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SUMMARY OF NEWS.

MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

QUEEN'S SPEECH.

His Majesty the day appointed for the opening of Parliament, at a quarter after two o'clock her Majesty entered the House with the usual forms, and addressed the Lords and Commons in the following most gracious speech:-

"My Lords and Gentlemen, Since you were last assembled I have declared my intention of allying myself in marriage with the Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. I humbly implore that the Divine blessing may prosper this union, and render it conducive to the interests of my people as well as to my own domestic happiness, and it will be to me a source of the most lively satisfaction to find the resolution I have taken approved by my Parliament."

"The constant proofs which I have received of your attachment to my person and family persuade me that you will enable me to provide for such an establishment as may appear suitable to the rank of the Prince and the dignity of the Crown."

"I continue to receive from Foreign Powers assurances of their unabated desire to maintain with me the most friendly relations."

"I rejoice that the civil war which had so long disturbed and desolated the northern provinces of Spain has been brought to an end by an arrangement satisfactory to the Spanish Government and to the people of those provinces, and I trust that, ere long, peace and tranquillity will be established throughout the rest of Spain."

"The affairs of the Levant have continued to occupy my most anxious attention. The concord which has prevailed amongst the Five Powers has prevented a renewal of hostilities in that quarter; and I hope that the same unanimity will bring these important and difficult matters to a final settlement in such a manner as to uphold the integrity and independence of the Ottoman empire, and to give additional security to the peace of Europe."

"I have not yet been enabled to re-establish my diplomatic relations with the Court of Teheran, but communications which I have lately received from the Persian Government inspire me with the confident expectation that the difference which occasioned a suspension of those relations will soon be satisfactorily adjusted."

"Events have happened in China, which have occasioned an interruption of the commercial intercourse of my subjects with that country. I have given, and shall continue to give, the most serious attention to a matter so deeply affecting the interests of my subjects, and the dignity of my Crown."

"I have great satisfaction in acquainting you that the military operations undertaken by the Governor-General of India have been attended with complete success, and that in the expedition to the westward of the Indus the officers and troops, both European and native, have displayed the most distinguished skill and valour."

"I have directed that further papers relating to the affairs of Canada should be laid before you, and I confide to your wisdom this important subject."

"I recommend to your early attention the state of two of our colonies."

Corporation of Ireland.
"It is desirable that you should prosecute those measures relating to the Established Church which have been recommended by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of England."

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons, I have directed the estimates for the service of the year to be laid before you. They have been framed with every attention to economy, and at the same time with a due regard to the efficiency of those establishments which are rendered necessary by the extent and circumstances of the empire."

"I have lost no time in carrying into effect the intentions of Parliament by the reduction of the duties on postage, and I trust that the beneficial effects of this measure will be felt throughout all classes of the community."

"My Lords and Gentlemen, I lean with great sorrow, that the commercial embarrassments which have taken place in this and in other countries are subjecting many of the manufacturing districts to severe distress."

"I have to acquaint you, with deep concern, that the spirit of insubordination has in some parts of the country broken out into open violence, which was speedily repressed by the firmness and energy of the magistrates, and by the steadiness and good conduct of my troops. I confidently rely upon the power of the law, upon your loyalty and wisdom, and upon the good sense and right feeling of my people, for the maintenance of order, the protection of property, as far as they can be promoted by human means, of the true interests of the empire."

Much comment was excited by the fact that the Duke of Wellington was the only member of the opposition invited to be present at the Royal nuptials.

By late accounts from India, it seems that the Anglo-Indian Government is still pushing on in its career of war and conquest. The Khan of Khelet had been attacked, his capital stormed and captured, and the Khan himself slain. The British loss was 81 killed and 108 wounded; that of the natives very severe, both in killed and wounded. One account says nine hundred.

Sir Frederick Maitland, commander-in-chief of the naval force in the East Indies, died on board the Wellesley on the 30th November.

Accounts of the recent hostilities in China had reached England. The Hampshire Telegraph states that a great naval armament is to be sent immediately from Portsmouth, to take on board 18,000 native troops to India; to lay the city of Canton under contribution, or destroy it if necessary, and then proceed northward to Peking, and compel the Emperor to submit.

Mr. Benjamin Wood has been chosen member of Parliament for the borough of Southwark, defeated Mr. Walter, one of the proprietors of the London Times. Mr. Wood is liberal - Mr. Walter, high Tory.

The Chartist prisoners of New-poor, have had their sentences commuted from death to transportation.

Gazette Announcements. Henry Robinson, Esquire, appointed Land Agent to Her Majesty's

Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, vice Sir Thomas Newby, retired. Master Henry John William Byng, to be Page of Honour to her Majesty, vice Cavendish, promoted.

Prince Albert has been appointed a field marshal - emolument some two thousand pounds a year. Moreover, he has been naturalized by act of Parliament.

The "privilege" affair of Stockdale and Hansard, (printers to the House) has taken quite a serious aspect. The sheriff has been committed to prison for not paying upon Hansard's printing office, and Mr. Howland, Stockdale's attorney, has been committed to gaol by order of the Speaker. Both houses of Parliament have voted thanks to Lord Auckland for the war in Afghanistan.

The allowance voted by Parliament to Prince Albert is £30,000 per annum. Ministers proposed £50,000. Mr. Home moved 20,000 - lost, 39 to 395. Col. Shilborth moved £35,000 - carried, 262 to 157.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint James Baker, Esq. (some time Her Majesty's Consul at Montevideo) to be her Majesty's Consul for the province of Livonia, to reside at Riga.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Marcus Wright, Esq. to be Her Majesty's Consul at Wyoona.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Charles Lionel FitzGerald, Esq. (some time Her Majesty's Consul at Malaga) to be Her Majesty's Consul for the province of Murcia, to reside at Cartagena.

