

## The Local Legislature.

## Lt. Gov. Wilnot Opens the Local Legislature with the Opening of the Legislature of the Province on Tuesday last.

From the *Fredericton Herald* of the 17th inst. we take the following account of the Opening of the Legislature of this Province on Tuesday last.

Shortly after one o'clock yesterday the lower portion of Queen street became thronged with pedestrians, wending their way to the Parliament building. Long before three o'clock almost every part of the spacious Assembly room was filled by a crowd of ladies and gentlemen, representing every portion of the province. Mrs. Wilnot, Mrs. Harry Wilnot, and Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Wilnot occupied seats on the right of the Speaker's Chair, which was temporarily set apart as the Throne. On the left was His Lordship the Metropolitan, Bishop Kingston, in full canonicals, and the Rev. Mr. Alexander, Chaplain of the Legislative Council. Of the Legislative Council all the members were present except the Hon. Messrs. Hamilton, Beveridge, and Harrison.

Fully twelve hundred ladies and gentlemen occupied seats on the floors of the House and in the galleries, while several hundred more were in other parts of the building. Those upon the floors of the House were for the most part strangers in the city, who appeared to form the majority of those present. Among the present were the Chief Justice and all the Judges of the Supreme Court, Judge Steadman, the Rev. Messrs. Evans, Frederick, Mowatt, and Wadman, of Fredericton, Hartley of Carleton, and Allen of Gt. New Brunswick, and the University Professors, and a large representation of the Bar of St. John and Fredericton.

A more brilliant assembly was never gathered in this Province on any previous occasion. Before three o'clock Company No. 5 of the 71st Battalion, with the Battalion band at their head, marched down Queen street, and took their stand in front of the main entrance to the building. Capt. Loggie was in command, assisted by Lieuts. Pinder and Hazen. Major Beckwith had already had the guns for saluting placed in position, and everything was in readiness for His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who arrived shortly after three o'clock, and was received with the usual honors. His Honor was attended by a staff consisting of Colonel Taylor and Captain Stead, D. C.'s, Colonel Taylor, D. A. G., Lieut. Col. Marsh, Major Staples, Capt. Barker, Lieut. Godard, Lieut. Campbell, and Lieut. Hazen. Also by Sheriff Temple and Coroner Macpherson.

His Honor having his seat, he directed the House of Assembly to attend him, and that body having come, he opened the House with the following speech:

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,  
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,  
I am happy to be able to express to you my full appreciation of the auspicious circumstances under which we meet. The affairs of the Province appear to me to be in a very favorable position; our people are enjoying the rewards and advantages of their industry; the labor of the Farmer has been followed and crowned with the blessing of a plentiful harvest, which for so long a time was so general and injurious, is rapidly leaving us; it has not already passed and we should be devoutly thankful to the Supreme Governor of All Good for these manifestations of His mercy and goodness towards us.

I congratulate you, also, that the project you made for the construction of the Legislative Buildings has resulted in the completion of the new and commodious edifice. I trust and think it will be found well adapted for the purposes to which it is to be devoted, and a fitting place for the meeting of the representatives of the people in the Legislature of their own Province. While it is our duty to preserve steadily our internal and independent rights, and to maintain the integrity of the Province, it is equally important to maintain the efficiency of the service and the good government of the Province, with the same time having regard to economy consistent with our financial ability and the public requirements.

You are aware that a good deal of attention has been particularly late years, been given to the Agricultural affairs of the Province. For some time past, my visits have been much time to that consideration. It is quite to be expected that in a young country like ours, great interest will be felt, especially by the younger portion of the population, in all these subjects which are intimately connected with the welfare of the Province and their own success in life.

