





Provincial Wesleyan

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1859.

In consequence of the illness of the Rev. Mr. ...

Hope for a Revival.

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church as the body of Christ is verily guilty, and confides with alacritude that he has called that activity her own which has been exercised by a few of her members, and on which she has even failed to bestow encouragement.

It will be seen that our hope is for a general revival, one which shall enlist every branch of the Church of God, and produce in all the spirit of unity. Preceding revivals have, as Mr. Arthur shows, yielded as their permanent and embodied results separate denominations of Christians. They have in a good sense been schismatic in their operation.

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has been a modest whisper to the effect that an assistant would be acceptable. Trinity, and other localities in the same Bay, are open to us; and Green Bay has a sufficient representation of the Chairman of the District, who has paid it a pleasurable visit, and reports an earnest desire for help. And last, not least, by my means—Ladador is now a settled question, the missionary having been elected at the sitting of our last Financial District Meeting, in a few months will be on his way to that coast. Thus our island will soon be clasped by a band of willing workmen, from Cape Hay to Cape John; while along the shores of Bell Isles Straits will be published to various countries and characters, the full and present illustration of Jesus's gospel.

It is all required. Alas! too many that have asked bread have been supplied with the less nourishing substance. Paganism, which is a mere worship; and Popery, which clings to its prey with all the tenacity of death-struggle. The too prevalent intellectual darkness favors the pravings of an enemy who dreads the thoughts of perspiration. It is evident, then, that education must first be the basis of any revival of Newfoundland emerge from their present quiescence, or burst in under the bands of deadly error. May God hasten it in His time!

The House of Assembly has commenced its sittings at St. John's in a few weeks, and will be on his way to that coast. Thus our island will soon be clasped by a band of willing workmen, from Cape Hay to Cape John; while along the shores of Bell Isles Straits will be published to various countries and characters, the full and present illustration of Jesus's gospel.

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in East Hants educating the same number of pupils, receives only £105 from the district, and nothing from the Province!—Mr. McAuley, of Wallace, educating on an average, 40 pupils, receives but £70 from the district, and nothing from the Province. There are 51 Grammar Schools in the Province.

Total Abstinence Society. Mr. Editor,—I have been requested on behalf of the undermentioned Society, to solicit for Divine Assistance, in the columns of your widely extended journal, for the purpose of informing our Wesleyan Brethren in this and the adjacent Provinces, that a Society has been recently organized in this City, under the most favorable circumstances, designated 'The Halifax Wesleyan Methodist Total Abstinence Society.'

Each member being required on admission to subscribe the following Pledge:—'I do hereby promise and pledge myself, to abstain from all intoxicating Liquors as a beverage, and from all traffic in them, and further by all available ways, to discourage and discountenance their sale and use.'

All members of the Wesleyan Societies and congregations in this City, Dartmouth, and vicinities are eligible for membership. Meetings held monthly, at which Addresses on the subject of Temperance will be delivered by one or more of its members, and opportunities afforded persons to enrol their names in the Society.

The following gentlemen have been selected to conduct the affairs of the Society for the current year:—Hon. JUDGE MARSHALL, President. T. A. S. DEWOLF, Esq., Vice President. ARCHIBALD MORTON, J. Present. H. D. FROST, Treasurer. W. A. S. BLEWETT, Secretary. THOS. F. KNIGHT, H. G. LAURELLIARD, JOHN LONGAID, EDWARD JOST, FRANCIS JOHNSTON, Your Obedient Servant, W. A. S. BLEWETT, Halifax, March 20th, 1859.

Cape Breton. We had occasion several weeks ago to refer to a reported accession to the Baptist denomination in this Town. Since then they have had several additions to their number in this community and neighbourhood, chiefly the sons and daughters of Baptist parents, with perhaps two or three from the fold of the Church of England.

