

NEW-BRUNSWICK. PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

Extracts from the Journals.

Friday March 7.
Mr. Robinson, by leave, presented a Petition from Cochran Craig, Esquire, Theodore Winchester, Lorenzo Drake, and one hundred and forty others, inhabitants of Grand Manan, Campo Bello, and West Isles, engaged in the prosecution of the Fisheries, praying that a Bounty may be granted on Vessels employed in that Trade; which was referred to the Committee for taking into consideration all matters connected with the Fisheries, to report thereon.

Mr. Robinson, also by leave, presented a Petition from Cochran Craig, Esquire, Joel Ingersoll, Philip Newton, and one hundred and twenty four others, inhabitants of Grand Manan, praying that the said Island may be established as a Free Port; which was referred to the Committee for taking into consideration all matters which may affect the Trade of the Province, to report thereon.

The Committee to whom were referred the sundry Petitions for allowance to Teachers of Schools who have not received any part of the Provincial Grants, recommended that there be granted to the several Teachers the following sums for their services:—

CHARLOTTE

To Mary Rogers the sum of £5 twenty third November, 1850.

To Elizabeth Byrne the sum of £15 for services of her late husband Chas Byrne. To Isabella Fogg the sum of £5 September 1848.

To James McConchie the sum of £5. To William Henry Lockett the sum of £20. To James D. Turner the sum of £20.

To Elizabeth Wilson the sum of £6 13 4. The following Petitions were referred to the consideration of the House:—

The Petition of the Reverend James C. B. McDevitt and others, Saint Andrews: The Petition of Mary O'Neill, Saint Andrews: The Petition of James O'Connell, Saint Andrews:

The following Petitions were rejected:—James M'Brice, of Saint Stephen, Charlotte; claim not satisfactorily established: Lydia D. M'Williams, Saint Patrick, Charlotte, not certified or licensed: Margaret Grant, of Saint David, not certified by Trustees:

George W. MacElhinney, of Saint Stephen, not licensed: Mary Carlyle, of Pennfield, not licensed: Jacob M'Lelland, of Saint Stephen, not licensed.

March, 8th.

A Bill to facilitate the construction of the Railway between St. Andrews and Quebec, passed a second reading.
A Bill to incorporate the Orthodox Congregational Church at Mill Town, passed the House.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

March 13th, 1851.

This morning the Hon. Provincial Secretary brought down a message from the Lieutenant Governor, containing several public accounts.

Mr. Ritchie presented a petition signed by most of the Printers and Publishers in the city of St. John, praying that the postage on newspapers may be abolished.

Mr. Street rose to answer a question put to him yesterday by the hon. member for Sunbury (Mr. Soudlar), respecting the filling up of the Executive Council. He begged to observe that he had been twice absent, once to regain his seat for Northumberland, and once to conduct trials in the County of Queens. He had also been sick for some days. Under these circumstances he had but little time to spare to Government matters, and the excuse would excuse him that the vacancies had not been filled up. Public affairs, however, had not suffered, for there were seven Councillors, and five composed a quorum. Some members of the present Administration wished to retire, and the Government did not wish to make any announcement until the arrangements were all completed.

The House went into Committee and passed a Bill in reference to the phraseology of Law Bills. This Bill is a copy of one introduced into the House of Lords by Lord Brougham, and now a law in England.

The House next went into Committee on the Bill introduced by the Hon. Attorney General to establish Municipal Corporations. The Bill was defended as it stands by the Attorney General (who professed himself ready to amend the details if the House wished it), and Messrs. Taylor, Williston, Beardsley and English. It was opposed *in toto*, on principle, by the Hon. Speaker, and Messrs. Gillen and Thomson; and it was opposed for its imperfections by Messrs. Needham, Johnstone, and Hatheway. Messrs. Wilton, Stevens, and Gaiter, were not opposed to the principle of the Bill, but would go for amendments in the details.—Progress reported.

Friday, March 14th.
The Bill authorizing the Magistrates of St. John to appoint Commissioners for the Alms House was committed to-day. Mr. Needham moved an amendment to the effect that the rate-payers of the County be empowered to elect them by vote by ballot. This amendment was carried, 14 to 6.

The Municipal Corporation Bill, introduced by the Attorney General, was afterwards taken up in Committee, when a lengthy discussion took place.

Mr. Ritchie exposed the deficiencies of the Bill, and urged the amendment of several sections. He was followed by Messrs. Hayward, Williston, Gordon, Ryan and McLeod, who spoke in favour of the Bill; and Messrs. Gilbert, Thomson, Needham and Hatheway, in opposition to it. The Speaker and Messrs. Ritchie, Gray, Tilley, English and Chapman advocated the principle of the

Bill, but contended for the amendments. The House adjourned without a division, and progress was reported.
The Railway Facility Bill will be brought up next week.

