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## Our Local Parliament.

On Thursday last, most of the members of the New Brunswick legislature met at Fredericton for the opening ceremonies and to commence the work of the session.

Three new members take their seats at this session. Mr. Porter (opposition) of Victoria, replaces Geo. T. Blair, (government); Mr. McQueen, of Westmorland, (government) replaces Mr. Stevens, (opposition); Thomas Colter, of York, (government) replaces R. B. Murray, (government). These three changes have been the result of protest elections, and have not apparently altered the condition of affairs as between government and opposition.

The government has lost a supporter in Hon. O. J. LeBlanc, of Kent, who ran in opposition to the government candidate, Dr. Legere, in the recent Dominion election and by his candidature has lost his seat in the local house. The speech from the throne although lengthy contains but little, the most important being the paragraph in reference to the abolishing of the legislative council. All the vacancies therein with but one exception have been filled and it remains to be seen whether the late appointees of the government, as well as those previously appointed will vote for abolishing the chamber to which they have received life appointments. It is to be hoped that the government are sincere in their expressed desire to do away with this expensive yet almost useless luxury, and that a policy advocated by Mr. Blair when leader of the opposition will at last be carried out. The reports published of the opening session show that it was a most lively and exciting one and we refer our readers to the speech as well as extracts from the official reports which will be found in another column under the head of Local Legislation.

## Vacancies.

There are five vacancies in the P. E. Island Legislature, three in that of Nova Scotia, and one in New Brunswick to be filled at by-elections shortly to be held, most of them being caused by the resignation of local members to run as candidates for the commons. In Nova Scotia the government is almost strong enough to make it almost a matter of indifference whether supporters or opponents are elected. In Prince Edward Island more interest is displayed, for the provincial government had only a majority of one and the result of the by-elections is a matter of absorbing interest to all.

To fill the vacancy in Kent no step appears yet to have been taken by the issuing of a writ for the new election. One candidate is already in the field, Mr. John B. Goggin, who was defeated at the general election for the local held last year. The delay in issuing the writ for the election of a member in Kent practically reduces its representation to one member for the present session, which is doing that county an injustice and revealing its right to a full representation in transacting the business of the county, and the local government is blamed for taking no steps to prevent this disfranchisement. At the present time Kent is entirely unrepresented. Mr. J. D. Palmer, not having sufficiently recovered from his recent severe illness attended the opening session.

Since the above was written we see by telegraph dispatches received from the official reporter of the house of assembly that Mr. Phinney has taken his seat.

## Personal.

W. A. Mott, Esq., Barrister, of Campbellton, was in town yesterday. He went to Cl. Athol by team and must have had a hard time getting there through the drift. He was to return home by last night's express.

M. Adams, Esq., M. P., returned by Monday night's express from St. John, where he has been spending a few days and receiving the congratulations of his many friends on his recent election.

Allan Ritchie, Esq., also returned by the same train, having been to Fredericton to be sworn in by the members of the Legislative Council.

Wm. Park, Esq., who has been sick for some time past has recovered sufficiently to be able to get out when the weather is favorable.

Mr. B. Fairley left town for St. John early yesterday morning. He expects to return on Friday.

We regret to learn that Mitchell Falconer, eldest son of Mr. James Falconer, is seriously ill. He is suffering from inflammation of the lungs. We hope the news will be that he is recovering.

The St. John Snow of Monday says:—A rumor was in circulation around town on Saturday that Sir John Macdonald's illness was much more serious than was generally believed, and that he was making no progress toward recovery. After a fruitless attempt to trace the story to its origin, the Sixty-ninth information straight from headquarters and received the following despatch from an authoritative source at the capital: "Premier is nearly recovered from cold. He is working daily and looks exceedingly well. He is yet somewhat hoarse but could come out every day if necessary."

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 15.—Philip Cox of Newcastle has accepted the invitation of the Annual society to speak for them at the opening of the University on the last of May.

OTTAWA, March 14.—It is now known that Sir John Thompson and Hon. Mr. Foster will be the reciprocity delegation to Washington.

## New Fire Bell.

A fine new bell has been purchased by the firewards of Newcastle for giving the alarm. It is to be properly hung in the belfry of the tower of the engine house.

## Nelson Notes.

From the World.

NELSON, March 10.—The concert in aid of the Springfield sufferers was very well patronized on Tuesday night, regardless of the bad travelling. The School House was well filled and all were satisfied with the entertainment. Much credit is due the children as well as the older ones who assisted. The Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Andrew Williamson, rendered some very choice selections during the evening. Mr. George Burchill, Jr., had charge of the music and displayed some very fine views, including English scenery, animals, birds and numerous others. Misses McIntosh and Irving, having charge of the pupils, spared no amount of trouble in getting them practiced and are worthy of thanks from all. The programme consisted of the following:

Selections by the Orchestra.  
Reading—In reference to the Springfield disaster, by Annie Hudson.  
Song—Jeanie, the Flower of Kildare, by six girls.

Recitation—A Fellow's Mother, by Joseph Doucet.

