

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

LONDON, Feb. 18.  
In the House of Commons to-night Viscount Enfield stated that the Anglo-American Commission was not authorized to settle the difficulties between the two countries. Their mission was simply to determine the mode of adjustment. If the mixed Commission was prepared the British claims would also be submitted to it.  
The English Parliament is talking of interfering in behalf of France.  
The Session of the Prussian Diet closed yesterday by Imperial message.

LONDON, Feb. 19.  
Coal is arriving plentifully in Paris but there is no gas yet.  
Ruin is going to London, to convey the thanks of Paris for contribution of food.  
Small pox is raging in the North of France, and is especially violent at Lille.  
Prussia is looking up in Paris.  
Prussia firmly refuses to listen to any advice or entreaty from Earl Granville concerning peace.  
The action of the Government in the European complications are freely commented upon in the House of Commons. The general drift of the debate was that the weak hesitating policy of England had lost her the respect of Europe.

BOULOGNE, Feb. 19.  
M. Thiers has officially announced his acceptance of the powers conferred by the National Assembly, with the condition that he will select his own colleagues.  
Guizot will probably be minister to England.  
Excitement since the opening of the Assembly is very great. Crowds surround the place of meeting. At one time 80,000 persons were present. Precautions were taken to preserve peace, by the presence of the military, but there was no outbreak.

THIERS, Favre and Bismarck had an official meeting at Versailles at which the English, Austrian and Italian Ministers announced the recognition of the new French Government.  
LONDON, Feb. 20.  
No further extension of armistice will be conceded on any ground whatever. If peace is not concluded and German terms met satisfactorily by 12 o'clock, noon, on Thursday 23rd inst., German armies will march South, and Paris will be treated as a captured city.  
LONDON, Feb. 21.  
Mr. Gladstone, in reply to the question about the proposal to purchase British America, deprecated the introduction of such questions during the sitting of the Commission at Washington.  
The conditions of peace include the cession of Alsace, a portion of Lorraine, the cities of Metz, Belfort, and Thionville, and payment of £25,000,000 sterling.  
The armistice is extended to 1st March.  
Germany has recognized the French republic.

The London Conference has agreed to open the Black Sea to foreign war ships, and to authorize the Porte to admit through the Dardanelles armed vessels—those of Russia and Roumania excepted. Russia is not opposed to this, but Turkey hesitates and objects.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 18.  
There was not a great deal of business transacted yesterday afternoon.  
The Committee on rules reported favorably to members, franking their own correspondence. There was lengthy and warm discussion about printing the debates, Mr. Moore, from the Reporting Committee having recommended that debates be published. Nearly three hours were frittered away in the discussion of this matter, and finally, by a vote of 25 to 13 the House decided against the debates.

Mr. Wedderburn introduced a Bill to consolidate the offices of board of works and surveyor General.  
Mr. McAdam introduced a Bill to provide more effectually for the repair of streets of St. Stephen.

Mr. Coram introduced a Bill to amend Carleton Railway Act.  
Mr. Tibbets introduced a Bill to divide Victoria County.  
Mr. Wedderburn gave notice of a resolution for appointment of Committee to prepare an address to the Governor General against the abolition of the ballot at elections; also in favor of assimilation of the currency.

Messrs. Hilyard, Stockton, Knowles, McManis, St. John, and Plant and Balloch, of Fredericton, were to day admitted and enrolled Attorneys at law—the four former with first class certificates.

Government caucus last night was chilling. Only eight members in addition to the members of the Government were present.

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Mr. Otty introduced a bill to amend the act in further amendment of the law.  
Mr. Donald a bill relating to the sale of spirituous liquors.

Mr. Wedderburn bills relating to registration of Deeds and other conveyances to continue act relating to imprisonment for Debt and to provide for the registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

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Hon. Mr. McDougall was admitted to the floor of the House and introduced by the Attorney General. Attorney General asked of the House as a favor that the order of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

The Government were not prepared to go on as they had been pressed with business, there being only five of them.

