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**30 cases SWEET ORANGES,**
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**And - Fresh - Herring,**

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——100 BAGS——

## Jersey Meal.

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## Choice Vegetables

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**CLIFT, WOOD & Co.,**

5 brls. Carrots,
5 brls. Beetroot. jan31

## FOR SALE.

## 2 Pair Curling Stones.

jan20 Apply at this office.

## Wax, Mould & Colonial Sperm Candles.

**For Sale by Clift, Wood & Co.'y,**

50 BOXES MOULD CANDLES
25 Bxs Colored Wax Candles.
j31 20 Bxs Colonial Sperm Candles.

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**3000 BUSHELS**

## HEAVY-:-BLACK-:-OATS

Ex "Michael Joe," from Ch'town, P.E.I.
jan4

**For Sale By**

## DRYER & GREENE,

——Four Sets——

**Russian Chime Sleigh Bells,**

2 sets Plumes, 6 superior Horse Rugs, 1 Buffalo Robe.
jan27

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——ALSO——

Rodgers' Celebrated Pocket Knives in great variety.
The Anchor Pens, Gummed Luggage Labels, Manilla and Standard Tags.

feb6 **J. F. CHISHOLM.**

## FOR SALE,

## One handsome Double Sleigh,

suitable for pair of horses; quite new and in good order.

dec29 JOHN S. SIMMS.


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Dated at New York, October 1, 1887.

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# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## Speech of the Hon. M. Monroe.

THURSDAY, February 16th.

