

# The Provincial Wesleyan.

## Parliamentary Intelligence.

(Compiled from the Morning Papers.)

### House of Assembly.

**MONDAY, March 31.**  
On Monday afternoon, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor came down to the Council Chamber and gave his assent to the Revenue Bill, and some others. In the House, the afternoon was taken up discussing a resolution moved by Mr. McLellan, in reference to the Inland Navigation Company.

### AGRICULTURE.

Hon. Attorney General reported from the Committee on Agriculture. 47 Sessions in operation. The usual grant to be continued. The Province had lost in money on the importation of Stallions, but had gained in the breed. More sheep to be imported. Bone manure to be encouraged. 5,000 copies of Dawson's Agriculture to be circulated.

### ABANDONING DEBTS.

The Council sent down a Bill for better regulating collecting the assets of Abandoning Debtors, for the benefit of their creditors.

### AGRICULTURE.

It was referred to Messrs. Wilkins, McFarlane, Archibald, McDonald, and McLellan.

### TUESDAY, April 1.

On Tuesday, Hon. J.W. Johnson introduced a Bill for the municipal government of Townships and 4 Counties, its adoption being left optional with all the Provinces. It was also reported from Committee some amendments to a Bill on the same subject which had been introduced in an early part of the session.

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The Provincial Secretary submitted a resolution to authorize the Lieut. Governor to issue a Commission for the appointment of a Commissioner to correspond with the British Government, and with emigration societies in England, with the view to encouraging immigration into this Province.

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The House went into committee of Supply, and passed a number of special grants to roads, &c. A grant of £500 for a new post road through Lunenburg county, containing the L.V. Harvey, elected some discussion.

### WEDNESDAY, April 2.

### SHERIFFS BILL.

The day was occupied in debating the Sheriff's Bill, and the debate adjourned.

### THURSDAY, April 3.

Hon. Attorney General asked leave to introduce a Bill for regulation of Railways.

Hon. Mr. Johnson moved second reading of Bill for Municipal Incorporation of Townships.

The House resolved itself into committee of Supply, and on the 10th inst. the Committee of Supply, the House received the Report of the Committee on Education, recommending the usual College grants, and in addition a grant of £100 to the College of St. Francis Xavier for the purchase of Apparatus.

### FRIDAY, April 4.

On Friday, immediately after opening, the House went into committee on bills, in the reading of which a great portion of the afternoon was taken up. Among the rest was a bill to provide for the appointment of Railway damages.

## General Intelligence.

### Domeotic.

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**COUNTY OF CAPE BRETON.**—The death of the Hon. James McLeod having made a vacancy in the representation of this county, John Ferguson and D. N. McQueen, Esqrs., have come forward as candidates for the suffrages of the Electors, their cards appearing in the last No. of the Cape Breton News. Both gentlemen promise to be fairly. A rumor prevails in Town that the Hon. Joseph Howe also intends to offer his services in the same capacity. The great majority of the people of Nova Scotia, including many even of those who were formerly his political opponents, would be pleased to see him again a member of a Body of which he was for so many years the most distinguished ornament. Should it really be Mr. Howe's intention to offer for Cape Breton, no person, we should suppose would stand in his way.—Witness.

### New Brunswick.

**THE RAILWAY MEASURES.**—On Saturday morning last, the Railway Bill finally passed the House of Assembly, and was immediately afterwards taken up to the Legislative Council by the Attorney General. We do not anticipate any serious difficulty in carrying them through the Second Reading; it will be strange, indeed, if a decision of so large a majority of the representatives of the people should be reversed; but such a result cannot happen, and we look at the Bills as perfectly safe.

As our readers already know, the first Bill provides for the payment of £90,000 to Peto, Brassey & Co., including the amount already received by them, in full compensation for all their expenditures. It was demurred to in the satisfaction of the House, that the Province will make not far from £200,000 by this arrangement with the contractors.

The second Bill provides for the construction of the different lines of Railway, and the mode of raising the money. These lines are to be completed in the following order: First, the line from Shediac to the Bend, which can be done during the present year. At the same time the extension are to be surveyed. Secondly, the line from St. John to the Bend is to be completed, and while this is in progress (not annually, as stated by the *New Brunswicker*) £500,000 sterling is to be appropriated to such extension. So soon as the Shediac and St. John line is completed, the extensions, together with the line from St. John to the American boundary, are to proceed simultaneously, with an equal share of expenditure.