Messrs. Gough, Babbitt, Otty, Hatheway, Hibbard and White expressed themselves unwilling to postpone for such a reason.

The Provincial Secretary then stated he had been sick and was unable to take part in the debate. The debate was consequently postponed without any opposition.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 21.  
Mr. Hibbard presented a petition for aid for an unfortunate constituent. It was referred to the Government.

On motion of Mr. Babbitt a Committee was appointed to make a distribution of the Journals.

At twelve o'clock to day Hon. Mr. King announced that the Government had resigned, and that the Lieutenant Governor had called on George L. Hatheway to form a new Administration.

Mr. Moore asked for an adjournment.  
Mr. Gough then moved that the House adjourn.

Mr. Hatheway rose and said that within the last ten minutes he had been called on by the Lieutenant Governor and was to meet him at one o'clock.

Mr. Gough says if Mr. Hatheway will carry out the engagements of the opposition he will be glad to support him.

From our Fredericton Correspondent.  
FREDERICTON, 20th Feb. 1871.  
SIR:—I begin the recollection of my promise by a short account of the opening of the Legislature here on Thursday last.

During the two days previous, one would observe here and there about town, some of the newly elected members, and some of the old stalwarts evidently bent on some design of pugilistic portent to the welfare of the Country. Owing to the illness of the Board of Works, a meeting of Council could not be had before Wednesday, when that distinguished individual, with his jolly broad face, somewhat disfigured, however, by the prescriptions of his medical adviser, for a time gave a more smiling expression to the Government front. On Thursday all the members of the House of Assembly had arrived, which is a somewhat unusual occurrence at the opening of the Legislature; a few of the Legislative Council had not then arrived, all that are expected this session are here except the Hon. Mr. Minihall. At twelve o'clock all the members of the Assembly met in the place where they usually hold their deliberations, and the return to the Writ for the General Election having been read by the Clerk of the House, the Honorable the Chief Justice, Ritchie, attended, and all the members were duly sworn in, and signed the Roll. At half-past two, His Excellency in the usual style attended at the Legislative Council Chamber, and having been seated, summoned by the Under of the Black Rod, the members of the House of Assembly on whose arrival in the Council Chamber, their Clerk was informed that His Excellency could not declare the causes for this General Assembly until they had elected their Speaker. Accordingly the members returned to the Lower House, when Dr. E. A. Vail was elected Speaker, without opposition, having been nominated by G. L. Hatheway, Esq. of York, and W. Cair, Esq. of Kent. After the Speaker had duly thanked the House in a very modest speech, "as become a speaker," and was duly congratulated by the Members of the House, there occurred a very absurd thing.

You will understand that after election of the Speaker, it is the duty of the House to proceed to the election of the Speaker, and the Speaker elect presents himself, and addressing His Excellency informs him that he has been elected. The Prov. Secy., who is well known did not like the Legislative Council very well last year, and if report be correct, did not, until yesterday like them very well, in his usual jerky style rushed up to the Clerk of the House and making sure that he had the Speaker's name correctly, rushes off up stairs to the Council Chamber, and marching in with his peculiar dignity and all alone, addressing His Excellency informed him that the House of Assembly had repaired to the place where they usually hold their deliberations and had elected Dr. Vail as Speaker, and that he was waiting for His Excellency's approval of his election to this high and honorable position. Well, everybody in the Legislative Council Chamber, which was never more crowded with spectators, ladies and gentlemen, was at a stand still. Nothing was said until the Hon. E. B. Chandler, moving from his seat went and told the old Secretary of his mistake—when he retired blushing as deeply as his very sallow complexion would permit being seen.

The House, however, in due course returned to the Council Chamber when His Excellency after the usual preliminaries, delivered the Speech, which he read in his usual forcible style. And so the Legislature was opened "for the despatch of business."

