

# The Standard.

ST. ANDREWS, FEB. 10, 1859.

**THE LEGISLATURE.**—As will be seen in another column two days were spent in the election of a Speaker; there were but three candidates nominated, viz:—Messrs. Johnson, Hannington and Botsford—the two former Liberals, the latter a Conservative. The Hon. Mr. Johnson was elected by a majority of 14 over his opponent. His Excellency delivered his speech on Saturday, which, with other legislative matters, was published in our columns. A Bill was introduced the same day by Mr. Kerr to amend the Insolvent Debtors' Act.

It is to be hoped that the time of the country will not be mis-spent in useless discussions on party questions as has heretofore been the case, but that members will apply themselves to the business of the country, and not follow the example of the Nova Scotia Legislature where a want of confidence motion has been brought forward for the mere purpose of giving members an opportunity of expressing their opinions, and having them placed on record, without any expectation of carrying their motion. The experiment, of rather waste of time it is estimated by a Nova Scotia contemporary will cost that Province about £3,500. New Brunswick cannot spare such an amount from her public works.

**THE SCHOOL BILL.**—It is to be hoped that the Legislature during the present Session will either bring a new Bill, or amend the present one, as it is generally conceded that it is not such an one as the Province requires. In fact the country is dissatisfied with the system of tinkering with the great and important subject of Education; there has heretofore been so much trucking and pandering to sectarian views and political interests, that no bold comprehensive measure has as yet been framed, and yet, the Province pays annually a large sum for educational purposes, without any corresponding beneficial result. The following observations from the *Parish School Advocate* are to the point:—

"One of the greatest blunders generally made in the administration of Colonial Government is, our appropriating to ourselves all the machinery incident to civil, wealthy, and populous countries."

While we have not more population than that of a Borough Town of the Mother Country, still we have nearly all the political machinery common to the British Islands, with their 26,000,000 inhabitants. And this machinery we are maintaining at a disproportionate cost, a cost far above our means and requirements. This principle is also extended to our Educational machinery. We are paying, annually, about £2,600, not for education, but to those whose duty is little more than to make reports, rules and regulations, while the teachers do all the real good actually done. This sum is entirely too much for an infant Colony like New Brunswick with 220,000 inhabitants to pay for simply reporting 750 Parish Schools.

We should endeavour, to use an old adage, to "creep before we walk,"—it is too soon for us, in this infant state, to adopt all the educational machinery necessary to countries with largely developed resources, and over one hundred times our population.

We have arrived, in educational matters, at that state of things, that the local officers and guardians of youth have thrown the onus if onerous at all, of examinations, etc., upon those who get the salaries, consequently, that wholesome guardianship which should be exercised by local parties, is not generally adopted, and the whole control is left to the flying visits of the Chief Superintendent of Schools, and the Inspector,—the latter spending an hour in each School twice a year.—The law makes provision for the election of School Committees, but we have not yet heard of a single district as yet which has done so; and as for Trustees taking any special interest, no one thinks of it.

This, as far as we can learn, being the true state of the workings of the educational system of this Province, it should be the earnest desire of all those feeling an interest in this important subject, to use their influence with the legislature, which will shortly resume its sittings, to get this law amended so as to meet the requirements of the country."

**LETTER** We omitted to notice in our last number, the receipt of a pamphlet entitled "Reply to a pamphlet, published by Wm. H. Scoville, purporting to contain correspondence between him and the Provincial Secretary relative to the alleged loss sustained by the Province in one thousand tons of iron, imported through Messrs. Naylor & Co., in 1857." The pamphlet seems to be the correspondence published by Mr. Scoville together with some additional correspondence, which Mr. Tilley says was omitted; together with a few brief remarks upon the subject.

Mr. George Dundas, M. P., has been appointed Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward's Island.

**MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE.**—Owing to the storm on Wednesday last, Mr. Wilson's lecture on "Philosophic Facts" was postponed until this Evening, Wednesday, at half-past seven. The lecture will no doubt be an interesting one, and is to be illustrated by experiments. It is much to be regretted that a more suitable building cannot be obtained for the lectures, the Town Hall is not only too small, but the ceiling is altogether too low; we trust, therefore that some movement will be made towards either purchasing or building a suitable Hall.

**NEW MAIL ARRANGEMENT.**—We understand that a Mail will be despatched daily (Sundays excepted) between St. Andrews and Woodstock by Rail and Stage. This will prove a great accommodation to the business people in the upper country, as they will receive their letters nearly thirty-six hours sooner than by the circuitous route heretofore employed. And when the Steamers are running letters from Boston can be received in Woodstock in less than forty-eight hours.

**THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.**  
FREDERICTON, Feb. 10, 1859.  
House not opened. No Speaker elected.

All members but McPherson, Wright, Ferris, and McMillan, present.

At ten minutes past 2 His Excellency arrived at the Council Chamber. Being summoned, members of the House attended, and were sent back to elect a Speaker.

Clerk, presiding announced that J. W. Lawrence, Esq., and Hon. C. Connell, had been sworn in.

Mr. McLeod moved an adjournment.

Clerk questioned having right to adjourn.

Members generally maintained House had a right to adjourn, but some questioned expediency; and others contended that as in former cases cited some progress towards election of Speaker should first be made.

Mr. End, after expressing pleasure that the Government did not intend to make the election of Speaker a party question, nominated Bliss Botsford Esq. This was out of order.

On question for adjournment—Yeas: Tibbitts, C. Perley, Connell, Tilley, Chandler, Cudlip, Fisher, Gilmour, Brown, Hannington, McLeod, Tapley, McAdam, Smith, Johnston, Steadman, and Watters—17.

Nays: Read, Williston, Lewis, Gray, End, McMillan, Gilbert, Wilnot, McIntosh, Desbrisay, Montgomery, Mitchell, Scoville, Vail, W. E. Perley, Lawrence, Allen, Botsford, Steadman.—20.

There was some manifestation of feeling in the galleries when Smith, Allen and others, warmly protested against such conduct being allowed. Mr. Mitchell referring to it stated, that his vote must not be regarded as a party one. Gilmour nominated Hon. J. M. Johnson. McLeod nominated D. Hannington. Steadman seconded. Question was freely discussed by Hon. Members as to eligibility of Mr. Johnson, he being an Executive Councillor.

At Mr. Johnson's suggestion, he having been unexpectedly nominated, and feeling it to be his duty before he allowed himself to be put in nomination, to confer with His Excellency and ascertain whether the resignation of his seat in the Council would be accepted.

The House on motion adjourned at half-past 3 until to-morrow at ten o'clock.

**FEB. 11, 1859.**  
Mr. Ferris arrived. House called to order at ten thirty-five, by Clerk. After much discussion relating to Parliamentary usage as to resuming the business of yesterday, some the majority contending it should be taken up just as left off,—others, that it should be commenced de novo.

Mr. Gilmour proposed to withdraw the name of Mr. Johnson. Hon. members expressing their willingness to allow the withdrawal, but some of them did so with the proviso that Mr. Johnson should not be again nominated. Mr. Gilmour in that case would not withdraw the name.

On question of Mr. Johnson's nomination: Yeas—Tibbitts, C. Perley, Connell, Cudlip, Gilmour, Brown, Desbrisay, Montgomery, McAdam, Ferris, Tapley, Smith, Mitchell, McMillan, Watters, End, Read—17. Nays—Kerr, Williston, Gray, Lewis, Tilley, Fisher, Gilbert, Chandler, Wilnot, McIntosh, Vail, Scoville, McLeod, W. E. Perley, McPhelim, Lawrence, Allen Botsford, Steadman.—19.

Some manifestation of feeling in gallery, when Hon. members spoke very warmly, deprecating such ebullitions, and warning the people of Fredericton, that if they persisted in such a course it might operate to their prejudice when question of Head Quarters came up.

On Hannington's nomination: Yeas—Lewis Steadman, Smith, W. E. Perley, McLeod, Connell, Tilley, Fisher, Brown—9. Nays—Read, Williston, Kerr, Gray, End, Watters, McMillan, Mitchell, Botsford, McPhelim, Allen, Lawrence, McAdam, Montgomery, Desbrisay, McIntosh, Ferris, Wilnot, Scoville, Vail, Chandler, Tibbitts, Gilbert, Gilmour, C. Perley—25.

Mr. Tibbitts moved re-consideration of vote on nomination of Johnson. Scoville nominated as amendment to Tibbitts' motion Bliss Botsford.

Mr. Cudlip nominated James Steadman Steadman felt honored, but doubted his ability, and hoped his nomination would not be pressed.

Long discussion about admission of Botsford nomination as an amendment to the substantive proposition by Tibbitts. Tibbitts withdrew motion and nominated Mr. Johnson.

For Mr. Botsford: Yeas—Messrs. Gilbert, Wilnot, Chandler, McIntosh, Desbrisay, Montgomery, McPhelim, Vail, Scoville, Lawrence, McMillan, End, Gray, Kerr, Read, Wilnot, Lewis—18. Nays—Watters, Mitchell, Steadman, Smith, W. E. Perley, Tapley, Ferris, McLeod, Hannington, McAdam, Brown, Gilmour, Cudlip, Tibbitts, C. Perley, Connell, Tilley, Fisher—18.