This is a subject peculiarly within our competence and jurisdiction. The right discharge of our duties in relation to agriculture will necessarily afford additional incentives to our people to settle themselves contentedly within our own boundaries on our valuable land, so easily accessible to them. This is a matter of great importance. I believe the policy of my government on this subject has not only received your approval but also the approval of the people at large. I am glad therefore to assure you that the money granted by you during the last session for the improvement of the breeds of stock has been expended in a way which I think warrants me in hoping for gains and improvement in that department of Agriculture. In continuation of that policy, and influenced also by convictions matured after careful consideration of the opinions of the Board of Agriculture, and of Agricultural Societies, and of leading Agriculturists, my advisers concluded to use for a term of years a property to be used as a Provincial Stock and Breed Farm, and to utilize a certain portion of the recent importation of cattle for stocking such an establishment. The papers relating to these subjects are now before you, and I believe you upon an early day, and I confidently rely upon your sanction of a transaction so deeply associated with the public welfare.

The further settlement of the Public Lands is a matter of great importance, and my Government has fully understood the desirability of obtaining and disseminating accurate information in relation to them. It is understood that the general Geological Survey now proceeding under the direction of the Federal Government is approaching completion, and I have no doubt the publication of the results of the survey, and the knowledge of the geological and other characteristics of our Lands—of which it is the intention of my Government to extend themselves as circumstances may suggest, so that all additional desirable information may be brought within the reach of intending settlers in a practical and convenient form.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,  
The accounts of the Income and Expenditure of the past year, as well as a statement of the receipts and payments of the current year up to the opening of the present session, will be laid before you.

The estimate of the probable income and expenditure of the Province for the current year will also be submitted to you, and I think you will find the estimates of expenditure have been prepared with a due regard to the public service.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,  
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,  
Bills relating to the collection of debts in amendment of the Acts relating to County Courts, whereby increased jurisdiction may be given to such Courts, and conferring additional powers upon Trustees of Schools, and by which the building of school houses may be rendered less burdensome to ratepayers, and measures to these I invite your careful consideration.

Commending you to Divine direction, trusting in your wisdom and patriotism, I leave you to the discharge of your honorable and responsible duties.

Immediately upon the retirement of the Lieutenant Governor the President of the Legislative Council took his seat, and that body proceeded to the transaction of business. The Address in Reply to the Speech, was moved by the Hon. Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Hon. Mr. Flewelling.

The consideration of the Address was made the order of the day for Monday, at 2 p.m.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Young, the Contingent Committee was appointed, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Jones, the Committee on reporting the proceedings of the Council. These committees are the same as last year.

The House then adjourned until Monday next, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

The House of Assembly then re-organized in the Assembly Room, and the absentees were seen to be Messrs. Vail, of King's County; McManus of Gloucester; and Messrs. Blair and Gillespie, of Northumberland; Davidson, of Northumberland; Butler, of Queen's; and Killam, of Albert.

The Speaker having taken the Chair, an Act was introduced relating to Personal Estates, another relating to the office of Solicitor General, and an Act to incorporate the N. B. Historical Society.

Mr. White, the new member for St. John, was introduced and took his seat amid the cheers of the members.

His Honor's speech was then read by the Speaker.

Mr. Lynnot moved the Address in Reply to the Speech, which was seconded by Mr. Beveridge, the consideration of which was made the Order of the day for Saturday at noon.

The Attorney General moved that the Attorney General, Provincial Secretary, the Commissioner of Public Works, and Messrs. Blair and Gillespie, be appointed a special committee to nominate the Standing and General Committees of the House.

The House then adjourned until 3 o'clock on Friday.

FRIDERICTON, FEB. 17.  
The House held a short session this afternoon, during which the bills introduced yesterday were advanced a stage and some routine business transacted.

Mr. Sayre introduced a bill relating to the proposed county councilors and Mr. Barberie a bill to authorize the Registrar of the County Council to exempt small bobbins and starch factories from taxation.

FRIDERICTON, FEB. 18.  
Mr. Elder this morning, after a few words eulogistic of the labors of Mr. J. Lawrence, in connection with the historical research in the Province, got the bill passed through committee incorporating the Historical Society. At Mr. Hamilton's suggestion the limit of real estate of the House was fixed at \$20,000.

There was the usual talk and grumbling about printing the journals, and Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

Mr. White spoke to the same view, but after a few words from the Attorney General, the usual standing committees were appointed and the house adjourned until Monday.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE.  
FRIDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
Elder presented a bill to incorporate the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society, and a petition forwarded by the bill.

