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The House here took recess, after which Hon. Messrs. M'Inerney and Beckwith, in brief speeches, referred to the extraneous connected with the administration of the school law...

House of Assembly.

FREDERICTON, MARCH 16. AFTERNOON.

Fraser moved House into committee on the Bill repealing the attachment law. It was rendered necessary by the repeal of the insolvent law...

Blair said there was a want of principle in our legislation. He would introduce a bill to amend the law providing for the division of estates among creditors.

Hanington said imprisonment was virtually as effective as before. Imprisonment would increase no man's assets.

Gillespie would support the Bill. Morton wanted fraudulent bills of sale guarded against.

Ritchie favored the Bill. He had no doubt the Government would provide for equitable distribution of bankrupt estates.

Blair condemned attachment as expensive, and called the laws for the collection of debt disgracefully expensive, ruinous to both creditor and debtor.

The Bill was agreed to and read a third time. Fraser moved the House into committee on the Bill repealing the garnishment law.

Blair supported Ritchie's suggestion and charged the Government with going back on their legislation on false pretences. Instead of admitting their legislation to be a mistake they excused the repeal by referring to the repeal of the insolvent act.

Fraser said the people were against the garnishment, therefore it was to be repealed. Savre endorsed the repeal.

Black urged stringent provisions for guarding against fraudulent bills of sale, and congratulated the lawyers on the generosity with which they united in the repeal of the insolvent act.

Bill agreed to and read a third time. On motion of Mr. Kenny, the House went into Committee of the Whole on a bill to declare legal certain proceedings in the County of Westmorland.

Mr. Gillespie in the chair. The mover said the County Council adjourned last Saturday till Monday, when, according to law, the County Council should have met on Saturday.

After a short discussion progress was reported, and the matter was referred to the committee consisting of Messrs. Barberie, White, Johnson, M'Leenan and Willis.

Mr. Cottrill gave notice of a resolution for the travelling expenses of the Executive Council. Mr. Barberie gave notice of an address for correspondence, ministerial, etc., concerning the occupancy of Robert Reed's house by the Vice Regal party.

Mr. Barberie introduced a Bill relating to the question of Justices of the Peace, and gave notice of motion, that Mr. Black be added to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. Hatcher gave notice of an address for a statement of the Provincial Debentures which fell due in the fiscal year 1879.

In the afternoon very little was done. The Surveyor General submitted a return of payments under the Free Grants Act in Nelson, North Co.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Municipal Bills, reported, referring to the Bill relating to qualifications of electors back to the House, and recommending the Bill relating to biennial elections to the favorable consideration of the House.

The House discussed in Committee Mr. Johnson's Bill relating to the qualification of electors in Municipalities. Mr. Johnson said it was a hardship to disqualify an elector because his rates were not paid, when the property might be seized by the Sheriff next morning.

Mr. Davison said the provision requiring the payment of taxes as a qualification for the franchise was a good one—the best execution that could be devised—and should be allowed to remain on the statute book.

Mr. Willis was of the opinion that no payment of taxes was not required to qualify electors for Parliamentary elections, it was unnecessary in Municipal elections.

Mr. Hutchison said the electors who chose the members of Parliament and Legislature did pay their taxes, and could not vote unless they did. Their taxes were paid in the shape of duties and excise.

the distribution of the money raised. After some further discussion, progress was reported. Mr. Cottrill's bill to provide for publication of Municipality Accounts...

There was a large attendance in the Assembly Hall when Mr. Fraser opened the ball by moving the following resolution.

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Settlement, 3047. Total, 46,449 acres. The number of applications received and approved during the year was 761, a large increase over that of any preceding year. The advantage of this law, (says the Report) gives increased facilities for the settlement of our Crown Lands, and while nothing is added to the revenue, the internal working of the Department is greatly increased.

The total number of applicants in the various counties during the past year was 761, and the number of acres allotted 78,544, an increase over the preceding year of—applicants 570, acres, 57,094. The largest increase was in our own County, the number of applicants being 158 as compared with 33 in 1878, and the number of acres 16,387 as compared with 3585 in 1878.

The following statement shows a most gratifying increase in the total values of the Crops, Stock, Buildings and Clearings if the several Free Grants Settlements for 1879 over those of 1878, as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Location and Value. Locations include Balmoral, Colebrookdale, Sunnyside, etc. Values range from \$388.00 to \$1,484.50.