The leading topic of local news during the past ten days has been the alleged revival in the Wesleyan communion, and the large accession to their strength and numbers. This result has been preceded, accompanied, and followed by various other circumstances, which distinguish features, with which we are not familiar, even by report. In this movement there have been included several young persons hitherto attendants on the services of the Church of England, and who had in their earlier years been baptised therein. It is presumptuous to pass judgment upon these converts, and those who do so betray as little of that true wisdom and charity we are so pointedly inculcated to cherish and practice, as do other sayers who wag their heads during the solemnity of the recent conference, as called in the Wesleyan body here, exhibit the zeal, activity, and endurance of the Ministers of that Church. The weekly evening Bible class and prayer meeting are in our estimation the active and immediate agents of the results herein referred to. To incorporate the North Hill Spring Coal Mining Company, and had agreed to the following acts:—An act relating to the boundaries of Township and County. An act relating to fees to be taken in the Crown Land Office. An act relating to coal mines, without amendment, and so act relating to the opening of new mines in the Province, with two amendments.

Diocesan Church Society. The meeting of this Society, on Wednesday evening last, at Temperance Hall, was very numerously attended, and the audience being the most part composed of that influential portion of our citizens belonging to the Church of England, the Ven. Archbishop and other members of the Society were present, and the President, Bishop Binney, read a very interesting paper descriptive of his last official tour through the Province.

Rev. George Hill then moved the first resolution, which declared the necessity of permanent provision being made to meet the crisis caused by the withdrawal of aid from England. Mr. H. advocated the objects of the resolution in a comprehensive and eloquent address, in which he dwelt on the present and prospective state of the Diocese, and the necessity of permanent provision being made to meet the crisis caused by the withdrawal of aid from England.

Mr. Hill was followed by W. Silver, Esq., the Treasurer of the Society. This gentleman delivered a lengthy address, in which he advanced several strong and convincing arguments to show that immediate and energetic action should be taken to carry out the spirit of the resolution.

The second resolution expressed gratitude to God for His divine support to the Church in this Province, was aptly and briefly moved by Judge Wilkins, and seconded by Rev. J. B. Good.

The Deaf and Dumb. We were present with many others on Monday evening last at the examination of the pupils of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, which is conducted by the Rev. Mr. McLean, and is situated in Temperance Hall. At each end of the platform was a large table, and on each table were seated a number of the scholars, and each of them was called upon to write on a slate, and to read what he had written. Mr. McLean then went to the board and made some remarks on the progress of the pupils, and then invited the scholars to express their own feelings upon the subject. He introduced a number of the scholars, and to lead them to appreciate the difficulties which hedge round the deaf mute who wishes to learn our language. The first class, consisting of four little girls, was called upon by a sign, and although they had only been at the institution a few months they had learned upwards of two hundred words. The teacher pointed to his eye, his tooth, his cheek, and the girls wrote the words on the black-board. The writing was good. The letters were read and well-spoken, and would put to shame the 'pupils' of many of our late maidens who have the use of their ears and tongues. No doubt the initiative taught by constant exercise becomes much quickened. After the little girls had written a good many words the teacher made signs for them to describe by pantomime the different animals he named. School examinations often are delectably poor affairs, especially to the children, but here the faces of the children showed they were happy. Joy seemed to play over their countenances and smiles chased each other over the rosy cheeks of these little girls as they sang out many of the words which they had learned. Mr. McLean then invited the scholars to sing some of the hymns which they had learned. The scholars sang with much feeling and devotion. The examination was concluded by the singing of the Lord's Prayer, every one was delighted; and, alluding to Mr. Hutton, a lady remarked that for once we had 'the right man in the right place,' a sentiment which we have much pleasure in endorsing.—Frederician Witness.

Provincial Legislature. MONDAY, March 14th, 1859. After presentation of petitions, a bill of the House was read. Hon. Provincial Secretary, by command, laid before the House a petition from the railway committee, referred to that committee. Also report of supervisors of high roads for the County of Lunenburg, and a petition from the Indian Affairs. Mr. Tobin asked special leave to introduce a bill to regulate the mode of settling in the City of Halifax. His objection was made by several gentlemen, and the bill was not read. The bill was received and referred to the committee on the Assessment Law. Mr. Tobin, as Chairman of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures, reported to the House the various matters referred to them. A message from the Legislative Council. The Clerk announced that the Council had passed an act to incorporate the North Hill Spring Coal Mining Company, and had agreed to the following acts:—An act relating to the boundaries of Township and County. An act relating to fees to be taken in the Crown Land Office. An act relating to coal mines, without amendment, and so act relating to the opening of new mines in the Province, with two amendments.