On Thursday evening a caucus of 23 persons who compose the opposition, are said to have signed a pledge pledging themselves to support a Want-of-confidence motion, of which notice was given by Mr. Gough on Friday last. If these hold together, of course the Government cannot sustain themselves, and if as supposed the dislike of the Provincial Secretary for the Legislative Council is, by the resignation of the Hon. Mr. Minichin, continued into love for that body, he will very likely find a place in the Legislative Council. He has also that Mr. Bailey, from Queens County, wants to withdraw from his pledge to the opposition, and if possible, secure the seat in the Legislative Council, urging that Queen's has for a long time been without a Legislative Council. The Government are in desperate straits it is said, but it is to be hoped that some able man than Mr. Bailey will be found to fill this vacancy—some man of mental vigor and legislative energy that will infuse some vitality into the Legislative Council, who, by reason of the calling to the Senate at Ottawa of the ablest men in it, and the recent appointments not being of a very high intellectual or legislative standard, are sadly below what it was before Confederation. There is now no doubt that the Government have receded from the semi-official announcement that they intended to reduce the Executive to five, and would gladly fill up to nine, but they can only do so from their own ranks, and this of course is no strength to them. The House of Assembly have decided to publish no Debates and only 500 copies of the

Journals, so your readers will have little evidence of what is doing here, except what they find in the newspapers, most of whom have representatives in the Reporters Gallery. The general expression is that the present House has better material than the last, and tho' Needham with his characteristic nonsense not unmingled with much ability, will be much missed by those who like to laugh. Your new representative, Donald, made his maiden speech the other morning in opposition to publishing the Debates in style very fair and modest for a new member.

Yours, &c., KAPPA.  
S. M. PETTINGILL & CO.,  
37 Park Row, New York.  
Are our SOLE agents in that city, and are authorized to contract for advertising at our lowest rates.

George. The Cinghalese (natives of Ceylon) have a proverb that "he who sees a white crow, the nest of a paddy (rice) bird, a straight coconut tree, or a dead monkey, will live forever."

VACCINATION.—Dr. Gove, we learn, has a supply of Vaccine matter (lymph) and has vaccinated several children. There are many of advanced growth that require to be vaccinated, as reliable medical authority says—"that every seven years the human system undergoes such change, that inoculation is absolutely necessary."

Small Pox has spread to some extent in St. John, and as "prevention is better than remedy," it would be advisable for those who require vaccination to have it performed without delay.

"Twice told tales fall dull upon the ear." Shakespeare.  
This occurred to me this morning, on reading a tale in a Charlotte County local, purporting to have been written "by one of our Staff," that the original can be found in one of the London weeklies, published about seven years ago. The "Army flannel" portion, particularly, is repeated almost verbatim, et litteratim. Nota Bene. All stuff advertised as HOME made flannel, is not always what it is cracked up to be by the vendors.

Monsieur le Redacteur, with your permission I will wish you good night. AD REVOILA.  
HARPER'S MAGAZINE for March has been received and is well filled with original, interesting and instructive articles. It has no equal in America, and is without exception on the leading monthly. It opens with the second instalment of the "American Baron."

To the Editor of the Standard.  
SIR:—For several days past a small house has been left standing in the middle of Queen near King street, impeding Pedestrians, sleighs and slecks. Why the Commissioner of Streets has permitted this obstruction, I cannot tell, but should be attended to immediately, before legal steps are taken to have it removed. Yours, AN INHABITANT.

In a Lowell paper received this week, is a very complimentary notice of Mr. Thos. H. Jones, a native of this Town, who left here a few years ago for Lowell, and attained the responsible position of overseer in one of the large manufacturing establishments of that city; he has a decided talent for the stage, as will be seen from the following commendatory notices from the local press:

From the Citizen and News.  
The attraction at Music Hall last Saturday night, was the production of the new drama by Bancroft—"The Stonecutter of Lisbon," the leading characters by Clifford, Banafoot and Jones, were well sustained. Jones was especially good as the "young old man," Count Pedro, and made many friends by his capital acting.