The Province limits its issue of debentures to £200,000 sterling, per annum—a wise precaution, as the capital will be gradually brought into the country, and its progress in population and trade will keep pace with the amount of the expenditures. The Attorney General's arrangement with the Railings only extends to £800,000, but the Province can go so much further as may be deemed necessary after that amount of liability is made. The statement put forth, that we are limited to £800,000, is a misrepresentation, as, although it was suggested by the Messrs. Railings, it was not assented to by the Attorney General; they, however, have only undertaken to that extent at present.—*Morning Courier.*

### Canada.

**MIRAGE ON LAKE SUPERIOR.**—We have often heard of the optical illusions encountered by mariners on the great Northern lake but nothing equal to that witnessed by a gentleman on Isle Royal.

The mirage on the Lake shores is a most interesting natural phenomenon. Occasionally it displays a surpassing grandeur which baffles all powers of description, from the rapidity of its changing features. On one occasion, in the Spring of 1854, it exceeded anything that I had before seen. From the Siskiwit Mine, the South shore from the Keweenaw Point to Fond du Lac, a distance not short of one hundred and fifty miles, which is seldom seen in the most favorable circumstances, now came in full view.

The nearest point of this range of hills is at least fifty miles from us, and though not more than eight or nine hundred feet in height, by a total immersion, presented the appearance of a line of an extensive range of lofty mountains, with numerous peaks starting from their summits, and lost in the clouds, not unlike gigantic pillars of Heaven. To the observer, the scene like a moving panorama, was constantly changing. At one moment the side of the mountains resembled a vast wall of rock, and at another a boundless plain of fallen ruins.

The hills, slopes, escarpments, depressions, ravines, clearings and wooded regions all change both feature and position with astonishing rapidity. The mountainous walls of rocks and ruins all pass away, and are followed by an endless variety of the most lovely landscapes that the eye ever beheld, all apparently hemmed in by distant hills, covered with green foliage, and batted in the gilded rays of a Summer sun.

A countless number of small rivers might be seen gracefully winding among the green hills, finally discharging their waters into a crystal lake in the midst of the landscape. To contrast with this beauty and position with astonishing rapidity. The mountainous walls of rocks and ruins all pass away, and are followed by an endless variety of the most lovely landscapes that the eye ever beheld, all apparently hemmed in by distant hills, covered with green foliage, and batted in the gilded rays of a Summer sun.

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### England.

**DESTRUCTION OF COVENT-GARDEN THEATRE.**—The complete destruction of this magnificent theatre, by fire, on Wednesday morning last, (29th inst.) is an English Exchange will excite great regret. Of the splendid properties of the theatre, accumulated at vast expense, the exquisite scenery, the noble armory, the costly wardrobe, the valuable dramatic and musical library, containing many original operatic scores, nearly all have perished.

As to the origin of the fire nothing yet is known. The precautions against fire in the house were admirable in principle. In the roof was a vast tank of eighteen tons of water, with double mains leading to every floor, kept always charged; but on this occasion the firemen, whose duty it was to watch and guard the theatre, appear to have preferred a visit to the stage to attending to their duty on the roof.

No human effort could have saved it. In twenty minutes from its first discovery the fire burst through the roof, throwing down columns of clear bright flame high into the air. The whole of London was illuminated with the red reflected light. St. Paul's spire shined as if encased in burning gold, the river plumed with the broad plume, and even the dark lines of the Surrey hills stood out in the extreme distance in bold relief. The engines of the different fire brigades arrived rapidly on the spot, but against such a burning fire, furnace their puny efforts were of little avail. Quickly on the spot, and with ample supply of water, all they could do was to preserve neighbouring buildings not yet on fire. Never did the principle of putting out fire by fire appear so thoroughly efficacious as on this occasion. The streams of water which were poured into the building were as effectual as those from sixty engines would have been in a case of ordinary fire. The great majority of the people of Nova Scotia, including many even of those who were formerly his political opponents, would be pleased to see him again a member of a Body of which he was for so many years the most distinguished ornament. Should it really be Mr. Howe's intention to offer for Cape Breton, no person, we should suppose would stand in his way.—Witness.

The New Government General.—Lord Comber was expected in Calcutta on the 25th of February, and Lord Dalhousie leaves on the 10th of March. He is, I am sorry to say, very unwell, would almost to death. A few days since he could scarcely stand to receive the members of the Bengal Club who came to invite him to dinner. In spite of his physicians he persists in doing all his work himself. The arrangements for the future Government of Oude have been made with his own hand, and whatever theorists may fancy, the construction of a British Government in an Asiatic country is no child's task. He is drawing up, also, complete accounts of every province and department for the benefit of Lord Canning, a report upon his own administration of eight years. As yet, in this addition to an amount of daily work such as falls to the lot of only emperors and writers of his rank, Lord Auckland once said—it is the only wisdom reported of him—that he and the Emperor of China governed half the human race, and still found time for breakfast. Both potentates, I suspect, left things pretty much to Providence. Lord Dalhousie really does govern, and does not, therefore, find time for dinner.—*Calcutta* is preparing to do him honour, but he has not yet made up his mind as to the mode. The general voice is in favour of a public subscription for an equestrian statue. Statues, however, are long in coming. We have not seen Lord

Hardinge's yet, and there is a feeling that it would be well to devote some tribute more national and less tardy of completion.

