

The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 17, 1888.

OUR SENATORS IN SESSION.

Proceedings at the Opening Yesterday.

THE DINNER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

On yesterday Governor Blake declared both branches of our Legislature open for the transaction of public business.

The House of Assembly doors were besieged with an angry multitude of men, who were loud in their denunciation of the ticket system introduced by the autocratic Speaker, Mr. McNeilly.

The House, in its constitution, is the same as last year, with the exception of two desks—Mr. White's—of Bonavista—on the Government side, being vacant, and Sir Ambrose Shea's having been brought down by the democrat Robert John Parsons to the right hand corner of Whiteway Row.

The annual motion to draft the reply to His Excellency's address was moved by Mr. LeMessurier in a speech neither reflecting credit upon himself nor the administration of which he was a member.

When they had finished, Mr. Scott arose and commented upon the address. He reviled the Government for not making prohibition, which had become the foremost of all public questions, a government one.

The address committee were then appointed. Mr. Hutchings asked for suspension of the rules of the House with reference to the appointment of the Printing Committee.

Notice of a bill to provide for widows of Bank fishermen, by Mr. Morris; notice of a bill to amend last year's sealing bill, Mr. Dawe; several notices were also given to get information from the Government by Messrs. Bond, Morine, Murphy and Parsons.

At 7.30 last evening the members and officers of both branches of the Legislature sat down to dinner at Government House. There were about sixty covers laid. In their hospitality and powers of entertainment, the Governor and his Secretary are thorough Irishmen, possessing all the valuable qualities of that nation in this respect.

present with genuine enthusiasm. It was proposed by His Honor Judge Pinsent in a neat speech. Hon. E. D. Shea replied to the Governor for the Council in a speech crammed with epigram—common-sense, frozen together with pawky satire.

- Hon. Mr. Justice Pinsent, Hon. Mr. Justice Little, The Attorney General, The Receiver General, Hon. A. Goodridge, President of Legislative Council, Hon. C. Bowring, M.L.C., Hon. J. Pitts, Hon. M. Monroe, Hon. G. T. Rendell, Rev. E. Botwood, The Speaker, M.H.A., Mr. Bond, M.H.A., Mr. Carty, M.H.A., Mr. Callaghan, M.H.A., Mr. Dawe, M.H.A., Mr. Godden, M.H.A., Mr. Greene, M.H.A., Mr. Grievie, M.H.A., Mr. Hutchings, M.H.A., Mr. Kean, M.H.A., The Financial Secretary, Mr. LeMessurier, M.H.A., Mr. March, M.H.A., Mr. McGrath, M.H.A., Chairman Board of Works, Mr. Morine, M.H.A., Mr. Morris, M.H.A., Mr. Murphy, M.H.A., Mr. O'Mara, M.H.A., Mr. Parsons, M.H.A., Mr. Rolis, M.H.A., Mr. Shea, M.H.A., Mr. Scott, M.H.A., Mr. Vetch, M.H.A., Mr. Watson, M.H.A., Clerk Legislative Council, Clerk House of Assembly, Judge Frowse, Judge Conroy, Colonel Fawcett, Commander Robinson, Mr. T. J. Kough, Q.C., Usher of the Black Rod, Mr. Watson, Clerk Assessor, H. Goonan, Mr. L. R. McNeilly, Solicitor H. A. O., Mr. Boyd, Serg't-at-Arms, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cassy, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Neville, Mr. Noonan, Mr. Stirling, Mr. Withers.

THE "HIGH LICENSE" QUESTION.

Editor Evening Telegram.

DEAR SIR,—On Saturday last I had the pleasure of forwarding you an extract from an American newspaper on the "high license" question. Nothing was said by me, in connection with that extract, to indicate an expression of opinion on my part in favor of "high license" as opposed to "prohibition" or otherwise, my only object being to bring before the notice of temperance people here what was being done in other countries, in the same general direction.

I do not propose here to enter upon either of these general questions, viz.: the value of prohibition or the possibility of carrying that measure here, tho' much may be said on both sides of these questions. Personally, I am in favor of prohibition, because I consider that no temperance man can consistently be anything else.

At the same time this very fact would make me additionally considerate of the opinions of other people who had an equal right with myself to hold and express their opinion on the subject. It is a fact that prohibition teetotallers are only one type among many of temperance men, and it does not of necessity follow that they are the highest type, or that all other men are wrong.

It must be conceded that the highest type of temperance, as of all other reforms, is that which carries its victories by moral suasion, and is as far removed from coercion as possible. It is the great glory of this good cause that so far it has won its widening way over the minds of men by the gentlest of influences and the sublimest of forces.

What is the consequence? The Messiah has FIFTY MILLIONS of followers to-day; and, although probably every one of these fifty millions would fight with his brother on some point of belief, were the issues between them driven close enough home, yet all unite in fealty to that ONE GRAND IDEAL of a divinity, able, but unwilling, to coerce the freewill of a subordinate creature.