The "Sporting Times and Theatrical News" says: "We will not undertake to criticize the play, but the leading characters were creditably performed; Jones being especially happy as the 'hungry Count.' We would like to see this young gentleman upon the regular boards. There was a good house and the piece went off smoothly."

"Shaking as an exercise, not to say amusement for ladies, is, I dare say, well nigh played out. It is rather 'outre.' So I have heard many intelligent and sensible women say."—Fredericton correspondent of Globe.

The New England Puritans were wont to inflict a penalty on a man found guilty of the heinous sin of kissing his wife on a Sunday. Surely our Frederictonian must be a descendant in a straight line from one of those old puritanical fathers.

Skating is not only the national winter pastime of the Dominion, but it is a most healthy recreation, countenanced, and enjoyed by all the ladies, except those too unwieldy, or, perchance, some puritanical old maid, whose sharp angular form, would not show off greatly to her advantage on the ice. Strange, how sour the grapes are to those that cannot reach them.

TEA MEETING.—The young ladies of the Greenock Church held a Tea Meeting in the Superior School Room, on Thursday evening last, which was well patronized, notwithstanding the snow storm. The object was to raise funds to renew the Sabbath School Library. During the evening, the pastor of the Church, Rev. Mr. Kay, read some instructive passages from a religious work, and the juvenile choir sang several hymns. We learn that those who were present enjoyed themselves, and that the receipts amounted to \$16.

The southerly rain storm of Saturday last, left the streets almost bare of snow; on Sunday the streets were covered with ice, which rendered travelling dangerous, pedestrians very frequently measured their length on the ice; and the weather is now cold with a northwest wind.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Saint Andrews Steamboat Wharf Company, James W. Street, Esq. was re-elected President, and W. Whitlock, Secretary Treasurer.

SUMMARY.  
OUTSIDE PAGES.—Mothers Pet, a tale; Poetry, Governor's Speech, opening of the Legislature and summary of proceedings. The Fredericton correspondent of the Globe draws, N. B.

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He dwelt upon the elevating influence of poetry—upon the fact that the word of poetry was ever beautiful and ever young—upon the fact that material things were more to the poet, than to the mere scientific—upon the fact that poetry since Burns' day, had become more philosophic. He spoke largely concerning the biographers and critics of the poet, and said that, perhaps more had been written and spoken about him than about any other Scotchman. Burns was an intellectual and poetical Titan. He favoured Carlyle's idea that he could have been the greatest statesman of his day. As a poet he was little inferior in capacity to Homer, Dante, Shakespeare and Milton. As a song writer he took the first place. Some of his songs were like condensed sunlight. Some of them were like condensed moonlight. Some of them were like condensed starlight. Some of them were like condensed lightning. Some of them were like condensed thunder. Some of them were like condensed rain. Some of them were like condensed snow. Some of them were like condensed fire. Some of them were like condensed life. Some of them were like condensed death. Some of them were like condensed heaven. Some of them were like condensed hell. Some of them were like condensed everything.

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speaking of the new members thus alludes to the new member from St. Stephens:—

JOSEPH DONALD, Esq., is the new representative for Charlotte. Mr. Donald is a man of 50 years of age or thereabouts. He is a spare, nervous, nervous vigorous man, speaks fluently and fervently. Those who know him best say his honesty is never doubted. He is identified with the people, and will no doubt make an excellent representative.

The Portland Press says: "F. A. Bartheaux the St. John, N. B. druggist, who borrowed large sums of money last week and cleared out was arrested in Boston on Tuesday by deputy sheriff Adams of this city. The sheriff ascertained that some trunks belonging to Bartheaux had been forwarded from this city on Monday to Boston and so he went up to the 'hub' and when Bartheaux called for the trunks on Tuesday morning arrested him. It seems Bartheaux left the St. John boat at Eastport and came to Portland by rail. The claims against him will probably be satisfactorily adjusted."