### China.

The following is an extract from a letter from Point de Galle, of Feb. 15.—We have China on the 15th inst., at 2 p.m. as usual. Singapore, however, has not yet arrived, the passage is five days and four hours. The Chinese rebellion is over as far as the ports are concerned, but the rebels still hold Nankin and Ching-keangton. This latter place is in danger of capture, and should that event take place and the communications between the two strongholds of the rebels be cut off, it is probable Nankin will be evacuated. In the immediate neighbourhood of Canton all is quiet, and foreigners may roam for miles unmolested. There is also a great reduction in the daily despatches. The despatched have become pirates. At Hong Kong it is dangerous to walk to Happy Valley or outside of the town without carrying a revolver; and even merchants' houses have been attacked by robbers.—*Jardine's*, for instance, has been robbed.

**THE CHURCH-RATE COMPROMISE.**—Sir George Grey has told us that the Government, after full deliberation, has come to the conclusion that every person, in England and Wales, who shall sign and send to the churchwardens a notice that he or she does not belong to the Established Church, shall thereupon be exempted from the church-rate. This principle, as opposed to the strength of the Conservative party, by High Churchmen of various political colors, and most strenuously by Lord John Russell, stands nevertheless in good likelihood of being affirmed by the House of Commons, and, once adopted there with the sanction of Her Majesty's Ministers, its acceptance by the House of Lords will follow either immediately or remotely. This concession is only the completion of a Bill which, on the motion of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was read a first time in the Upper House last Session, and then abandoned owing to a technical difficulty. It was at that period objected to the Primate's measure that, while providing for the restoration of the rate, but on the property of Churchmen only, in parishes where it had been refused, it left the property of Dissenters, in the greater number of parishes, where they were in the minority, still liable to the rate, and consequently provided no means either of preventing registrable converts, or of relieving individual Nonconformists from an onerous and so disagreeable a tax. It is an impress which the late Hon. Secretary declares that he can see no objection to allowing, in such parishes, the ratepayer to claim his exemption, not by registering himself as a Dissenter, as some have proposed, but by simply declaring himself not to be a member of the Church of England.—*Hutchinson.*

**ROMANCE OF THE PEERAGE.**—By the death of the Duke of Norfolk, Sir Edmund Lyons became father to the present Premier, Duke of Devonshire. The "romance of the Peerage" has few better chapters than this. The young Earl of Arundel and Surrey was travelling in Greece, when he was attacked by fever, and his life was despaired of. He was removed to the house of the British Minister, Sir Edmund Lyons, at Athens, where he languished long, in the belief of Sir Edmund's friends, that he was near his end. His devoted attention, was believed to have saved the life of the young Earl, the oldest and best friend in England, at the hazard of his own. The gratitude of the young Earl to his fair preserver took the usual shape; but as he was to meet the late Duke of Devonshire, he suspected what was going on, he wrote to the Earl's father, Sir Edmund's father, and begged that he might be removed, and he knew that his daughter had no pretensions to mate with such illustrious lineage. Sir Edmund's letter displayed so much honorable feeling, and the young man's attachment seemed so insupportable, that the consent of the parents was obtained.

**TURKEY.**  
Preparatory to the erection of the Church at Pera for the propagation of the Gospel, the Rev. Mr. Clegg, a native of Georgia, who, for the benefit, in the first instance, of British residents at Galata and Topkapi, who do not properly fall under the ministrations of the Chaplain to the Embassy. A temporary provision is to be made for the celebration of divine worship. The mission will be under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Gibraltar.

**ABOLITION OF DEATH PENITENTIARY FOR CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN TURKEY.**—We take the following from the *St. Paul's Guardian*.—We are indebted to the Rev. Dr. Brown, the Convener of the General Assembly's Jewish Committee, for the following confirmation of the fact, that the Government of Turkey has agreed to abolish the punishment of death, for aljuring Mohammedanism.

DEAR SIR, I hastened to send you a short postscript to a letter this morning received from the Rev. R. Keogh, our esteemed Jewish missionary at Constantinople, which sets forth, in a forcible manner, the necessity of the abolition of the death penalty for change of religion in Turkey by a *de facto* compromise only a rumor. I am sure your readers will unite with me in joy and thanks giving at this astonishing fruit of the work with Russia.