Hon. M. MONROE said, after the able and exhaustive speech of the hon. mover of the address, it seemed almost unnecessary to make any remarks in supporting the motion. There were, however, a few points to which he desired to refer, so as to acquit his conscience of a duty which he felt it incumbent upon him to discharge. He fully concurred in the remarks of Hon. Mr. Rendell regarding His Excellency the Governor. It should be a matter of gratification to them all, and he was sure hon. gentlemen would agree with him, that it was creditable to the colony to have at the head of its affairs a gentleman of such marked ability and great experience. It cannot fail to be apparent to all who give attention to passing events that His Excellency, ever since his advent here, has taken a deep interest in its concerns, especially in those objects tending to the welfare of the colony and its people. He (Mr. M.) trusted His Excellency may be long spared to it, so that we may reap the fruit of his zeal and interest for its advancement. He regretted the speech before them does not present a more glowing picture of the state of the colony. The fishery on the shore and Labrador has, to a great extent, been a failure. For this loss we have some compensation in the success of the Bank fishery. But there is one thing to be considered in regard to this business: that is the enormous expense it entails as compared with that required in prosecuting the fisheries in days of old. No doubt the Bank fishery yields a bountiful harvest; but when the voyage is wound up, the balance to the credit of the account is often very small, while it is equally often large on the wrong side of the account. He felt bound to accord credit to the Government for their firm resistance to the clamor for able-bodied pauper relief to various districts of the colony. Had they but set their teeth as firmly against it the preceding year, the finances of the colony would have felt the benefit, and the people, most probably, would not have been any worse off. He should take the liberty of repeating, on this occasion, a view enunciated by him last session: that public work, in connection with pauperism, is a fallacy, because such work costs double the amount which it would under ordinary circumstances, while being demoralizing in the highest degree to the recipients. He should prefer to see pauperism dealt with as such, and that those really in need of food should receive it in the regular pauper channel, assuming thereby the consequences and disabilities of the act. When able-bodied men so far demoralized themselves as to solicit pauper relief, they disfranchised themselves by that voluntary act, and such persons being householders should be deprived of the power to bring pressure upon representatives of the districts by making it a lever to secure votes. The seal-fishery last season was short in produce and value. He trusted the Act passed last session will have the intended effect of protecting the breeding seals, and that when the days of sealing steamers, now manifestly numbered, shall have passed away, the colony will witness a return to the ancient order of things when two or three hundred trim, well equipped sealing vessels shall annually leave its ports for the icefields. The hon. Mr. Rendell has referred to the lobster fishery as being a profitable as well as an increasing business. His (Mr. M.'s) experience did not bear out that statement. He believed that in some places it is profitable and in others the reverse. Carried on with due care and economy, more particularly as regards packing and shipping abroad, it may no doubt be made a fairly remunerative business; while it also has the merit of affording a large amount of employment to women and boys who have no other means of earning money. What has proved to be the history of the lobster fishery in other countries, will be repeated in Newfoundland if the Government do not immediately enact protective measures to save it from destruction as an economic pursuit. With them rests the power to determine whether it is to remain a permanent productive fishery or not; and he hoped they will realize their duty in the matter. He was glad to find that His Excellency attaches so much importance to agriculture. The present Government has done much to encourage agricultural pursuits, but he was not in a position to say whether the amount of return made for the money expended is what should be expected. There can be no question as to the necessity of diverting the attention of our increasing population to the cultivation of the soil. He was fully in accord with the action of the Executive in increasing the bounty on local-built vessels. The effect of that temporary increase has been to augment the number of crafts constructed the present season, and as they have to be equipped and operated the coming summer, no doubt good returns will come from the stimulus thus afforded. He regretted an omission from the speech of a suggestion for the enactment of a competent survey and classification of local-built vessels. It is absolutely necessary that we should possess a superior class of vessels for the prosecution of the Bank fishery. Old ships are useless and expensive on that voyage, and he hoped before the session closes a measure will be introduced calculated to ensure under survey a fleet fit to cope with the dangers and difficulties of that voyage. It was pleasing to find that the Government are determined to adopt immediate steps to carry out the provisions of the Bait Act. There must be no uncertain sound upon this matter, no halting or half measures. The law and its penalties must be rigidly enforced unless the Government are prepared to make us a laughing stock in the eyes of the French. He hoped, therefore, that the Government have their arrangements for this purpose perfected, and are prepared to act immediately, so as not to suffer this vital act to meet the fate of many Acts that remain dead letters upon our Statute Book. He trusted that energy and earnestness in this matter will indicate a new departure so as to disabuse the minds of the people who have come to believe that no penalties for violation of fishery laws will ever be enforced. As regards the new coastal steam contract, he should merely say that he was glad in the interests of the people that better boats are to be provided for the service. He joined with hon. Mr. Rendell in giving a parting benison to our old friends the *Curlew* and *Plover*, which are passing from the scene, though he trusted we have not yet seen the last of them. He hoped yet to ship a few tons of goods by the *Curlew* before she finally disappears. It would be inadvisable just at present to discuss the matter of the Washington treaty negotiations. The hon. Attorney General has recently returned from Washington, and he has kept his own counsel very properly regarding them. No doubt the papers in reference to the matter will be laid on the table in due time. One of the most important subjects referred to in His Excellency's speech is that relating to the fishery commission. He (Mr. M.) had the honor of being one of its members, and he could state they have carried out their duties with great care and industry, and the fullest attention has been bestowed upon the subjects coming before them. He trusted their labors would result in the establishment of a fishery bureau so long talked about and so long delayed. Although almost entirely dependent upon the codfishery, he questioned whether there is another fishing country upon the face of the earth where so little is known scientifically regarding that fish. It is a source of gratification to know that the litigation with the Railway Company has come to a conclusion. He hoped this result will bring both parties to a common ground of understanding, and that satisfactory working arrangements will be made between them. Reference has been made to our immunity from epidemic diseases and other calamities for which we all feel grateful. In this connection we should, though perhaps out of place, call the attention of the hon. Colonial Secretary to the fact that there is no convalescent home in this populous town for patients just recovered from illness. He (Mr. M.) was informed that frequently when patients are cured of disease, and therefore discharged and out of the doctor's care, they are weak from the effects of illness and unable from poverty to obtain the nourishing food necessary to restore them to sound health, with sometimes ill results. He thought, therefore, such an institution would recommend itself to the favor of the whole country, and if the Government saw their way clear, it was an object well worthy of their attention. As a further opportunity will be afforded to discuss the opening speech when the reply comes before the house, he should no longer detain them, but whatever difference of opinion there may be, he was sure they would all unite with His Excellency in the prayer that the Divine blessing may be with us in directing our efforts for the public good. He begged to second the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

Committee—Hon'bles G. Rendell, M. Monroe, T. Talbot, C. R. Ayre, and C. Bowring.

Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY gave notice to move the appointment of a select committee on printing and contingencies.

Hon. M. MONROE gave notice to ask the hon. Colonial Secretary whether it is the intention of the government during the present session to introduce any legislation with the object of bringing the sale of botanic beer and such like drinks under the operation of the law regulating the sale of spirituous liquors.

Hon. JAMES PITTS gave notice to bring in a Bill respecting insurance companies doing business in this colony.

The house then adjourned until Tuesday next.