Steamer, which has been for some time expected at New York, we have no news from Britain to present to our Readers, of a later date than those contained in our last. According to a statement made by the master of a vessel which has arrived at Boston from Fayal, one of the Western Islands (which appears in the Boston Daily Advertiser) the Liverpool had been 16 days from New York to that Island, on her homeward voyage, only about half passage, and remained there three days taking in coal. This news, if correct, sufficiently accounts for her not having reached her outward bound destination at the expected period.

The French King's Speech at the opening of the Legislative Chambers on the 23rd of December, contains very little political information. After assuring the Peers and Deputies of the pacific relations which had been preserved with foreign powers, Louis Philippa directs their particular attention to the war carried on in Africa, to the organization of a State Council, literary property, and public Instruc-

tion, and informs them that a system for civil pensions, the execution of the Principal Rail-Road lines, the increased improvement of their Naval power, the prison discipline, and the introduction of the Penitentiary system would be presented to them.

The Legislature of Upper Canada was prorogued by His Excellency the Governor General on the 10th inst. In his Speech on that occasion, His Excellency offers the Legislative Council and Assembly his acknowledgments, for the zeal and assiduity with which they had discharged the duties of, perhaps the most eventful Session of the Upper Canada Legislature; for their willing acquiescence in the proposed reunion of the Provinces; and for the Bill disposing of the Clergy Reserve, by which so far as their constitutional powers permitted, they had set at rest a question which, for years, had convulsed Society in that Province. He informs them that he will transmit without delay, such Bills as from their nature it was his duty to reserve, till Her Majesty's pleasure should be signified thereon, including the Bill "for payment of losses by the rebellion or invasion."

He thanks the House of Assembly for the supplies voted, and assures them that in transmitting their Resolutions, on the subject of a Civil List for the United Province, he had not failed to draw the attention of Her Majesty's Government, to the subject of the surrender of the Crown Revenues. He laments that the circumstances of the province, had prevented them from adopting measures, by which its commercial difficulties might be permanently removed, and recommends them, on their return to their different districts, to promote a spirit of peace and harmony, assuring them of his cordial co-operation.

QUARANTINE.

At a Council held at Government House, on the 17th February, 1840.

PRESENT—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, &c. &c. &c.

Ordered, that all Pilots and Boarding Officers of the Customs, in cases where no Pilots are on board, be directed to require (until further notice) the Masters of every Vessel, arriving from any port of the United States, to come to at the place appointed for the performance of Quarantine, viz—Midway between Pryor's Wharf and the Eastern side of the Harbour—carrying as a signal, a Union Jack at the fore, and there to remain until boarded, examined, and released by the Health Officer.—By Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Lieut. Colonel Snodgrass, Deputy Quartermaster General upon the staff of the army in Nova Scotia, has obtained an extension of his leave to the 31st March next, by which time he is to be prepared to proceed to North America, to resume the active duties of his appointment.

GAS.—On Saturday evening last, the Workshop of Messrs. Stevens and Son, Cart-wrights, was beautifully lighted up with Gas. The light exhibited was very brilliant, from three small apertures in the burner; and although the supply of Gas was small, the blaze was sufficient (when placed in the shop window) to light up the street to a considerable distance. The present apparatus which they have constructed is only temporary, but sufficient to prove and shew its practicability, and how simple the means are by which, with little trouble and small expense, a truly beautiful and cheap light may be obtained. We believe it is the intention of Mr Stevens to erect a permanent and suitable apparatus, to light up his own premises in future, thus setting an example well worthy of being imitated by many in Halifax.

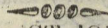
Mr. Stevens says Sydney coal is well calculated for supplying gas. We therefore hope to see, at least our principal streets, at no distant period, lighted up by so cheap and easy a method, more particularly when we have such an abundant supply of excellent coals for the purpose. All that is wanted is a generous public spirit, and unanimity, to accomplish much that Halifax stands in need of.—*Journal.*

THE DECK LOAD LAW.—We are glad to find that the construction put by the Collector of Halifax, upon the Deck Load law, has been, to some extent, approved of at home, as the *Slaney*, Mr. Furlong's brig which took deals to Dublin, was admitted to entry although carrying a deck load.—*Novascotian.*

CROSS-ISLAND LIGHT.—Cross Island lies at the entrance of Lunenburg Harbour, in lat 44, 22 N. long. 64, 6 W. The Light House is well situated, on the S. end of the Island, and has been lit up since the 1st of December last.—There are two lights in the building—a flash light 30 feet above the ordinary fixed light. In clear weather, this light can be seen so soon as a vessel loses sight of Sambro Light, and, under favourable circumstances, it is visible at the distance of 5 leagues; and distinguishable at about three leagues.