Tibbitts nominated Johnson: Yeas—Kerr, Read, End, Watters, McMillan, Mitchell, Steadman, Gilmour, Brown, Cudlip, Fisher, Tilley, Tibbitts, C. Perley, Tapley, Ferris, W. E. Perley, McAdam, Smith, Montgomery, Desbrisay, McLeod, Hannington, Connell, Lewis—25. Nays—Chandler, Gray, Wilnot, McIntosh, Allen, Lawrence, Vail, Scoville, McPhelim, Gilbert, Williston—11. Johnson declared elected.

Separated at half-past one. Will be opened to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

**THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.**  
SATURDAY, FEB. 12.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to open the Session of the Legislature with the following speech:—

Mr. President and Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislature Council:  
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The period of the year has now arrived when it has been usual to summon you for the performance of your Legislative duties, and I feel satisfaction in returning to you for your advice and assistance.

When last I met you I ventured to express a hope that the mutiny in India might, by the blessing of God, be the means of strengthening British authority in that part of the Empire. We may now rejoice in the confident belief that this hope will be speedily realized, and you will, I know, heartily join with me in the expression of fervent gratitude for the victories with which it has pleased Providence to bless Her Majesty's arms.

It is I regret to say impossible to refer to the past year as one of commercial prosperity, the demand for our staple exports has not as yet recovered from the effects of the disasters which recently disturbed the trade of the world, but it is gratifying to observe some symptoms of improvement in our commercial prospects and I trust that ere long renewed prosperity will reward the combined prudence and energy of our merchants.

I congratulate you on the abundance of the crops of the past season. And the general success which has attended those who have applied their capital and industry to the development of our Fisheries affords to us another subject for sincere congratulation and thankfulness.

The progress of the Railway works, now in course of construction, has been uninterrupted. Reports and other documents, explanatory of the state of these works and of the expenditure connected therewith will be laid before you. In connection with this subject, I congratulate you on the position which our debentures have attained among securities of a similar description.

You will have observed with satisfaction the increased and increasing estimation in which they are held. I cannot doubt that this gratifying circumstance, which affords unquestionable proof of the reliance which is placed on the pledged faith of the province, is, in some degree, at least to be attributed to the fact, that during the recent crisis it was well known among the leading capitalists of the mother country, that we were determined at all sacrifices faithfully to fulfil our engagements, both here and elsewhere, and that every possible precaution had been taken to enable the government to do so, even if the measure had been greater than it was.

**MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:**  
The accounts and receipts and expenditure of the past year will be laid before you, and I have given directions that the estimates for the current year, shall be submitted to you. You will observe with regret that owing to the continued depression of our trade, the revenue of last year, fell short of the estimated amount, but this circumstance has not prevented the prompt payment of all demands upon the Treasury.

The liabilities which we have incurred, and are incurring for the construction of extensive public works afford additional reason for the exercise of caution in our expenditure.

I am confident that you will combine a wise economy with an ample provision for the requirements of the public service.

The act under which the existing Customs duties are levied will shortly expire, and this subject will necessarily receive your early consideration.

**MR. PRESIDENT AND HON. GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:**  
**MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:**

Your joint address to Her Majesty on the subject of an Inter-Colonial line of Railway was transmitted by me to the Secretary of State for presentation to Her Majesty.

In the course of the Autumn the Governor-General of Canada informed me that he had directed certain members of his Council to proceed to England to urge upon Her Majesty's Government the consideration of this subject; and that the gentlemen to whom this mission had been submitted were

on the eve of their departure for England. I was also informed that a similar step had been taken by the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, and directed two of my Council to proceed to England without delay, to cooperate with the gentlemen deputed by the Governments of Canada and Nova Scotia. The correspondence and other documents connected with this subject will be laid before you.

I recommend you to consider whether measures may not be adopted whereby the existing Agricultural Societies, throughout the Province, may be rendered more effective for the attainment of the important object for which they have been established, and at the same time, afford an additional stimulus to the application of capital and skill to the culture of the soil.

I have received from the Superintendent of Fisheries in Canada, certain documents explanatory of the course recently adopted by the Government and Legislature of that province, with respect to the Fisheries in the St. Lawrence and the neighbouring rivers.

Copies of these documents will be laid before you. You will concur with me in the opinion that it is desirable to devise means for rendering the real resources of the Province, more widely known among intending Emigrants, from the Mother Country and elsewhere.