Violin Solo—By Andrew Williamson.  
Recitation—The Maple Leaf, by Mand Coughron.

Duet—My Charming Nellie Brown, by Messrs. Gardiner and Fitzpatrick.  
Recitation—Grandma and the Frogs, by Edith Burchill.

Selections—By the Orchestra.  
Recitation—Two Kittens, by Willie Richardson.

Barjo Solo—By Andrew Williamson.  
Recitation—Puck, by Byron Vericker.

Duet—Rock me to sleep, by Alice Burchill and Sarah Gaffney.  
Magic Lantern Views—by George Burchill, Jr.

Recitation—By Andrew Williamson.  
Recitation—Jack and Jill, by Carrie Stewart and Chas. Duolan.

Solo and Chorus—Bonny Blois, by Miss Duolan and Messrs. Duolan and Sutton.

Recitation—Hurrah for Canada, by Bertha Sutton.  
Selections—By the Orchestra.  
God Save the Queen.

## Bathurst Notes.

March 14th, 1891.

DEATHS.—March 10th, at Salmon Beach, Miss Buttmore, second daughter of Henry Buttmore. Her death will cause great sorrow as she was just arriving at the age of womanhood.

On Tuesday night last, Miss A. McLean, second youngest daughter of Mr. Joseph McLean. She was a bright little girl of five years and I am certain Mr. McLean must have the sympathy of their many friends.

PERSONAL.—Mr. John Kane has left here for Montreal.  
Mr. John Ellis left here for Vancouver on the 10th inst.

Left here on the 10th inst. for B. C., Miss Rebecca and Miss Mary Smith of Tascachue. We wish them a safe journey.

N. B. Lundy, Esq., is down shore working up his evidence to upset the election.

DECLARATION DAY.—I understand that as Mr. K. F. Burns is anxious to go to England that the Declaration was held on Monday the 9th inst., instead of Thursday the 12th. There were very few who went inside the building owing to the unsafe condition of the building.

Mr. N. R. Landry said that he would protest the election and I have no doubt that there will be a great stir here shortly.

## Kent County Returns.

A correspondent in Kent county sent us on Tuesday last week the following official returns for the recent election:

Parishes	District	Legis.	LeBlanc
Dundas	1	85	29
"	2	80	15
"	3	89	27
"	4	104	14
Wellington	5	85	38
"	6	42	97
"	7	39	43
"	8	55	79
St. Mary's	9	54	104
"	10	79	69
St. Paul	11	103	45
Harcourt	12	55	15
Adamsville	13	41	26
Weldford	14	63	19
"	15	62	31
"	16	17	31
"	17	62	11
"	18	7	7
Ridgely	19	37	64
"	20	38	38
"	21	131	23
"	22	59	54
St. Louis	23	97	41
"	24	118	4
Carlton	25	21	64
"	26	27	16
Acadieville	27	95	27
		1722	1011

Conservative majority 711.

## The Weather.

Soft weather with south-west winds prevailed up to Saturday last and the way the snow has disappeared is almost marvellous. The run of water everywhere was at a fresh height and in town drains had to be opened to prevent the cellars from being flooded. Travelling on the road was stumpy and dangerous, while on the river it was not quite so bad, although there was much water on the ice.

On Saturday afternoon the wind veered round to the northwest and a cold snap set in the thermometer settling down to below zero early on Sunday morning and the thaw was at once stopped making walking very slippery. Sunday was bright and cold and at night it was also sharp. On Monday snow fell lightly nearly all day, the temperature gradually moderating until it became quite mild about noon. Early on Tuesday morning a northerly gale prevailed with snow and the worst storm of the season prevailed yesterday, St. Patrick's Day. The gale continued all day, but the snow stopped falling shortly before noon and the sun came out, but the light snow drifted heavily all day, blocking the roads badly in all directions.

Piso's Cure for Consumption and Remedy for Catarrh are sold by E. Lee Street, Newcastle.

## Bathurst School for the Blind.

The twentieth report of the Board of Managers of this school has been received. In referring to the enlarging of the institution it says:—

"A contract was entered into with Samuel A. Marshall to construct the new wing and make certain alterations in the main building, at a cost of \$12,975.00; this, with the cost of the heating apparatus, supplied by Macdonald & Co., the services of architect J. C. Dumaresq, and the furniture and fittings, will make the total cost of the new building when ready for occupation about \$16,000. Of this sum \$4,000 has been provided by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, \$1,000 was bequeathed by the late S. A. White, Esq., \$3,000 has been appropriated from last year's bequest, and the Superintendent has set himself the task of raising the balance, \$8,000 of which about \$8,000 has already been subscribed. The new building is now nearly completed, and will be ready for occupation about Feb. 1st. It forms a wing or addition to the main building with which it has free communication. The new addition is set apart for the residence of the boys and it is hoped in the near future to erect a similar wing at the west end of the main building for the girls. This new addition is planned as follows:—

In the basement are the culinary departments, dining room, pantries, &c.; on the ground floor are two fine sitting rooms and a commodious assembly hall; on the first floor are six music rooms, two dormitories, hospital room and bath room; on the second floor are teachers' sleeping rooms, seven dormitories, &c. The addition provides accommodation for two teachers and thirty-two pupils. The main building has been thoroughly remodelled and the school room accommodation doubled.