White, of Carleton, moved for information with reference to members' stationery supply. Chairman of the Committee referred him to report of the Committee.

Gillespie presented a bill to prevent the sale or other disposal of Crown Lands except for actual settlement.

Mr. Lynnot presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who moved to limit the number to 200 was not successful, 500 being fixed.

The debate on the Address was fixed for 12 o'clock, but at that hour Mr. Lynnot moved its postponement till Monday on the ground that the provincial secretary was ill.

Mr. Ritchie held that this was not sufficient ground and that while the absence of the secretary was regrettable, it ought not to obstruct the public business.

## The New Assembly Buildings, Fredericton, N. B.

considered the question of providing greater security in sending money by registered letter, by charging extra for registration purposes according to amounts sent, the Government to be responsible in cases of money being lost. A deputation of Senators and Mr. P. Macdonald were increased to meet the views of the deputation.

Petition was presented in favor of marriage with a deceased wife's sister. In answer to Mr. J. H. Pope, Mr. Macdonald made the important statement that the Government has under consideration, in connection with the bill for the registration of the machinery required to put in operation such a measure does not prove too great, there is reason to believe that the Government will take action in that direction.

Mr. Wheeler asked whether it is the intention of the Government during the present year to increase the salaries of postmasters outside towns and cities, in accordance with the increased revenue of that department.

Hon. Mr. O'Connor replied that the greater number of postmasters of outside towns and cities are paid a percentage on the business done. Of course if that amount increases, their salaries will increase in proportion.

The Orders of the Day being called, Sir Leonard Tilley said he hoped to be able to lay the estimates on the table on Tuesday, and to make his financial statement on Friday.

In reply to a question as to whether the Gov't have appointed, or intend to appoint, an agent or commissioner to represent the commercial interests of Canada at Paris, France, Sir L. Tilley said—The Government understand that the Government of Quebec purpose to appoint a delegate to represent them at Paris in the interest of the Government of that Province. If such an appointment is made, it is probable that the Government of the Dominion may make the services of that gentleman available in regard to commercial and emigration matters (applause). There has been no appointment made at present.

In reply to Mr. Daly, Sir Hector Langevin said the matter of providing telegraphic communication with Cape Sable Island by means of a submarine cable was still under the consideration of the Government. It is probable that a vote would be submitted to Parliament for that purpose.

## The Union Advocate.

Established 1867.  
NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI, N. B.  
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22, 1882.

## PUBLIC MEETING AT NELSON.

A Public Meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, Nelson, on Monday evening, for the purpose of taking action with reference to the proposed Bridge over the South West, in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

That this bridge would be a very great accommodation to the people of Nelson and vicinity, as well as those living in other sections on the south side of the river, there is not the slightest doubt, and it is not to be wondered at that those who are more directly interested in the matter should be found working together for the purpose of attaining the end they have in view. Though invited, we were unable to be present at the meeting, and not having obtained an outline of the proceedings from the Secretary, we have had to obtain information from a Nelson friend who was present on the occasion.

Geo. Burchill, Esq., was elected Chairman, and Mr. Thos. W. Flett, Secretary. The first speaker called upon was Anthony Adams, Esq., Warden of the County, who expressed himself strongly in favor of the project, but doubted whether the Gov't had the means at its disposal, but would not doubt extend the necessary aid if it was possible to do so.

John P. Burchill, Esq., one of the Councilors for the parish, made an excellent speech in favor of the scheme, in which he urged the claims of the electors upon the Government for the necessary aid. He moved a resolution, the closing portion of which asked the people to pledge themselves as would pledge themselves to work for the bridge.

J. O'Brien, Esq., objected to this part of the resolution, and moved in amendment that it be struck out. He thought it was narrow, and went

## Census Figures.

On Thursday the Hon. Mr. Pope laid on the table of the House of Commons a summary of the census (population) returns of 1881. The total population of Canada is 4,324,810, apportioned to Provinces as follows:

British Columbia, 49,450  
North West Territories, 56,446  
New Brunswick, 129,891  
Nova Scotia, 231,283  
Ontario, 1,923,228  
Quebec, 1,923,228  
The following are the