"Two days ago" (the letter is dated 18th February) the Danubian Ambassador told me that the Turkish Government has now actually passed a law which will allow Mohammedans to profess Christianity without being liable to capital punishment. The law is to be promulgated today. It is one of the great fruits of the war.

### India.

**HEROIC CONDUCT OF THE CHAPLAIN TO THE FORCES.**—An act of great heroism took place recently at Malra, by the Rev. Mr. Robin, son, chaplain to the forces. A Mr. and Mrs. Evans, with their son, a fine boy about 8 years old, by their return from Upper Egypt, were crossing in a boat from Valeta to Vittoria, when the little fellow, in endeavoring to catch hold of a stick, overbalanced himself, and instantly sunk beneath the eyes of his parents. Mr. Robin, who was following in another boat, seeing what had occurred, immediately jumped into the sea, and succeeded in bringing him apparently dead into it. It was very rough and windy, and he did not take off even his coat, he was completely exhausted. Mr. Evans, the father of the boy, feeling much gratified for what the reverend gentleman had done, sent him a check for £2,500, which was at once returned. But what makes the story the more romantic, but no less true, is the two gentlemen who have so unexpectedly become acquainted with each other, are relatives and members of the same family, but, in consequence of differences which, for the place many years ago, they had not seen each other since their boyhood, and each was ignorant of the other's residence in the island until this singular introduction.—*English Paper.*

**THE HON. M. TOBIN HAS RESIGNED THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND IS SUCCEEDED BY HON. E. KENNY.**

## Latest by Telegraph.

### ARRIVAL OF THE U. S. S. ATLANTIC.

PEACE VIRTUALLY SETTLED!  
A King of Algiers Born!

The subjoined capital despatch was received at the Merchants Exchange Rooms in this city on Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. It announces the arrival at New York same day of the U. S. Mail steamship Atlantic, with Liverpool, dated the 18th March, and the following briefly but highly interesting summary of European news:—

Peace is considered as virtually settled. A King of Algiers, has been born to France. The British House of Parliament has adjourned over for the Easter recess. Nothing new in American affairs. Breadstuffs dull, but without any change from previous quotations. Sugars buoyant and active. Coffee dull. Money market steady. Consols 91 7/8 to 92 1/8.

### California.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The steamer Illinois, from Apia, arrived at her dock at six o'clock. She brings \$1,250,000 in treasure. Indians were committing depredations at the mouth of Rogue river. Twenty-four persons were murdered Feb. 28. A bill has been introduced in the California Legislature for erecting three new States out of California.

The markets were generally dull, and a right to prevent complainant from riding upon the platform of the cars, were reasonable and necessary, and were several times brought to the attention of complainant, the conductor had the cars and the right to use reasonable force in ejecting him therefrom, for non-compliance.

The vacancy in the Executive Council, occasioned by the resignation of the Honorable Michael Tobin, has not yet been filled up. Hon. Mr. Almon stated in the Council on Tuesday that an opinion very generally prevailed among its members that in its due exercise of their rights and privileges the President of the Legislature should not be a member of the Executive Council.

**NOVA SCOTIA charcoal iron is to be used for the casting of guns at our arsenals; the War Department has entered into a contract with the Acadia Iron Company for a large and regular supply. We have hitherto been dependent on foreign countries for charcoal iron.**

The publication of the *Athenian* newspaper has been discontinued.

### Letters & Monies Received.

(See that your remittances are duly acknowledged.)  
Rev. G. O. Husick, (20th—new sub.), Mr. H. Narraway, (letter mailed for you before receipt of yours).

**ADVERTISEMENT.—Another Life Saved.**—A son of Mr. Weaver, of Tuckerville, Conn., was most severely scalded in the following manner: His mother had taken a pail full of boiling water from the fire, and proceeded out of doors to put it into a washing tub, when she was met in the doorway by a child, who was running in, and striking the pail, the contents were thrown tumultuously upon its back and neck. Mr. W. being in the house at the time, took off the child's clothes at once, and having a part of a bottle of Dyer's Healing Embrocation at hand, poured the contents immediately upon the scalded parts, and then sent to a neighbouring store for another bottle of Embrocation with which he scalded a cloth sufficiently large to cover, with several thicknesses, the scalded parts. The child was then put to bed, and in fifteen minutes was fast asleep, and no other application was needed, as a perfect cure was effected, proving conclusively that the Dyer's Healing Embrocation is the best preparation, and the advantage of keeping it constantly at hand for use in any casualty. Remember, then, that Dyer's Healing Embrocation immediately cures scalds, wounds, cuts, bruises, diarrhoea, rheumatism, and various other external and internal diseases.

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