Upon those and all other matters, to which your attention may be directed, I fervently pray that the blessing of Providence may prosper your councils and guide your deliberations for the promotion of the welfare and happiness of the people.

The Address in reply to the Speech was moved by Mr. Tibbitts and seconded by Mr. McMillan, and 2 o'clock Monday was assigned as the time to go into consideration of the same.

Mr. Kerr introduced a Bill to amend the Insolvent Debtors' Law. Mr. Tibbitts introduced a Bill to amend the Act to authorize the construction of Railways in this Province.

The several Standing Committees were appointed by the Speaker.

**EXCITING CHASE.**—On the morning of Wednesday the 29th ult. as the train on the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad was proceeding from Bangor towards Portland and when between Burnham and Pittsfield a deer was espied on the track and owing to the high banks of snow on either side an excellent opportunity was offered the engineer to give the animal pursuit with the locomotive. The race commenced and was kept up for about two miles, the deer keeping the lead but followed closely by the iron horse until finally the former became exhausted and ran off the track into a snow bank where he subsequently became a prey to some persons belonging to Pittsfield, who, on hearing of his situation had gone in pursuit of him.—(St. Croix Herald.)

**SHOCKING ACCIDENT.**—On Friday last a young man, 17 years of age, son of Mr. Michael McGlinchy, an old resident of this town, went into his father's grist mill, in the Parish of Prince William to grind some grain. As he sometimes kept the mill going all night, he was not missed until next morning, when a neighbor going in, found him lying on his back quite dead, his feet pointing towards one of the wheels, from which he had apparently been thrown. It is supposed that he attempted to adjust some of the machinery without stopping the mill, and his clothes were caught by a cog wheel and dragged him over. His breast, and other parts of his body, were bruised, and somewhat lacerated, but from the fact that his neck was broken, death must have been instantaneous. Deceased was a young man of very steady habits, and will be much regretted, not only by his afflicted relatives, but also by a large circle of acquaintances.—(H. Quarters.)

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—A man named Edward Leahy, aged about 35 years, a laborer on the Railway, was unfortunately killed yesterday about eleven miles from the city, by the fall of a derick, while engaged in hoisting stone. He was from Cork (Ireland) where he left a wife and five children some two years ago.—Nbkz.

**GREAT FIRE IN BOSTON.**—Boston, Feb. 6.—At about 3 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the upper portion of Russell's mechanical bakery, corner of Battery and Commercial streets, which was totally destroyed. The building was of brick, with a granite front, extending 64 feet on Commercial and 132 feet on Battery and Salutation streets, and contained two of Berdan's automatic kneading machines, &c., and 53,000 barrels of flour on storage. The bakery had gone into operation on Thursday, when over 15,000 loaves of bread were baked and delivered. The falling walls partially destroyed two or three adjoining wooden tenements.—The total loss of property is estimated at \$200,000 on which there is a partial insurance.

**NEW YORK, Feb. 6.**—A dwelling, corner of Elm Place and Fulton Avenue, Brooklyn, was burned this morning. Mrs. McGill, her two children and seven girls, were suffocated to death. Mr. Gill is absent in Philadelphia. Several inmates escaped by jumping from the windows.

## NEWS BY THE ASIA.

Warlike rumors continued, and notwithstanding peace assurances, the latest Continental correspondence says confidence in the maintenance of peace was losing ground.

Warlike preparations continued in France. It is again reported, but not believed, that Persigny would soon succeed Walewski in the French Foreign Ministry.

There has been a partial recurrence of the panic on the Paris Bourse. Three per cent. closed flat at 68 francs 95c. The London Exchange responded to the fall, but not to the same extent.

It is reported an offensive and defensive alliance has been concluded between France and Sardinia.

It is said the British government has resolved to take sufficient measures to protect English interests in Mexico.

The London Times editorially denounces John Nugent's manifesto to Americans in British Columbia.

The death of the King of Naples was reported, but not confirmed, and was discredited.

It is denied that Prince Napoleon was received with enthusiasm in Turin. His marriage is said to be unpopular there.

Quiet prevailed in Lombardy.

An Austrian loan of £6,000,000 sterling is announced for the London market.

The Swiss National Council voted half a million to immediately convert all guns into the percussion principle.

The following news was taken out by the Kangaroo:

Another peaceful article in the *Constitutionnel* says—Austria has issued a conciliatory note on the Servian question, which would serve to calm the public mind. Notwithstanding the pacific turn of events, warlike and contradictory rumors were still circulated. Many steamers and transports were preparing for sea in France.

The *Monitor* announces the entire abolition of vice for passports.