Yours truly, ONE OF THE PEOPLE. St. John's, Feb. 16, 1888.

"PUBLIC SPEAKING."

Lecture Delivered in the Athenæum Hall on Monday Evening Last, by Rev. T. Hodgkinson.

(Continued.)

Thomas Wiseman, junior, a somewhat corpulent gentleman of 23 years of age, is wonderfully self-possessed in the family circle. He issues his commands with an air of authority. He has quite a senatorial aspect when he expounds his views and lays down the law before his brothers and sisters, familiar friends, and poor relations.

Take a good look at the miserable Thomas Wiseman. He blinks rapidly with his eyelids, and his natural supporters are visibly agitated. The face of T. Wiseman is very livid. A mischievous hearer inquires if there is a doctor in the vicinity, for Thomas appears on the eve of an apoplectic seizure.

The way in which T. Wiseman uses his voice is open to grave criticism. He is under the impression that loud speaking is the best kind of speaking for being heard. It is a great mistake. At his present pitch of voice, Thomas Wiseman will soon be hoarse, and inaudible at the other end of the room.

Study and frequent practice win self-possession, and self-possession is an invaluable quality. It frequently saves the speaker in a critical moment and bridges over many a difficulty. Suppose a man loses the thread of his discourse, is he to stop and let people see him find it? No! Let him go on with some impromptu small talk or some threadbare platitudes.

A great help to overcoming nervousness is to commence slowly. It is like a plunge in winter time in a cold bath. After a plunge there is animation and heat. An old writer observes:—"Learn to speak slowly; All other graces will follow in their proper places."

I have noticed that butcher-boys start their nags at full speed, and gentlemen start their horses at a walking pace. Novices in speaking often begin in a rapid, hurried manner. Old hands commence quietly, leisurely, and are in no hurry to ascend to the glittering stars and the queen of the night.

A public speaker should be natural. When our friend Thomas Wiseman speaks his voice is different from the voice of every other man. If he trains his voice under the best masters of elocution, it will still be different; so with the personality of Thomas Wiseman. After all the efforts of Thomas Wiseman—after all his studies—after all his book-reading and contact with great men, he will still be, if he is true to his name, the original Thomas Wiseman. In his greatest efforts he is Thomas Wiseman.

and not an imitation of the renowned Doctor Rufus Boanerges of London or New York. Suppose Thomas Wiseman copied the tones of voice, the mannerisms, the eccentricities, the gestures, the pose of Dr. Boanerges! Why, then, he would obscure or lose his real self. He would not be Thos. Wiseman, but a counterfeit Dr. Boanerges, and the imitation would soon be perceived, to the keen humiliation of the copyist.

You see, people took the artist arrayed in the Duke's costume for the great man, but no one ever took the Duke of Wellington for the foolish, imitative Mr. Jones, R.A.; and you may add with great propriety another degree—A S S. The original is never taken for the copyist. Frequently the imitator exposes himself to great ridicule and personal suffering.

There is another kind of imitation to be avoided, and that is a Jeremiah sort of delivery. When some speakers are addressing a meeting you would readily imagine that they were in some great affliction. Their whole style is so lugubrious, and the tones of their voice are as melodious as the sound of Scotch bagpipes at your front door.

AN EVENTFUL WEEK AT TOPSAIL.

Entertainments and Sleigh Parties.

ALL THE VILLAGERS FAIRLY DELIGHTED.

Sir,—This has been an eventful week in this "New Brighton" of ours. On Monday evening there was an entertainment in the S.U.F. Hall, in which nearly all the parts were taken by United Fishermen and their sons and daughters. It was opened by a few appropriate words from Rev. E. Colley, who belongs to the Order of S.U.F., and then followed an edifying reading by Mr. Swansborough (Worthy Master of the Lodge).

On Tuesday evening there was an entertainment in the Church of England School Room (admission here and in the S.U.F. Hall, one penny each). The programme was a long one, composed of instrumental pieces, songs, readings and recitations, by the Misses Colley, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Swansborough and others; also two dialogues by the same persons as in the S.U.F. Hall. There was a full room, and the audience went home highly pleased.

There will not be another entertainment until after Easter, when something very good may be expected in each of the above-named places.

There was also a little stir in Hotel Glover by a sleigh party on Monday evening, and by Mr. Rennie and bride on Wednesday afternoon.

To-day there was a sleigh party at the hotel. Mr. McD. is very attentive to his guests, and deserves to be patronized. It has not been a good winter for cutting wood, but they are getting some now. I am, yours, &c., S.U.F. Topsail, Feb. 9, 1888.

