



THE HERALD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1887.

Meeting of Provincial Legislature.

The first session of the thirtieth General Assembly of this Province was opened by His Honor the Hon. Andrew Archibald Macdonald, Lieutenant Governor, at three o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The weather, which had been very disagreeable in the morning, cleared up, and although the streets were not very clean, it was a pleasant mild day overcast.

At two o'clock the members elect of both Houses were sworn in by Judge Hensley, Mayor Hamilton, and James Crow, Esq., who had been appointed for that purpose.

Shortly before three, the guard of honor, consisting of one hundred men drawn from the Artillery, the Engineers and the 52nd Battalion, under the command of Capt. Weeks, headed by Galbraith's Brass Band, marched into position in front of the Assembly Building.

At the opening of the session, the salute of fifteen guns fired from Fort Edward. A few minutes afterwards the Lieut. Governor and Suite arrived, and were received with a military salute by the Guard of Honor.

His Honor was accompanied by Major Jas. D. Irving, Aide-de-Camp; Eneas Macdonald, Private Secretary, and Mrs. Macdonald. The Council Chamber was filled with ladies and gentlemen who had come to witness the opening ceremonies.

His Honor having entered and taken his seat, the Usher of the Black Rod was despatched to summon the Members of the House of Assembly to appear at the Bar of the Council Chamber.

The latter, in response to this request, entered the room. Mr. Ball, Clerk of the Legislative Council, then informed the members of both Houses that it was not His Honor's pleasure to declare the purpose for which Parliament had been called until a President had been appointed for the Legislative Council, and a Speaker for the House of Assembly.

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His Honor makes a very pleasing reference to the great advances made by our Province in agricultural pursuits as evidenced by our Provincial Exhibition of last autumn, and the creditable record made by our exhibitors at the recent Colonial and Indian Exhibition held in London.

In view of the fact, since Confederation, as everybody knows, the volume of legal legislation has been vastly reduced, the Speech read by His Honor yesterday contained as much in as few words as could reasonably be expected at the opening of our Legislature.

Victory in Fort Augustus District.

The election which took place in the Third District of Queen's County, on Wednesday last, resulted in the triumphant return of Hon. Donald Ferguson by a majority of one hundred and ninety-five votes over his opponent, Mr. Donald Allan Macdonald.

The result is only what every reasonable man expected. Surely no one, in his senses, would suppose that the electors of this influential District would act in a manner so contrary to their own interests as to elect an opponent of the administration in power, especially when they knew that this administration had carefully guarded the people's rights, and faithfully discharged the duties entrusted to it.

One would suppose, too, that the Opposition would have known better than to put a man in the field, and thus make such an exhibition of their own weakness and afford the electors so early an opportunity of declaring to the world their unabated confidence in the Liberal-Conservative party.

The Opposition not only demanded a poll, but the leaders of that party, as well as the lesser lights, exerted themselves to the utmost, working night and day, to defeat the Provincial Secretary. We are informed that Mr. L. H. Davies besought the people of Brackley Point and other portions of the District, in the most piteous manner, to vote against "that fellow Ferguson," on the ground that he (Mr. Davies) as a member of the House of Commons, would lose all his influence should they now vote for a supporter of the local Government.

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The prime source of this spirit of uneasiness and rebellion is nothing else than the too arbitrary power with which the autocratic form of Government existing in Russia clothes the ruling monarch, and the too despotic manner in which he sways his sceptre. The result of the Crimean war frustrated the schemes of the Czar Nicholas, and then western ideas of liberty and social independence began rapidly to replace attachment to the patriarchal autocracy.

Alexander the Second made some advances towards establishing liberty among his subjects by emancipating the serfs, but the enthusiasm kindled among the people by those liberal acts of the Emperor was viewed with suspicion by his advisers, who caused him to desist from completing the reforms upon which he had entered. Open agitation being pronounced illegal, the agitators, in order to carry out their plans, formed themselves into secret societies. The Government's harsh treatment and refusal to grant their demands supplied a pretext for inaugurating a system of terrorism which all the vigilance and energy of the police were unable to repress or circumvent.

