

resolution to the effect that, in the opinion of this House, a union of the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island into one Province on a fair basis, would be advantageous to the common interests of all.

Hon. David McLellan, provincial secretary, delivered his budget speech in the New Brunswick House of Assembly on the 5th. The estimated receipts of the current year are \$644,106 and the estimated expenditure \$610,131. The provincial debt, Dominion, bonded and floating, amounts to \$1,109,960.

A fire occurred at Montreal in the agricultural implement store of Larnouth & Sons on College street, doing between \$2,000 and \$3,000 damage. Covered by insurance.

A fire broke out on Saturday morning in the rear of a block of frame buildings on the Main street, Ridgetown, completely destroying the whole.

UNITED STATES.

Twelve thousand dollars have been subscribed in Boston to the Longfellow memorial fund, and \$38,000 more is wanted.

The United States Brewers' Association has issued a circular to all members of the association, requesting them to make out a list of voters they employ, and those who neglected to take out naturalization papers. The object is to learn the exact political strength of the beer manufacturers of the country.

A number of pupils of Coddington School, Boston, between the ages of 12 and 15, organized themselves into a gang called the "Jesse James Gang." They wore ribbons, on which "J. J." was inscribed. The leader was known as "The Captain," and had a dagger and dark lantern. They had their headquarters in an unoccupied stable. They have entered several buildings in Quincy and stolen various articles: some of them have been recovered. The matter has been left in the hands of the school authorities.

The schooner *Stephen J. Fooks*, from Elizabethport for Boston, sprung a leak on February 28. The men worked at the pumps until they dropped from exhaustion. After drifting 200 miles the vessel was picked up on George's Bank. The captain had become insane from suffering, and attempted to kill the entire crew. He was terribly frost-bitten, as were all on board. The men had no food or water for two days.

On Friday night, near Salt Lake, a snow slide a mile wide, extending from the summit down to Alta, swept away the works of the new Emma mine, killing G. Lybecker, farmer; D. D. Wasson, machinist, and brother, Samuel Seethers, Chas. Colgreen and wife, Edward Crockett, Lottie Pleon, O. J. Johnson, N. S. Leland, Willard Stephenson and John Richardson. The bodies were all recovered except one. This is the worst slide ever known in Little Cotton Wood, the snow slide being forty feet high. The damage to the mines will amount to \$15,000. The storm is too bad to bring the bodies of the killed down. Several leave families.

A fire at Alleghen, Mich., burned twelve stores on one side of the street, and eleven stores on the opposite side, including the Sherman House, and three newspaper offices. The loss reached a quarter of a million. A high wind blowing at the time rendered the fire unmanageable.

Half the business portion of Odessamo, Ks., was burned last night. Loss \$50,000.

At Montgomery, Ala, Miss Harwell stabbed and killed her sister, Mrs. Hughes, in Coffee county, during a difficulty over some cattle left by Hughes, who died recently. Miss Harwell had lived unlawfully with Hughes.

At Cadeville, La., John Rogers and wife, aged 73 and 60, while sitting by the fire, were shot and killed last week by persons whose motive was robbery. The house was ransacked, but the money in a mattress was not found. The murder was not discovered until Saturday.

Near LaGrande, Oregon, while five men were grading a railroad through Pyle Canon they were caught under a huge mass of earth and rock and killed. A heavy blast has detached the slide. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

A hurricane in Mississippi has done great damage in one country. The estimated loss is \$100,000. Mrs. Grice, living near here, is reported killed by falling timbers. Every building owned by Ossion Gillespie was blown to pieces, and his daughter fatally hurt.

A fire at Grand Rapids, Mich., destroyed \$100,000 worth of property.

