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The principle and details of the Bill were discussed by Messrs. Fraser, King, Stoverson, Crawford, Tweedie, Marshall, Smith, Austin, and others, all of whom thought it should be referred to a committee in order that its provisions might be carefully criticised and framed with due regard for the important interests dealt with. Progress was finally reported, and the bill referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Murdoch, Crawford, Marshall, Burns and Jones.

ASSESSMENT.

Mr. Phillips submitted a Bill to amend the Assessment Act of 1875. Mr. Fraser, in the chair. As explained by the mover the Bill provides that in counties where the valuation was not made last year, as provided in section 49 of the Act, the valuation shall be made on the 1st day of January next on the basis of the valuation of 1875.

The Attorney General pointed out some faults in the form in which provisions of the Bill were drawn up, and moved to amend so as to provide that county rates, until the year 1880—shall be fixed according to apportionment for 1875, subject to be altered, however, under the provision of the 51st section of the Assessment Act, which relates to reapportionment of the apportionment in case of alterations of parishes.

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT.

Mr. Murray said that when the Assessment Act was being considered in committee he suggested that the Valuation and Assessment Act should be amended so as to provide that the cost of making valuation and assessment be limited by Act to a certain per centage on valuation or assessment. Experience in Charlotte convinced him he was right, for he had been informed by a Magistrate who was present at the County Session that the Valuation, one of whom was Chairman of Sessions and had the power of appointing the Committee on Accounts, had charged four hundred and fifty dollars each for making the valuation, which had been allowed, and that when the Assessment Bills came to be considered, some of those from the larger towns, where Magistrates were also Assessors, were not proportionately as large as those from smaller ones, the former were "levelled up" so that as much as one hundred and fifty dollars was charged for making assessment on one parish. The Valuation and Assessment Bills were thus made in amount much less than all the other County Compting. This showed the necessity of allowing men to pass upon their own assessment.

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A message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was submitted by the Provincial Secretary and read from the Chair. It contained correspondence on the subject of withholding Liquor Licenses under acts of this Legislature, the matter having been gone into pursuant to Resolution of last Session directed to this Government to enquire if the question of withholding licenses could not be got before the Dominion Supreme Court for decision.

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The remainder of Saturday was occupied with the discussion of Mr. Murdoch's bill to secure mortgages in insurance. After a long discussion it further continued was postponed for six months, a very proper way of disposing of so unnecessary a measure.

MONDAY, Feb. 19th.

THIS MORNING WAS ONE OF NOTICES OF RESOLUTIONS AND ENQUIRIES. AMONG THOSE MADE WERE THE FOLLOWING:

No. 25—By Mr. Willis—Resolution for a statement of the quantity and location of all lands obtained by the Government from the Surveyor General's Department from the New Brunswick Railway Company for settlement purposes, the date of transfer, the extent to which lumbering has been permitted on such lands or any part thereof, since negotiations for transfer were commenced, and the names of the licensees or licensees; also, a detailed statement of the moneys on account of stampage or in any way connected therewith received from the licensees or licensees on any part thereof, or any person in his or their behalf or any person in whose behalf or for whom such moneys were received on account of such stampage; also, the names of the persons who made such surveys of such transferred lands were made and the amount paid for or in consideration of such survey.

No. 26—By Mr. McLeod—Resolution for copies of all correspondence in any way relating to the resignation of Mr. Hon. Edward Willis as a member of the Government of this Province.

No. 27—By Mr. Tweedie—Resolution for copies of all applications made to the Governor by any Railway Company for any land within the County of Northumberland up to 19th of July, 1877, all Minutes and Orders in Council made thereon and orders of survey and instructions issued by the Governor or Surveyor General relating to the same and particularly all applications made by or on behalf of the New Brunswick R. Co. for lands situated within the said County of Northumberland up to said day, all Minutes and Orders in Council made in respect to such applications; all orders of survey and instructions issued by the Governor or Surveyor General relating to the same; also, all correspondence relating to the same; also, all returns or Reports of Survey made under or by virtue of such instructions or orders of survey; also, copy of the agreements made between the Government and the N. B. Ry. Company dated on or about the 13th day of August 1875.

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No. 29—By Mr. Burns—Enquiry whether the Government or Surveyor General have paid or agreed to pay or accepted the draft of Robert Ellis, Stationer for the Province, for the amount claimed by him as balance due him on account of services in Gloucester in 1875.

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Local and General News.

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"OLD NORTHERN LIGHT." Your communication will be published as recorded, in its entirety.

DR. J. H. ANDERSON, may now be consulted at his office, over Mr. Street's Drug Store, Miramichi, N. B.

DR. J. A. BARKIN will remain in Chatham for a few weeks longer and may be consulted as usual, at Dr. Barker's office, Water St.

CHATHAM AMATEUR DRAMA CLUB will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, at 8 o'clock. Those wishing to become members are requested to attend.

IMPROVEMENT: The Montreal Evening Star presents a fine typographical appearance in its new dress, being printed on entirely new type furnished by the Dominion Type Foundry, Quebec.

PROGRESS: A "Knight of the Ring," having from St. John, was in town last week trying to secure rooms in which to hold classes and recitations in the "merry art." Happily, he did not succeed.

TO CORRESPONDENTS: There are a few people in the County who write who do not receive their communications. Some have been sending to the wrong address, others to the wrong person.

WIFE: A lady writes that her husband is as usual, teaching with an amount of fervor for his youthful pupils, as well as of "growth" readers. A family of only \$5.00 per annum, free of postage.

LOST: We have moonlight nights now but do not always have them, and one night last week "Pale Luna" did not rise at all.

NEW LONDON: On Tuesday evening last a New Lodge, under the auspices of the "United Temperance Association," was organized in Napier, Rev. S. Stapleton, P. D., assisted by several brethren from Chatham, Miramichi and Grand Falls.

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Miramichi Religious Tract Society.

The Annual Public Meeting of this Society, appointed for Feb. 13th and postponed on account of the severe snow storm, was held on Tuesday evening in the Temperance Hall, Chatham.

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