"The Board of Managers join with the Superintendent in thanking the Legislature and the many friends of the blind for their liberal contributions towards the building fund; and they sincerely hope that within the next few months a sufficient sum may be realized to place the building in their hands free of debt. The institution belongs to the people and to the people your Board look for that support and encouragement which the grand work of educating the blind demands; stand still we cannot, and we believe that the enlarging of the sphere of usefulness of this school makes a step toward progress which the public will not be slow to appreciate."

"The table of attendance herewith submitted shows that 38 blind persons have been under instruction during the past year, 25 of whom were males and 13 females; 6 of these have since graduated or left the school, and one has been removed by death, making the total attendance Dec. 1st, 1890, 31, of whom 22 are males and 9 females. Of these 19 are from the Province of Nova Scotia, 9 from New Brunswick, 1 from Prince Edward Island, and 2 from Newfoundland.

In my last annual report I expressed the opinion that the friends of the blind would rally round us at this crisis, and contribute towards our building fund. The work of collecting is still going on, but the acknowledgments made elsewhere prove that the people of these Provinces have a deep interest in the success of the education of the blind, and that where aid is solicited it will meet with a generous response."

## Educational.

The report of the Chief Superintendent of Education for 1891 has come to hand. It contains the usual amount of tabulated information in reference to schools, teachers, attendance, subjects of instruction, salaries, disbursements of Provincial grants to teachers, &c.

The Chief Superintendent says:—

"The progress of the year, though not marked as it has been in some years by exceptional activity in what relates to the external features of the system, has fully kept pace with that of any former year in respect of the thoroughness of the work and the zeal and efficiency of the teachers. The Revised course of instruction which came into operation in July, 1889, has been very generally and heartily responded to. The school enrolment has increased, the average attendance for the second term of 1890 has much improved, though there was a slight falling off in the following term and the salaries of teachers of all classes have slightly advanced."

The Chief Superintendent in alluding to the irregular attendance makes the statement "that not much more than half the enrolled number of pupils are daily present—a condition of things discouraging to the teacher and fatal to the general progress of the school," and states the cause is indifference on the part of the parents and suggests several remedies to cause a better showing, and then goes into the subject of compulsory attendance to overcome this evil of irregular attendance, and suggests that the legislature make provisions for an executor to carry out the principle which is essentially embodied in the Act, and concludes as follows:—

"The ratepayers of the province have been taxed during the year, as may be seen from the summary of Table IX, the sum of \$415,550.70 for the current expenses of the schools, not including expenses for school grounds, buildings, furniture, apparatus, the cost of supervision, &c.,—a sum not far short of two-thirds of the provincial revenue. They have borne this tax ungrudgingly because they regard the public schools as the most important institutions of the state, essential to its life and to the well-being of each of its members; but when they find that at least one-quarter of the educable children of the country, instead of being trained to loyal and intelligent citizenship, and able to grow up in ignorance and vice, they may begin to question the relationship of public education to the state, and their obligations in this behalf to support it."

## "Canada."

The March number of this pleasant monthly has been received. It contains some interesting reading, first being a sketch entitled "The Burning of Miramichi." It is published by Rev. M. R. Knight, of Benton N. B., at 50 cents per year.

## The Legislative Council.

The vacant seats in the Legislative Council of this Province have with one exception been filled. The following are the gentlemen thus honored:—

Messrs. G. T. Baird, J. F. McManus, Allan Ritchie, Richard Bellamy, H. R. Emerson and Jas. I. Fellows.

If these gentlemen have been appointed with the express understanding that they will vote for the abolition of the Legislative Council, and they carry out this understanding the people of New Brunswick will be well pleased at the appointments, but if the provisional arrangement is not carried out then the people will blame the government because Mr. Blair has not carried out his promises in regard to cutting off this expensive second chamber.

## \$745 00 in Gold for a Wife.

We will give to the first person telling us by June the 1st, 1891, where the Bible the word "wife" is first found \$100.00 in gold. To the next \$50.00. To the next \$25.00. To the next \$10.00. To the next \$5.00. To the next \$2.50. To the next \$1.00. To the next \$0.50. To the next \$0.25. To the next \$0.10. To the next \$0.05. To the next \$0.02. To the next \$0.01. To the next \$0.005. To the next \$0.002. To the next \$0.001. To the next \$0.0005. To the next \$0.0002. To the next \$0.0001. To the next \$0.00005. To the next \$0.00002. To the next \$0.00001. To the next \$0.000005. To the next \$0.000002. To the next \$0.000001. To the next \$0.0000005. To the next \$0.0000002. To the next \$0.0000001. To the next \$0.00000005. To the next \$0.00000002. To the next \$0.00000001. To the next \$0.000000005. To the next \$0.000000002. To the next \$0.000000001. To the next \$0.0000000005. To the next \$0.0000000002. To the next \$0.0000000001. To the next \$0.00000000005. 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