So rapid was the growth of these secret societies and so extensive did their ramifications become, that it was not known where or at what moment a deadly blow would be struck. Their well-planned assaults found their way to the headquarters of authority and into the Imperial

Palace itself. Finally the Emperor was assassinated in open day. The Governments of Europe were appalled by his successor for aid in putting down the common foe of law and order. The request to join Russia in an anti-Nihilistic crusade was refused, notwithstanding the fact that the fate of the late Emperor elicited from them expressions of sympathy and horror. Thus anarchism was, as we were sanctioned and regarded as a necessary factor in the struggle between liberty and despotism in Russia.

This evil of anarchy, Nihilism, Socialism, or whatever name, which it may be known, is spread all over the world, and its baneful influences are fast corroding the foundations of civil society and social order. It is not so long since France was obliged to deal harshly with the disturbers of her internal peace; Germany had to pass anti-Socialist laws; England found it necessary to enforce vigorous measures against wholesale murders; Switzerland, long the nursery of patriotism and the home of the exile, was obliged to put her legal machinery in motion against those who abused her hospitality; the United States, where for years the aggrieved and oppressed found a welcome, and whose citizens had not unfrequently taken up the cause of the law breaker against the law which he had broken, were driven to take up arms against the foes of civilization. In fact the flood-gates of anarchy seem, of late years, to have been unshinged, and the world seems to have been deluged with Socialistic notions. Deeds which, a few years ago, would have sent a shudder of consternation through all civilized eyes, have now become so prevalent as to attract but little attention. Conspiracy is in our day, and is directed, not against tyranny alone, but against all property and order, and whatever was at one time fenced round by the highest sanctions. This wide-spread unrest, this constant menace, has caused men of wisdom and foresight to accept the counsel of the utmost, working night and day, to defeat the Provincial Secretary.

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thought, doubtful whether such a move would tend to the peace of the Empire. Lord Lytton, in reply, said matters of this kind were viewed very differently by the people of India and Europeans; that an act of clemency such as this was very highly appreciated by these people, and that those in whose behalf it had been exercised rarely relapsed into the crimes from whose punishment they had been released. He instanced a case which had taken place during his own term of office, of a woman waiting for a whole week in a mountain duff through which she expected the Viceroy to pass, in order to beg of him the favor of releasing her son who had been imprisoned for some crime. The Marquis of Rippon also bore testimony, from his experience of those people, to the beneficial effects on the natives of acts of this nature.

In conclusion we may say, everyone will admit that good morals, regular habits and moderate living are the means best adapted for the promotion of health and comfort in this life. At the same time these qualities will not insure longevity, nor will their contraries preclude its existence.

The men of German birth and origin, in the Province of Quebec, celebrated the 90th anniversary of the birth of King William, of Germany, by a grand banquet at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on the 22nd inst. Most of the leading men of all nationalities in the Province were present. Speeches were made and toasts were drunk in right royal style.

There is no reason why the present session of our Local Legislature should be a long one. The measures for which the Legislature is called upon to act are, under ordinary circumstances, could be disposed of without any delay. Besides, the country members will be anxious to return to their homes as soon as possible.

The Toronto World thinks "the time is opportune for Mr. Howat to reduce his constituents to a state of indifference to biennial sessions." But Mr. Howat has just commenced the erection of a new and splendid residence, and it is not probable that he will be able to get out of the blockade, another storm set in and made things as bad as ever. A large force of aboriginals worked all day yesterday and today, and the track will be cleared to-day and that trains will arrive here some time to-night.

The address in reply to the Speech from the throne will be moved in the House of Commons by Mr. Porter, the member-elect for West Huron, and seconded by Mr. Waldon, M. P. for Albert, N. B. The former gentleman, it will be remembered, defeated Mr. M. B. R. in the election of the 22nd inst. The latter gentleman is known throughout the "provinces by the sea" not as a brilliant orator, but as a thorough master of international law, of which he is the Professor in Dalhousie University, and he is confidently predicted that he will take a prominent place among the foremost debaters in the popular chamber.

The votes polled at the partial election on Wednesday last were as follows: Ferguson, Macdonald 110 44 Bedford 110 44 Stewart 110 44 Mount Stewart 110 44 Tracadie 85 27 E. Augustus 85 27 Brackley Point 24 68 (McLure's) 24 68 He was elected at the Secretary (Rold's) 56 112 Pleasant Grove 44 15 (Dud.) 30 45 C. Wood 33 38 Mount Herbert 33 34 Johnston's river 61 61 Majority for Ferguson, 195.