—These lights have already been of material service as well to vessels, arriving from sea as to our numerous coasters. Great praise is due to the Gentlemen to whom this highly important branch of our public service is intrusted, for the many additions and improvements which have recently been made to the Light-house establishment of the Province.—*Journal.*

TRADE OF PICTOU.—It appears by a Report published in the *Mechanic and Farmer*, of the 19th inst. that a considerable increase has taken place, in the trade of Pictou last year over that of the preceding. In 1838 there were 357 entries and 350 clearances, in 1839, 581 entries and 625 clearances. The duties collected in 1838 amounted to £550 18s., in 1839, to £1430 12s.



ST. JOHN, N. B. FEB. 11.

The House of Assembly have voted £7000 for the support of Parish Schools; £500 for the Madras Schools, and the usual grants to the Grammar Schools.

FEBRUARY 19.

THE MARKET.—A universal depression prevails at present, in our market, owing to the scarcity of money. There are very few transactions of note occurring, and those who have a stock of goods on hand cannot realize at all upon them. This season of the year is always particularly dull and inactive but we never recollect to have seen it so much so as at present.

FEBRUARY 22.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The Rev. Mr. Andrew delivered the first of a course of Lectures on Astronomy before a crowded audience in the large room of the Saint John Hotel, on Monday evening last. The Rev. Gentleman possesses an intimate knowledge of that grand and lofty science, and elucidated the subject in a plain and pleasing manner, to the satisfaction of all present.

A meeting of the Provincial Temperance Society was held at the Friary, on Wednesday evening, the Rev. Dr. Gray, President of the society, presided, and opened the Meeting with a suitable address.—Resolutions were submitted to the meeting and eloquently supported by the Rev. I. W. D. Gray, Rector of this Parish, Rev. Mr. Tupper, Capt. O'Halloran 69th Regt. and the Hon. Judge Parker. The room was excessively crowded, and great numbers could not obtain admittance. A collection amounting to £4 18s. 6d. was obtained and 25 persons joined the Society.—*City Gazette.*

BOSTON, FEB. 10.

The *New York Times* thus speaks of the prospects in that city. "We are credibly informed that one auction house in this city has more than THREE HUNDRED applications from house-keepers to sell out their furniture before the first of May next. We have no doubt that more than one thousand families will break up house-keeping in this city, before the expiration of four months.—"When the wicked rule the people mourn."

GRAND JURY, FOR 1840.—George P. Lawson, James Treman, John Naylor, W. H. S. Neal, John H. Anderson, John Bazalgette, Robert D. Clarke, Peter Nordbeck, Peter McNab, Robt. M. Brown, John Tempest, Alex. G. Fraser, George A. Croighton, Robert Noble, Thomas C. Kinnear, James Hamilton, Wm. Hunter, Azor Stevens Junr. George T. Ellis, Wm. Valentine, David Starr, Edw. L. Lydiard, W. S. More and Eben. Stayner, Esqrs.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDER.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief, has been pleased to make the following promotions and appointments in the Nova Scotia Militia, viz:—

- 3rd Halifax Regt.—2d Lieuts. Wm. Scott and Archibald Harshaw, to be 1st Lieuts.
- Gentlemen, William Gossip, Henry D. Smith, John H. Crosskill, and J. E. Demolter, to be 2d Lieuts.
- 1st Batt. Colchester County Regt.—Capt G. R. Grassie, from the 3rd Halifax, to be Captain.
- 2d Lieuts. Robt. Carter and Jonathan B. Waddel, to be 1st Lieuts.
- Gentlemen, George Carter and Robt Harris, to be 2d Lieuts.
- 3rd Batt. Lunenburg County Regt.—2d Lieut. Michael Faircy, to be 1st Lieut.
- Gentlemen, Asaph Newcomb, Timothy Rice, Amos Morse, Enos Spearagle, Ephraim Osmer, and Nelson Chesley, to be 2d Lieuts.

PUBLIC HOTEL.

A meeting of the Hotel Company took place at the Exchange Coffee House, this morning, (Tuesday), the object of which was to consider the propriety of applying to the Legislature for an Act of Incorporation.

The Hon. F. N. JEFFERY in the chair. Henry Pryor, Esq. Secretary.

The following Resolutions were passed. Resolved, that it is the opinion of the Meeting, that the Legislature should be applied to for an Act of Incorporation.

Resolved, that the Committee of Management be authorised to call to their assistance the Solicitor General, Mr. W. Young, and Mr. Pryor, to assist in preparing a Bill to incorporate the Company.

Resolved, that Mr. Forrester be requested to introduce the Bill for Incorporation of the Hotel Company; and that Mr. Bell and the County Members be requested to support the same.—*Times.*