CANADA.

Lord J. Russell, on the 11th of February, in reply to Mr. Packington, said he expected a draft of a bill for the union of the two Canadas, from the Governor General of Canada, in the course of this month, as it was to be taken on the 1st Feb. As soon as the government had considered the bill, he should submit it to the house. The Noble Lord further stated that he had given orders that returns in reference to the number of religious denominations in Canada, should be laid on the table. The Noble Lord added that he was not aware that Sir G. Arthur had resigned his office of Governor of Upper Canada.

TURKEY AND EGYPT.

Constantinople, Jan 27

The great news of the day is the treaty of quadruple alliance between Russia, England, Austria, and Prussia, who have come to an understanding to guarantee the integrity of the Ottoman empire. The Porte has received official advice at the conclusion of this alliance. The news brought to Mide Bonteff by the steamer from Odessa must have been of great importance, inasmuch as the garrison of the last-named city was called out by the Governor to break the ice to enable the steamer to leave the port. - *Semaphore.*

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Friday, March 6.

The Bill for ascertaining the population of the Province, passed the House on the 6 inst.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of all petitions and applications in aid of In-

ternal Communication throughout the Province, and applications for assistance to promote Communication by Packets or otherwise to the neighbouring Colonies, have had under consideration the Petition of the Hon. Thomas Wyer, President of the St. Andrews and St. John Stage Company, and recommended a grant to be made to them of £200.

Saturday March 7.

On motion of Mr. Brown. The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to a Bill relating to Highways. The amendments being severally read and concurred in by the House.

Resolved, That the House do concur therein. Ordered, That Mr. Brown do return the Bill, with the amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

On motion of Mr. Woodward. The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to a bill to incorporate the St. George's Lime Company.

The amendments being severally read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Woodward do return the Bill, with the amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

On motion of Mr. Brown. The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to continue an act for the better regulating the office of Sheriff in this Province.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had the Bill referred to them under their consideration, and agreed to the same.

On motion of Mr. L. A. Wilmot. Whereas a false and scandalous Libel against the Queen's Representative in this Province has been published in a weekly Newspaper printed in St. John, called *The Weekly Chronicle*, under date the 28th of Feb. last, entitled "another new and improved Constitution," which is calculated, if unnoticed, to bring the Provincial Government into contempt; therefore,

Resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to give directions to Her Majesty's Attorney Gen. to adopt proceedings at Law against the author or Publisher of the said Newspaper for the said false and scandalous Libel, and further,

Resolved, That the Legislative Council be requested to join in said address.

To which Mr. Street moved as amendment. To expunge the whole of the foregoing Resolution and substitute the following:-

Resolved, That the Libellous article contained in the *Saint John Chronicle* of the 28th Feb. last, under the Signature of "W." is too ridiculous and contemptible in its nature to call forth any notice from this House, inasmuch as His Excellency's character stands too high in the estimation of the People of this and the adjoining Province, and is too well known to be injured thereby, and inasmuch as it might only have the effect of giving to the article in question a degree of importance and notoriety, of which it is altogether unworthy.

And upon the question for adopt the amendment, the House divided as follows:-

YEAS 3. NAYS 25.

The question was then taken upon the original Resolution, when the House again divided:-

YEAS 23. NAYS 5.

Ordered, thereupon, That Mr. L. A. Wilmot do communicate the said Resolution to the Council.

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UNITED STATES.

There are five large vessels loading at Baltimore, with 25,000 barrels of flour for the English market.

It is estimated that upwards of 70 factories have ceased operations in New England, and at least one fourth of the population of the United States are out of employment.

Hebrew Clergymen. - There are now, at least, eight clergymen of the Church of England who are of the Hebrew nation.

Suffrage in France. - France contains 33,000,000 of people, and has 200,000 votes. No man can vote who does not pay 200 francs annual tax. There are now 3 parties opposed to this system. One goes for universal suffrage, but the delegates to be chosen by electors. A second is for a moderate extension of the right, and a third contends for universal suffrage without any restriction.

A ploughman is not an ignorant man because he does not know how to read; if he knows how to plough he is not to be called an ignorant man, but a wife may be justly called an ignorant woman if she does not know how to provide a dinner for her husband. It is cold comfort for a hungry man to tell him how delightfully his wife plays and sings, lovers may live on very ariel diet, but husbands stand in need of the solids.

By the Russian law, every person who travels from Russia to a foreign country, has to give security for three years. The immense territory of Russia renders it the policy of the imperial government to prevent emigration to other countries.

Curious Discovery. - A strange lesson has just been read to antiquaries and virtuosi, by a remarkable discovery in the British Museum. The famous Portland Vase, the pride of ancient, and wonder of modern art, the theme of many an essay, and many a panegyric, has let in a new light upon the fictitious representations of antiquity. A few weeks ago it was deemed necessary to wash this noble relic, in order to remove the accumulated dust of ages, when, lo! almost every figure was found to be designated by an inscription, and the purport and procession of the whole vase (we believe) to be thereby explained. We have not yet had an opportunity of examination his memorable revelation, but can state that the theories of the late Mr. Payne Knight and Mr. Christie are entirely overturned by the facts now ascertained. When we consider how admirably these theories were made out, and how satisfactory they appeared to be, need we repeat that this is a strange lesson to antiquaries and virtuosi? - *Literary Gazette.*

A good surgeon must have an eagle's eye, a lion's heart, and a lady's hand.