The idea originated with that of the members of the old province of Rome. The uniform consisted of a brilliant and costly fabric of gold embroidery. The rest of the uniform resembles that of the French cuirassiers, the ornaments being of gold and silver. They wear Roman helmets and top boots, and a Court sword complements the costume. The subject of the parade is the guard in the corridors of the palace and around the Archiepiscopal throne.

Already some fifty young men have joined the parade, and their first parade will be on Easter Sunday when they will be present at St. Gazioli's. The parade is a very interesting one, and will be a great attraction to the public. The parade will be a very interesting one, and will be a great attraction to the public.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

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J. E. McDonald, Esq., arrived home from England yesterday afternoon.

The next Civil Service examinations will take place from the 2nd to the 7th of May next.

Mr. James Kessan, of Augusta, Me., the celebrated horse buyer, arrived here on Saturday last.

On account of the many changes in the weather, within the past week, colds and coughs are very prevalent.

Great anxiety is felt for the safety of Mr. William Howland of Annapolis, Md., who has been missing since Saturday, Feb. 26.

Our readers will find on our fourth page this week, an interesting story of the times of the press, which will well repay perusal.

The Northern Light will likely soon commence running again, as we are informed the ice has moved out pretty well from Souris Breakwater.

JOHN A. McDONALD, Esq., M. P., for the Third District of Prince County, was yesterday, chosen Speaker of the House of Assembly for the third term in succession.

Several horses broke through the ice near the landing at the river yesterday, which proved that travel over Jack Frost's bridge will soon have to be suspended.

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Latest Telegrams

Oranville, March 29.—The Marine Department has received a report from Captain Barry of the Regatta, regarding the possibility of the British steamers P. E. Island and the P. E. Island.

London, March 29.—In the House of Commons this evening, Sir Henry Hall-Edwards, Colonial Secretary, replying to a question, stated that the Canadian Parliament possessed authority to purchase and direct the operation of armed cruisers in Canadian waters without the consent of the Imperial Government.

HALIFAX, March 28.—The steamer Newfoundland arrived to-day from St. John's. She left the latter port at 6 p. m., Thursday, and took from 5 to 6 o'clock to get through the ice Thursday night, and had a heavy North-west gale to this port. It reports a bark two barkentines and a brigantine on the coast.

BOYTON, March 28.—About four o'clock this afternoon a shooting affray took place which will probably result in the death of two persons. The premises had been used as a gambling room run by Edward Finagan and David Lannan. The proprietors and A. J. Albrecht were engaged in a game of cards. According to Albrecht's story, he detected Lannan in an attempt to cheat him, when Lannan grabbed a long iron bar and made a pass at him. Albrecht says that in self-defence he drew his revolver and fired two shots at Lannan, one passing through his chest and the other through his arm.

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Mutton \$ 0.05 @ 0.08

Pork (carrion) \$ 0.06 @ 0.08

Lamb \$ 0.06 @ 0.08

Ham \$ 0.13 @ 0.14

Powls, per pair \$ 0.30 @ 0.40

Butter (cream) \$ 0.25 @ 0.30

Butter (salt) \$ 0.18 @ 0.20

Eggs \$ 0.11 @ 0.12

Apples \$ 0.02 @ 0.03

Oranges \$ 0.25 @ 0.30

Hay \$ 100 \$ 0.60 @ 0.70

Flour \$ 0.04 @ 0.05

Wheat \$ 0.25 @ 0.30

Oatmeal \$ 0.20 @ 0.25

Straw \$ 0.01 @ 0.02

Wood \$ 0.06 @ 0.08

Hydro \$ 0.06 @ 0.08

Sleeping pills \$ 0.05 @ 0.06

Cabbages \$ 0.35 @ 0.40

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PUTTICK EMULSION COMPANY. HALIFAX, 14th May, 1881.

Sir,—It affords me pleasure to add my testimony of the efficacy of your Cod Liver Oil Emulsion. I have used it in my family with the most beneficial results.

A racking cough disturbed her rest at night and she frequently

