

buildings. The report was adopted. The House went into committee of the whole and passed the bill to alter the time of holding Sessions of the Supreme Court in the counties of Richmond and Henrico to the first Monday in January next. River Fisheries was taken up. A long discussion followed. The bill finally passed.

MONDAY, APRIL 24.

The House in committee passed bill relating to true and correct copy of the proceedings for construction of St. Peter's Church. Hon. Atty. Genl. introduced bill to provide for the construction of ways. The bill to enlarge the sale of land was taken up. Hon. Atty. Genl. Archibald remarked that at this late period of the Session, it was desirable that the business should be pushed forward as far as possible, and proposed to the Hon. Prov. Sec. to withdraw the preamble to the resolution authorizing negotiations with a view of effecting the purchase of the land. Hon. Prov. Sec. assented, the resolution was agreed to without a division.

General Intelligence.

Colonial.

LECTURE ON HAYCOCK.—Rev. Mr. Luther's lecture on the subject of "The Haycock and the Campaign" has appeared in pamphlet form at the low price of seven cents per copy. To be had at the Wesleyan Book Room.

N. S. MONTICULOUS SOCIETY.—A gratifying prospect is presented of the success of this Association. Officers for present year: Dr. Avery, President, Col. Myers, Vice President, Stephen Tobin, Esq., Treasurer, J. R. Willis, Esq., Secretary.

SYMPATHY WITH THE UNITED STATES.—Very general sympathy with the U. States, on the occasion of the assassination of President Lincoln, has manifested in this city. On Tuesday last a large number of persons, both men and women, were seen on the public buildings, and on the vessels at the wharves and in the harbor, the colours were lowered half-mast. St. John, N. B. business was suspended all day, offices were closed, and bells tolled. These expressions of sympathy, on so mournful an occasion, were highly praiseworthy. And even has also been appropriately rendered in public religious services, and we learn that special allusion to it will be made in the Methodist pulpits of the city.

OBITUARY.—The venerable Abner Wood, D.D., rector of St. Paul's departed this life early on Saturday morning last. This event was certainly not unexpected, nevertheless, the announcement of his death has excited a deep and closely identified, as the gentleman had been with the Church of England in this city for the past half century. He was a native of England, and was among its communicants. The *Reporter* says:—
"Dr. Willis was an Englishman by birth, and had received a finished University Education, having been a student of Trinity College, and years a chaplain in the Royal Navy, serving on board the King's ships in several parts of the world. He was a member of the Society of his appointment from the then Colonial Secretary (Lord Goderich) as Rector of St. Paul's Parish, and he remained in the city for the last thirty-four years of his life. He was a man of high character, and one of the leading citizens at that place.

We also regret to record the death of Dr. Alfred Pryor, a young man who has been cut off in the prime of his life, and was endeared to his relatives and friends by his

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The R. M. S. *Merlin* arrived yesterday from Newfoundland. The papers contain nothing of interest. The *Scott* reports that 33,000 seals had been brought to St. Johns up to the 13th of this month. It is to be hoped that the anticipations formed may be realized, and that the country may be freed from the "sea meadows."—*Id.*

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