March 15.

The Road Committee consisting of one member from each County, was sitting this morning.

The House went into committee on the Municipal Corporation Bill. Mr. Chapman moved that the Bill be postponed until next session of the Legislature, to give time for consideration, which was seconded by Mr. Earle.

The Attorney General replied to the arguments in a speech of two hours and a half. He ridiculed the idea of making the Bill coercive, stating his conviction that the Government and Legislature could not force municipal corporations upon the people.

Mr. Ritchie and other members replied. The question was then put and negatived, there being only Messrs. Chapman, Crane, Earle and Gilbert in the minority.

The consideration of the Executive Legislative Council Bill has been fixed for the 24th instant, and every member has been summoned to attend on that day.

The Revenue Bill will create a warm discussion in the Assembly, if, as is likely, an attempt is made to increase the existing rate of Duties.

It is not at all likely that the Legislative Sessions will close before the first of May, unless a great number of measures are abandoned altogether.

MERCANTILE MARINE ACT.—The Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Trade have officially announced that they have dispensed with the observance of so much of the Merchant Seamen's Act as requires ships bound to any ports in Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, or Prince Edward Island, to be provided with lime or lemon juice, sugar or vinegar. This is a concession which was much wanted—as the articles named were not necessary for such short voyages, and the want of them frequently involved the masters of vessels in law suits, and enabled the seamen to obtain their discharges in Colonial ports, where there was a scarcity of sailors, and the wages consequently high.—*Courier*.

LIGHT HOUSES.—We notice in the Halifax papers, an advertisement from the Commissioners of Light Houses, soliciting tenders for erecting Light Houses at Horton Bluff, Canso, and Port Medway (Nova-Scotia) all of which will be very useful, especially to the coasting trade.—A nautical friend wishes us to suggest the giving at least six months' notice of the lighting of these establishments, in order that strangers may be aware of them in time.

MORE TALENT IN NEW-BRUNSWICK.—We have just had the pleasure of examining a splendid piece of machinery in the shape of an Astronomical Clock, manufactured by Mr. James White, of this city. The principal peculiarity of this Clock, that the escapement is peculiarly constructed, and that the motion of the Pendulum is kept up by the force of two small weights raised alternately by the escapement wheel. Another distinguishing feature of this beautiful article, is, that the Pendulum weighs 19 lbs; while that of the main-weight only weighs 4 lbs. 10 oz! The advantage thus gained by such a heavy Pendulum being kept in regular motion by so small a power, speaks volumes in behalf of the admirable manner of the Clock's construction, and nice adjustment of all its parts. The Clock is Jewelled, and contained in an elegant mahogany case, made by Mr. Thomas Richards. The manufacturer is a young man who served his Apprenticeship with Mr. Justin Spahn, of this City, of admirable manners, possessing industrious habits, and much ingenuity, and bids fair to become an ornament to his native country.—*Anacantha*.

ESCAPE FROM JUSTICE.—On Friday last a telegraphic dispatch was received in this City, by Joshua Dunn, Esq., from Fredericton, N. B., giving notice that a young man by the name of George Harper had absconded from Fish River, Arnscook county, Me., with \$500 in Provincial bills, and that he had been traced to St. John, N. B., and had taken passage on board the steamer Admiral, bound for this port. Mr. Dunn obtained the services of Constable Clapp, and they kept watch for the arrival of the boat which arrived at Conney's wharf, (to-day) Saturday at 11 o'clock, A. M. They went on board and as Harper was in the act of leaving the boat he was taken into custody, and immediately owned up to the amount of \$101—\$35 of which he handed over, to the officer, and also a carpet bag and some small articles and a silver watch which he had purchased with the stolen money. He was carried before the police court, and ordered to find bail in \$100 for his appearance at the Municipal Court at the April Term for larceny in this City. Harper had been at work cutting timber in an unincorporated town, in the County of Arnscook, said to be about 300 miles north of Bangor, and the money was stolen from Alexander McLeod, a fellow-laborer.—[Boston Gaz.]

From Newfoundland.—The steamer Falcon, at Halifax from St. John's, has brought us late papers from this island.

The attention of the people of St. John's is being directed to Ship-building, and a public meeting has been held for the purpose of enforcing the attention of the Legislature.—It appears that £25,000 are annually paid for freights, and £20,000 every year expended in the purchase of vessels to prosecute the trade of the island.

The seal Fishery is to be prosecuted with

renewed vigour this season, and the present high prices paid for oil will, doubtless, give a vast impetus to this important branch of industry.