In Colorado near Denver, snowslides descended on the station at Woodstock, on the South Park Railroad, carrying away every building in the town, including the railway station. Seventeen persons are known to have been caught in the avalanche, including Mrs. Doyle, widow, who kept the station, and her six children, and another woman,

name unknown. Two women were rescued last night alive, but seriously injured. The body of one section hand was recovered this morning. None of the others can escape alive. The missing are Jacob Caswell, of Tomishi; J. S. Brown, telegraph operator at the station; George Alexander, Horace Alexander and Mike Shea.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Wallace Ross, the Canadian sculler, defeated Buear on the Thames course in England, the race being for £400 a side.

Spurgeon, the eminent preacher, has fallen heir to a large fortune, left him by Joseph Pool, of Leicester.

A schooner has been wrecked at Wick, and six persons drowned.

A cartridge filled with dynamite exploded in the Custom House at Lyons, mortally wounding an official. At an anarchist meeting here, it was decided to maintain strict secrecy concerning preparations being made for a monster gathering of adherents of anarchist views. It is believed the 18th has been fixed upon for the proposed meeting.

The police are closely watching the movements of 83 persons now in France suspected of belonging to the dynamite party. O'Donovan Rossa's son is in Paris, but there is no evidence that he is connected with dynamiters. A brother of Joseph Brady, one of the Phoenix park assassins, is living in the Quartier Latin.

The French shareholders in the Suez Canal Company hold a meeting to-day to protest against the convention between De Lesseps and the English ship-owners. De Lesseps threatens to consider the rejection of the conversation as a vote of censure on his policy, and if such action is taken to withdraw from the management of the canal.

A dynamite plot has been discovered at Perth, and the police have seized several packages of explosives forwarded by anarchists through the parcel post.

An interview between the Czar and the Emperor William takes place in June at Darmstadt. The meeting will result in a great diplomatic conference.

The Prussian Parliament has refused to repeal the bill abolishing the salaries of Catholic priests.

Agrarian disorders are reported in Southern Russia. The Cossacks are violently resisting the efforts of the Government authorities to collect taxes.

It has been announced that the Persians last November appealed for Russian protection against the Tekke Turcomans. Capt. Abkhanoff with an escort of 25 Cossacks went to Mery with a letter to the Khans, and induced him and other chiefs to petition Russia for annexation. Gen. Komaroff answered that Russia would grant this honor if slavery be renounced and the booty taken from the Persians were restored. The Khans accepted these terms and liberated their prisoners. Russia intends to establish a permanent legation at Cabul, a step rendered necessary by the occupation of Mery.

The treaty of peace with Chili has been ratified by the Constituent Assembly of Peru.

The commander of the Black Flags in Annam has offered a reward of £16 for each head of a French soldier and £30 for the head of each officer.

A despatch from Haidzuong states that the advance of the French troops, under General Negrier, upon Bacninh has commenced and that several skirmishes between the French and Chinese troops have taken place, in which three French soldiers were killed and many Chinese killed and wounded. General Negrier has 6,000 men with him and another French column of 6,000 men under Generals Mellah and Brien is expected to start for Bacninh soon, making 12,000 men who will participate in the attack upon Bacninh.

A dispatch from General Graham, dated Osman Digna's camp, 11.40 a.m., March 13th, says:—The camp of the enemy has been taken after hard fighting. Over 700 British were killed and 100 wounded. A Suakim dispatch describing the battle says:—The rebels opened fire on Graham's forces at one o'clock. The British formed to repel the charge, but none being made the men were ordered to lie down again. The rebels fire continued all night. The British did not reply. One officer and two men were wounded and one man was killed. The rebels directed their fire especially toward the hospital waggons, which were conspicuous in the moonlight. The surgeons and General Graham's staff officers had many narrow escapes. At sunrise the Gardiner gun and a nine-pounder were turned against the rebels, who were within 1,300 yards of the British, and afforded an excellent target. The Arabs were soon compelled to retire to their main position. Stewart's cavalry arrived at half-past six, and took a position on the British left so as to turn the enemy's right. The engagement soon became general. The infantry and artillery completely routed the enemy from their pits and trenches. The battle had not lasted over half an hour when the victory of the British was made certain.