SMALL POX.—The people in the neighborhood of the building about to be turned into an hospital for Small Pox patients still continue excited, and the movement is protested against by many. On Saturday night one new case of the disease was reported, and we believe there were four others discovered this morning. Several of the patients will be removed to the hospital this afternoon, if possible. One death has taken place—a child of Mrs. McEachern having died yesterday. This is the third death in Mrs. McEachern's family. Her husband having been one of the first victims. —Globe.

The Halifax Reporter says that the St. John Branch of the bank of Montreal, made a raid upon the Yarmouth Banks lately. Mr. Richardson, of the St. John Branch, appeared in person (so a letter from Yarmouth informs it) and demanded specie for \$90,000 from the Yarmouth and Exchange Bank. Its informant says, "The Yarmouth Lion was aroused and most completely foiled this attempt to crush Yarmouth credit." The specie was forthcoming.

We understand that the transaction referred to was a perfectly legitimate one, and such as is of constant occurrence among banking institutions which take each other's paper. The Reporter does Mr. Richardson great injustice in its attempt to make out a case against a gentleman who, in his business transactions with our people, has secured the respect and confidence of all. —[Daily News.

LONG VOYAGE.—Schr. "Iris" arrived at St. John from Philadelphia, having occupied from October 27 in making the voyage to that port and back. She met with a disaster soon after leaving this port and was obliged to put into Holmes Hole for repairs.

An entire block of buildings was destroyed by fire at St. Thomas last week.

Hon. Lewis Paet is summoned to the Senate in place of the Hon. A. J. Duchesneau resigned.

The United States schooner A. H. Wagon and A. J. Franklin have been seized by the Dominion Government for violation of the fishery laws.

The St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway management deny the Globe's statement that their freight business has suffered through Grand Trunk irregularities.

FROZEN UP.—The steamer "Linda," and several other vessels are frozen up at Yarmouth.

The Municipality of York County is to meet on the 28th inst., to pronounce upon the advisability of giving a bonus to the River du Loup Railway.

Miss Dorcas Hall died at Berwick, King's Co., N. S., last week having attained the age of one hundred and three years.

In St. Martin, on last Wednesday, Mr. Henry Kistral was thrown to the ground from the height of sixteen feet, by the giving way of a staging, and broke the spine of his back. He died on Friday, leaving a wife and three children. —[Tel.

The "Emperor" had a rough passage in crossing the bay on Saturday, but succeeded in reaching Annapolis at 2 p. m. the river being free from ice. She returned to St. John about 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

DIED.  
At Pagan Place, St. John, on the 20th inst. after a lingering illness, Rev. Wm. Donald, D.D., aged 63 years, a native of Banffshire, Scotland, and late minister of St. Andrews Church, of this city.

Ship News.  
PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.  
ARRIVED.  
Feb. 18, schr. Lumora M. Clark, St. John, bal R. Ross.

20, Ada J. Walsh, do do  
Pointier, Hinds, do do  
Rolling Wave, Starkey, do do  
New Dominion, McCann, do do  
Alma, Jackson, Boston, Hinds, R. Ross.  
Express, Dickson, St. John, Flour, &c.  
J. R. Bradford and others.

Matilda, Stinson, Eastport, Flour, J. W. Street.

CLEARED.  
Feb. 20, schr. Franklin, Coats, Boston, 2280 sleepers, R. Ross.  
Matilda, Stinson, Eastport, laths, J. W. Street.  
21, Pointer, Hinds, Wisconsin, 1400 sleepers, R. Ross.  
Leonora M. Clark, Boston, 2535 sleepers, C. R. Goodnow.

Boston, Feb. 16th, schr. Belle, for St. Andrews, N. B.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.  
The following was adopted by the House of Commons on the 26th inst.—That no Bill be received by the House from the opening of the session, until the 1st day of January next, and that the Clerk month previous to the opening of the session, cause fifty copies of this of the Clerks of the Peace, for distribution, and certify in the Royal Gazette, that the Bill has been so distributed.

CHAS. P.

Flour, Corn, &c.  
Ex "General Meade" via Bay  
110 BLS. Flour, 10 50 BLS. Corn  
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