THE STANDARD.

St. Andrews, Wednesday, Mar. 19 1851.

St. Andrews & Quebec Railroad Company.

John Wilson, Esq., President.
Julius Thompson, Esq., Manager.
S. H. Whitlock, Esq., Secretary.

The Board of Directors meet every Thursday for the transaction of business.

Charlotte County Bank.
Hon. HARRIS HATCH, President.

T. B. WILSON, Esq., Solicitor.

Discount Day—TUESDAY.

Hours of Business, from 10 to 2.

Bill and Notes for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Monday otherwise they must lie over until next week.

St. Andrews & Quebec Railroad Company.

St. Stephens Bank.

Wm. Topp, Esq., President.

Discount Day—SATURDAY.

Hours of Business, from 10 to 1.

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THE LEGISLATURE.—Very little has been done as yet, by the "Collective Wisdom," notwithstanding nearly half the Session has elapsed. The Government measures are not perfect; in fact but a few of them have been brought before the House, and their fate is uncertain, if we are to judge from the opposition which they have met with. The leader of the Opposition, Mr. Ritchie, appears determined to oust the present Government—if he can;—his efforts so far, have proved fruitless, and his badgering already cost the country a pretty round sum. If this is the way he is to bring about retrenchment and reform, its promoters may well cry "save us from our friends."

OUR RAILROAD.—The Avon commenced discharging her cargo at the Market wharf, on Monday last, and already a large number of the iron rails have been deposited along the line of Railroad. The Locomotive will be set up immediately by an Engineer, in the Engine House at the terminus, Eastern end of the Town. The rails will be laid as soon as the snow is off the track, which from present appearances will be in a few days, when the "PIONEER"—the name given by the manufacturers to our locomotive, will be set in motion.

We perfectly agree with a Fredericton contemporary who says, "that the activity and energy manifested by the people in Charlotte, merit the most qualified approbation of the Country at large, and we sincerely wish that more of the same spirit were infused throughout every county in this Province."

Mechanics' Festival at Hamilton.—The Toronto Globe, contains a report of the speeches delivered at the Mechanics' Festival at Hamilton, which we regret we cannot do more than notice. The Governor General and Sir Allan McNab, "shook hands and were as good friends as ever." In the course of Sir Allan's remarks he said:—

"When I first came here, there were only four or five Mechanics in the place. We had one Blacksmith, who was horse doctor, and head man of the place if we wanted anything done. You all know him—it was David Farley. (Cheers.) We had one Carpenter, his name was Bachelor; but, Ladies, I assure you he was not a Bachelor, for he had a large family. But look at the number of Mechanics, now in this City; I regard them as the main stay of the community, for they can do far better without the rich than the rich can do without them. If we look at the learned professions, who do we see them filled by, but by the sons of Mechanics. If we look to the Legislative Council, our Lords, we see these men who were once Mechanics, but by their industry and intelligence have raised themselves, and been returned year after year in Parliament, and at last have been selected by Her Majesty to fill that high and important office. It is one of the great blessings of the Constitution, which I trust we shall long maintain. We live in a country which I believe has no parallel on this Continent."

It is true that occasionally we have our little rows and squabbles, and misunderstandings; but we soon get over them, and then we shake hands and are as good friends as ever. His Lordship will admit, I am convinced, from the specimen before him this evening, that our wives cannot be surpassed; but I hope that our daughters can and will be matched, but I am sure they will be right lucky chaps that will do it."

His Excellency the Governor General in his reply said that there was a remark which Sir Allan McNab made that he could not let pass without noticing, it was a noble sentiment, although they had their rows and squabbles & misunderstandings, yet they soon got over them, and then they shook hands and were as good friends as ever. "I honor such sentiments and shall ever cultivate them, (he then turned round and presented his hand to Sir A. McNab, amidst the most rapturous applause.)"

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.—The Bill to establish Municipal Corporations has been twice before the House of Assembly and is to be re-committed. The principle of the Bill is sustained, but from present appearances we should think it probable that some material alterations will be made in the details.—[Head Quarters.]

NEW-BRUNSWICK DOCTORS OF MEDICINE.—We notice by the Philadelphia Daily Transcript of the 7th instant, that the term of the Pennsylvania College of Medicine opened on the day previous, in the usual form. The annual commencement was held in the Medical Fund Hall, and crowds of Ladies and Gentlemen were in attendance to witness the ceremony. Among those on whom the degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred, we find from New Brunswick the names of David Berce, George Currier, and David Merritt, all natives of this Province.—[Ibid.]