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Bill, Tobin, McFarlane, McLearn, Hon. Provincial Secretary, Hon. Attorney General, Shaw, Hon. Mr. M. Kinnear, Hon. Mr. Campbell, P. Sanyal, Robinson, Hon. C. J. Campbell—27. Hon. Mr. Young then moved his resolution to extend the privilege of County representation to the whole Province, except in the City of Halifax. On division the yeas and nays were: Yeas 12, Nays 11.

The Hon. Mr. Howe, Messrs McLearn, Webster, Chapman, Wier, Anand, McDonald, Bennett Smith, Parker, Chambers and Morrison, then moved the several amendments proposed by them, which were in consequence and which have been previously reported as above. The bill then finally passed, and was ordered to be sent to the Legislative Council for concurrence—the names and numbers remaining the same.

TUESDAY, March 15th, 1859. House met at 3 o'clock. The amendments of the Council to the act in relation to the mode of settling in the Province, were agreed to. Dr. Brown presented a petition from the Rev. Dr. Campbell and others, in favor of a Prohibitory Liquor Law. Several bills were read a second time, and referred to the committee on Private Bills. The House resolved itself into Committee of Supply. Mr. Chipman in the chair. Several of the usual grants passed. Some discussion occurred on the Packet grants for carrying the mails. The grant for the Windsor and Parrboro Packet was negatived. Other grants passed. Discussion also occurred on grants to ferries. The grant for such services passed. The Committee adjourned and reported. Mr. Morrison objected to the grant for fuel, &c., for the Admiralty Coast. The Hon. Secretary explained. The report was agreed to. The House then resolved itself into Committee on Bills. Mr. Ryder in the Chair. A number of private and local bills were read and passed. The committee adjourned and reported the bills passed. The House resumed. Hon. Mr. Young asked leave to introduce an act to amend the act relating to Trusts and Trustees. The House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply. The Financial Secretary moved that the sum of £25,000 be granted for the Road and Bridge service for the present year—which passed. Then the committee adjourned. Mr. Ryder, as chairman of the committee on Finance, reported. Then the House adjourned until the next day at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, March 16th, 1859. House met at 3 o'clock. Mr. Caldwell moved that the petitions presented during the session from the County of Cape Breton, for the appointment of a Supervisor of State Labor for that county, be referred to the Legislative Council to report thereon—which passed in the affirmative. Mr. Brown asked special leave of the House to present a petition from the inhabitants of Lunenburg, praying for an act of incorporation for Brookley's Meeting House. Hon. Attorney General asked leave to introduce a bill to facilitate the taking of evidence in the County of Lunenburg, and to amend the act in relation to affidavits in this county. Mr. Ryder, as chairman of the committee on Finance, reported. Then the House adjourned until the next day at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, March 17th, 1859. House met at 3 o'clock. Mr. Goldert asked special leave to present the petition of Ebenezer Ford of East River, in the subject of disputed boundaries of Crown Lands. Referred to the committee on that subject. The House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means—Mr. Chipman in the chair. Hon. Provincial Secretary moved that in future the financial revenues be collected in currency instead of sterling money—which passed. The tariff was then taken up. A long debate ensued as to the propriety of reducing the duty of rum, which is fixed by the tariff at 25 per gallon. After which Hon. Mr. Howe moved that the duty be reduced to 10 per gallon. On division there were: Yeas 12, Nays 11. The chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the resolution—according to the rule of the House which required the chairman to vote for the reduced duty. Hon. Mr. Young moved to reconsider the vote. The motion passed. The committee adjourned. On motion of the Hon. Attorney General, it was agreed that no bill be received after Wednesday at 3 o'clock. Then the House adjourned until 3 o'clock the next day.

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on Trade and Manufactures, and the report, left to the consideration of the Legislative Council. Hon. Mr. Howe, although he had read the report, felt that the matter was not yet decided in the committee of the Legislature, which he was desirous to submit to the Legislature. He was drawn in consequence of the report, and it would not have been proposed for some time. The majority of the House were in favor of the report.

Mr. Kinnear was of opinion that the government would have difficulty to do in the present without taking up the question of the Distilleries. He thought that a law should be passed to prohibit the distilling of rum in the Province. He thought there was enough in the Province to supply the market for some time. Hon. Mr. Secretary would have to know the authority for this statement. Mr. Killam had heard of some respectable merchants.

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