The British Minister at Washington is instructed to urge the opening of American coasting trade to British vessels, in return for a like concession by Great Britain.

It is reported that Parliament is to be asked for a considerable increase in the naval estimates.

Accounts from Lombardy still speak of dissatisfaction, but no outbreak. Austrian reinforcements were pouring in.

The amnesty of political prisoners at Naples has been modified to require their banishment to America. An edict provides that a person taken in any flagrant attempt against the safety of the State be immediately tried by a Council of War.

Sunday days of December 21st have been received by telegraph. The news is unimportant. The subjugation of disturbed districts is rapidly progressing. Ismail Khan, a rebel chief, has surrendered.

Details of China news speak of short supplies and an advance of tea.

The widow of the poet Wordsworth died Jan. 17.

Rev. Mr. Spurgeon is to go to America, but the alleged contract for £10,000 with transatlantic churches, is untrue, he having declined the offer.

**AN EXPENSIVE PRESENT.**—The Michigan Legislature has "put its foot in it" by voting 650 acres of land to a Mrs. Rogers, because she produced four little Rogereses at one and the same time. It has set a precedent which may cause the State thousands of acres of land and—See The Detroit Free Press says Mr. Job. Burnap of Sumpter, Wayne County, has applied to the Legislature to divide its favors. His papers set forth that Mrs. Burnap "has given birth to nine children at four births, three of whom were born months after marriage;" that he is a poor man, and therefore prays for a donation of lands as in the case of Mrs. Rogers.—(Ham. C. W.) Times.

**GREAT FIRE AT VALPARAISO.**  
The most destructive fire that has been recorded for many years past took place in Valparaiso on Saturday, 13th November.—The fire broke out at 10 o'clock in the morning, in the kitchen chimney of the Union Club House; and before the flames could be subdued, three entire streets and a square full of buildings were totally destroyed. The losses are estimated "en bloc" as under:—

Properties.	91,000,000.
Mechanics.	2,000,000.
Of which the sum of \$1,726,000, was insured in the following manner:—\$118,100 in two American offices, \$137,720 with Foreign Offices, and the remainder (\$351,975) with the following English Companies:—	
Companies.	Losses.
Liverpool and London.	£192,400.
Royal.	48,000.
Imperial.	91,000.
London Corporation.	30,000.
Northern.	27,000.
Sun.	8,000.

**STATE OF AFFAIRS IN ITALY.**—The London Times has a leader on the miserable condition of the Papal States, and says that, unless it is misinformed, France and Austria are entirely at variance on the course to be pursued in the States of the Church—the French arguing the withdrawal both of their own and the Austrian garrisons, if the pope refuses the reforms in his administration recommended for his adoption, and the Austrians expressing their determination to support the Pope under every contingency. No less could indeed be expected from the power which has so lately concluded a concordat with the Holy See; but such a course is likely to have an important bearing, not only

upon the petty politics of intrigues of Cardinals, but Europe and the destinies of the world.

**WE HAVE AT VARIOUS** the introduction of Man Town, and we are happy to see a prospect of our suggestion into effect. A person adding axes and other edge tools, a few days looking up; and it is not unlike Candle Manufactory will be the summer. There is a notion of erecting the necessary for the manufacture of which we learn can be sold at a profit in the United States.

The revolution in Hayti, the Emperor Soule, and even of his own order of nobility, has a force of 18,000 sufficient to overcome an Emperor or his friends.

A brutal young man, at named Sylvester Bates, for beating his mother, has been sentenced to life imprisonment. He says he has done it because he is in love with her.

BUYING A TELEGRAPH of the Cincinnati Gazette, the interest of their paper the telegraph line from the for their own use, to transmit many of all the important commercial and general news all the leading English papers before achieved.

The question is not the man knows, but how much himself.

**MARRIAGE.**  
On the 3rd inst. at St. I. E. Bill, Capt. Hugh M. to Miss Ellen F. Paul of S.

**DIED.**  
At St. John, on the 7th of H. B. Cutler, aged 23 d. Eliza, aged 30 years, wife of H. B. Cutler, on the 4th, at St. George's, aged 46.

**NOTICE.**  
THE Co-partnership hereto the Subscribers, has this by mutual consent. All debts must be paid within six days; it presented for immediate settlement.

**LAND TO LET.**  
Sale of Stock at the Upper part of the House from the Poor House on to Montague Street, will be in the purposes in lots on terms of which may be seen on application.

There will be sold by Auction at the 16th April next all the stock, consisting of Wagons, and Farm Implements to let the Cottage and Barns year from the 16th of April the House in King Street, an Office. Possession given 1st

St. Andrews, Feb. 14th, 1859.

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