The curling match at the Parade Rink on Wednesday last, between "Natives" and "All-Comers," resulted in a victory for the latter. The scores made on the occasion were: "Natives," 68; "All-Comers," 80.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE coastal steamer Curlew starts west tomorrow, stopping at the Channel terminus.

ERRATUM.—In the second sentence of our article on the coastal steamer service, yesterday, for "when passengers and freight embark," read, where, &c.

To-morrow we shall devote a little of our attention to the precious Executive emanation published by us yesterday under the caption of "the Speech from the Throne."

At the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Club, last night, the following gentlemen were elected to office for the ensuing year:—

President, A. D. Brown; Vice-President, L. Parker; Asst. V. P. S. Boone; Secretary, E. J. O'Flaherty; Treasurer, A. Morgan. Directors—Messrs. G. H. Gaden, H. Y. Mott, M. Chaplin, A. H. Siscook, G. J. Adams, W. Clouston, James O'Flaherty.

THE teachers of the Night School beg to thank the members of the T. A. Dramatic Company for the liberal donation of \$70, proceeds of their performance, "Miriam's Crime"; and also to thank Mr. W. P. Walsh for the generous contribution of \$12.

THE mail-steamer Newfoundland got in here from Halifax at 7 o'clock this morning, having been favored by fair breezes and experiencing little impediments by ice. She has two hundred (200) tons of freight for this port and brought the following passengers:—

J. D. S. Gourley, W. A. Mott, Geo. Penney, F. W. Gaurd, G. O. Fearo, eight in steerage.

It's a long midwinter holiday with the gentlemenly judges, these months, and their bland and long tail of assistants. At 11 a.m. they greet each other with: "Good morning, a soft day to-day, rather heavy travelling from the country;" and at 2 p.m. they part from each other with a mildly expressed: "Good evening, it's getting late; 'tis time to be looking for dinner."

THE statement confided to us a few days since to the effect that the Benevolent Irish Society, Jr., would give a ball on St. Patrick's Day, was somewhat premature as respects the date. The happy event will not take place till some time after Easter, and will then be enjoyed with all the more zest, because of the jubilant and regnant sentiment of that gracious season.

THE Home Industries Encouragement Society met last evening in their hall and discussed several subjects of importance. With respect to the matter of holding an Industrial Exhibition, a committee was appointed to make preliminary arrangements, with instructions to report progress at the next monthly meeting. The committee consists of leading fishermen, mechanics and manufacturers. No doubt the matter will soon be brought prominently before the public.

ON Monday last the Society of Arts awarded the scholarships recently offered for public competition. "Windsor" took the second-class scholarship, whilst "Snowdrop" and "Kite" each carried off a scholarship of the third class. The decision as to the first-class scholarship is not made yet, but will be known in a few days. We are informed that the work sent in was far better than that offered last year, and that the competition was closer. One or two who sent in good work entirely spoiled their chances of success by not fully complying with the conditions.

CAPTAIN M. BOLAND of the schooner Delight called at this office to-day and desired to have it said that the loss of the two men from that vessel was not caused, as mentioned in our message from Piscataway, by the helmsman having jibed the mainsail, but was caused by a part of the main-boom, one-half of it, (on which the two poor fellows were standing) snapping off and their falling with it into the sea. They were getting the earing rope at the time prepared to reef. The vessel was pitching heavily and the sudden tightening of the topping-lift produced the breakage. This explanation of the cause of the fatality relieves the helmsman of a great deal of odium which would certainly otherwise attach to him.

BIRTH. This morning, the wife of Capt. W. J. Harvey, of daughter. On the 15th inst., the wife of Capt. Geo. F. Smith, of a daughter. On the 11th inst., at Lower Island Cove, the wife of Mr. Eli Garland, of a son.

MARRIED. At St. Patrick's Presbytery, by the Rev. J. Ryan, Mr. W. H. C. Edwards, of Boston, Mass., to Susan M., daughter of Captain James Day, of this city.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED. 17—Newfoundland, Mylius, Halifax, 3 days, Shea & Co.—75 tubs butter, 5 pkgs tobacco, 60 pkgs tea, 30 casks, 100 brls sugar, 20 qt-casks, 10 octaves brandy, 10 octaves whiskey, 125 bales hemp, 26 bxs soap, 54 qtrs beef, 6 pkgs mutton, 3 pkgs poultry, general cargo. 16—Little Wonder, Hancock, Oporto, Job, Bros & Co.—3200 qts fish. Corisands, McGavin, Pen-mabuco, Baine, Johnston & Co.—8446 qts fish. 17—Curlew, Delaney, St. Pierre, Bowring Brs—10 bxs oranges. LOADING. Feb 14—Stonehouse, West Indies, Job, Bros & Co 14—Rosa Meek, Britain, A. Goodridge & Sons. 16—Ariel, Brazil, Bowring Bros.