From the West Indies.—The Oceanic at Halifax, from Bermuda, brings a few items of news from the West Indies.
From Jamaica, we learn that several of the leaders in the late election riot at St. David had been arrested. A Mr. Davis, who was wounded at the time, has since died.
The Rev. J. M. Auld, of the Presbyterian Church, had been killed by a fall from his gig near St. Andrews.

A despatch from the Secretary of State was read in the Barbadoes House of Assembly, 24th Jan'y, in which he suggests that inducements should be held out for the settlement

in the West India Colonies of fugitive slaves from the United States.
A large meeting has been held at Bridgetown, sympathizing with their colored brethren in the U. States on the operation of the fugitive Slave Law.

NAVIGATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE.—In the United States Senate, on Saturday last, Mr. Davis, of Massachusetts, submitted the following resolution, which was considered and agreed to:—

Resolved, That the President be requested, if not incompatible with the public interest, to inform Congress at the earliest date, whether any arrangements are in progress, or likely to be made with Great Britain and the British Colonies of North America for securing to the citizens of the United States the free navigation of the St. Lawrence, St. John, and other large rivers, and the right to enjoy freely, in common with British subjects the sea and coast fisheries of the British North American colonies.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The Assembly was engaged during the principal part of Monday, discussing the Tariff in Committee of Ways and Means. Several propositions and changes were submitted, but the general feeling was in favor of not materially disturbing the existing scales of duties. The duty on American Flour has been retained. Flour, the manufacture of Canada, imported direct and through the United States, if duly certified as the growth and manufacture of Canada, will be admitted duty free.—*Novascotian*.

Suspicious Circumstances.—About a month ago, Mr. Perez Burr, a wealthy Bachelor, of this town, died quite suddenly, in the night. He bequeathed with one of his tenants, a Mr. Ferdinand, who was then steward of the Rev. Cutter Allen, and absent from the house. A few neighbors went into the house to take an inventory of Mr. B's effects—it was ascertained according to his books—and he was very accurate—that some \$2,500, principally in bills and gold, was missing. The Cutter soon put to sea, and having occasion to put in at St. John's Harbor, near Columbia, the Steward Ferdinand, (who is a foreigner), went ashore, as he said, to get some eggs—since which time, however, nothing very definite has been heard of him; but from inquiries made along the stage-route, it is pretty certain that he came on from Columbia—actually ate breakfast at Pembroke with two brothers of Mr. Burr, who were on their way from Massachusetts to secure their brother's property; and then took the route to Calais, or some place near there, and crossed the ferry to St. Andrews, N. B.; and that he is now probably far into the British possessions. The affair has created considerable excitement in our midst, but we have hitherto forbore to allude to it, in the hope that the matter would have further developed itself. Had the telegraph been at first used in this business, and a little more vigilance exerted, no doubt Ferdinand would long since have been arrested. We sympathize with his sorrowing wife—who, from what we can learn of her, appears to be an upright as well as intelligent woman—because, among a certain class, suspicion naturally turns to her; but we have, as yet no good reason to believe that she is at all implicated in the matter.—[Eastport Sentinel.]

MARRIAGES.

At the residence of the bride's father, in St. Stephen, on the 12th inst., by the Rev. Skelington Thomson, L. L. D., Rector of the Parish, Henry Eastman, Esq., Merchant, of the same place, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of William Porter, Esq. M. P. P.

At St. Martins, on the 6th instant, by James Moran, Esquire, Capt. John Mann, to Sarah, youngest daughter of Joseph Brown, Esq., all of that place.

At St. John, on the 12th inst. after a long illness, John Dunn, aged 10 years.

SHIPPING JOURNAL.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

March 14th.—Packet Matilda, McMaster, Eastport, provisions.
Packet Prince Albert, Seidl, Grand Manan.
15th.—Packet Spuy, Balson, St. John—merchandise.
Packet Fame, Ogden, St. John—merchandise.

The barque Volant, McMurtrie, from Liverpool, via Queenstown, arrived at Campobello on the 11th inst.

Loading at Liverpool, Feb. 22d, Venilia, Baltimore; Abana, St. Stephen.

Meeting of Courts.

The Courts of General Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas, for the County of Charlotte will sit at the Court House in St. Andrews on Tuesday the 6th day of April next, at 12 o'clock.

The Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery and Nisi Prius for the said County will be held at the Court House in St. Andrews, on Tuesday 22d day of April next, at 12 o'clock.

At which time and place all Magistrates, Coroners, and Constables of said County and all persons required to be at these Courts are hereby Publicly Notified to give their attendance.

By Order of Her Majesty's Justices.
THOS. JONES,
Sheriff of Charlotte.
St. Andrews, March 18th, 1851.

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