In all, 36 settlements have been established under the Free Grants Act, of which 14 were established last year. With two or three exceptions these settlements have grown considerably increased their population and productions during the year. They contain in all 5161 souls, as compared with 3746 in 1878. In 1878 the total value of buildings, clearings, stock and crop was \$329,810 and in 1879 \$444,643.71, a very gratifying increase in one year of \$114,833.71. A few of the details will doubtless be interesting to our readers. They chopped during the year 12,581 1/2 acres, and cropped 9923 3/4 acres, the estimated value of clearings being \$166,728. They own 388 horses, 899 cows, 255 oxen, 1756 sheep, 1260 swine, and 321 young cattle, the value of their stock being \$63,860. Their productions were, 45,055 1/2 bushels oats, 11,866 1/2 bushels wheat, 18,716 1/2 bushels buckwheat, 102,662 bushels turnips, 19,198 bushels dunlops, 2176 1/2 tons of hay, other crops valued at \$4280. The aggregate value being \$454,643.71, a very respectable showing, giving ample evidence of what may be accomplished in a few years, by well directed efforts on the part of the settlers in our Province, and showing also the excellent qualities of the soil of New Brunswick.

The Report contains the usual forms of application, list of Seizing Officers, Surveyors and addresses. Free Grants Commissioners and Settlements under their supervision, Labor Act Commissioners and Agents, list of officers in the Crown Land Office at Fredericton, and a brief but interesting description of each Settlement.

The entertainment given by the members of Newcastle Division, on Friday evening last, was a most enjoyable one, and was attended by the largest audience of the season. P. W. P. Bro. W. J. Millar presided. The programme was as follows:—

Opening chorus by the choir—"Beautiful Songs of the Spring." Address by Bro. W. Sivebright. Song—"Jennie, the Slave of Kildare," by Miss Agnes Marshall.

Dialogue—"The Dog's Sentence," the parts being well sustained by Bro. W. Sivebright and M. O. Thompson. Song—"Charge of the Light Brigade," by Bro. Fairley.

The Dialogue, "A Romance of the War," afforded considerable amusement, the characters being very creditably sustained by Miss Annie Gifford, Miss Clara M'Allister, and Bro. M. O. Thompson.

This was followed by instrumental music—organ and cornet—by Miss Annie Thomson and Mr. T. M. Stewart, which elicited well merited applause. Master William Robinson recited "The Charge," by the Misses Annie and Lilian Thomson.

The Dialogue, "Behind the Times," a humorous production, was enjoyed by the audience. Bros. Charles Wade and M. O. Thompson were the principal participants.

Bro. J. J. Anslow sang "The Englishman," by Richard J. Foxwell, (no surtitles) 89,207. Adam Grout, 80,105. Richard Cassidy & Co., 91,000. W. H. Scully, 78,200. G. F. Johnston, (no surtitles), 82,850. Rev. J. W. Lawrence, (stone buildings), 85,800. W. M. Lawler, (brick), 81,600. W. M. Lawler & Co., 85,800. Thomas H. Elzinger & Co., 81,600. Albert Blaisdell, 77,400. F. & J. McCafferty, 81,600. T. & J. White, 81,600. George Angus & Co., 81,600. W. M. Ross & Co., 81,600. E. A. Charters, 81,600. W. M. Lawler & Co., 81,600. Rhodes, Currie & Co., 81,600.

The Rev. J. J. Anslow gave a lecture on "Daniel, the Model," delivered before Newcastle Division on Monday evening, was a most admirable one, calculated to make a good impression upon all, but particularly those just starting out in life. It was listened to with interest by a large audience. Want of space prevents us referring more fully to it, which we regret.

MEMBERS GONE.—We regret to record the death of the Rev. Mr. Stevens, Pastor of the Baptist Church at Fredericton, a gentleman who was beloved by all who knew him. Mr. Stevens was a native of Kings Co., N. S., and was a graduate of Acadia College.

THE REV. JOSEPH HART, one of the leading clergymen of the Methodist Conference, died at St. John on Friday last, deeply regretted by his brethren in the Ministry, as well as by many persons who knew him only to love him. We reluctantly hold over until next week, an account of his labors, contributed by a brother in the Ministry, who entered upon his work in this country under the superintendence of the deceased.

BURIAL CHURCH NOTES will appear next week.

Entertainment. The entertainment given by the pupils of St. Mary's Academy on the evening of St. Patrick's Day was a decided success—not only financially, but also as regards the manner in which the rather lengthy programme was carried out, the youthful performers, generally speaking, acquitted themselves most creditably. The hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens, flags, pictures, &c., and the children, with their happy faces, added greatly to the scene. The instruments used were two pianos and an organ, all tuned to harmonize.

The opening overture was "The Delft March," the players on the piano, being Miss B. Dixon, Miss Ellen M. Hill, Miss Holt, and Katie Doyle. Miss M. A. Minnie presided at the organ.