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PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

The opening days of the session at Fredericton have been somewhat enlivened by the announcement of a split in the government. The split is not split off in Mr. H. A. Connell, one of the members for Carleton County. Mr. Connell is a wealthy and influential citizen of Woodstock and the proprietor of one of the leading industries in the town. He was some years ago a supporter of Mr. Blair but more recently lost confidence in him because of some shady transactions in respect to public works. It is said that Mr. Connell refused to shake hands with the leader of government when he met him once in Woodstock and that he explained the refusal afterwards by saying that if justice were done Mr. Blair would be in the penitentiary. This story one would like to believe untrue because it was not more than three years after the alleged occurrence that Mr. Connell became a member of Mr. Blair's cabinet. He was in charge of the adoption of the new Woodstock bridge, and was coincident with the adoption by the government of a site which will more than double the cost of the structure.

It was reported and denied in the early part of the session that Mr. Connell and his leader were in the midst of a disagreement. The report turns out to be correct for it now appears that Mr. Connell wrote to Mr. Blair in January resigning his seat in the government and announcing his retirement from the house. Mr. Blair had received the resignation and was in the process of writing him to hold on until session commenced and to say nothing about it. Mr. Connell held on until session time and then retired. Then the government organs with one consent and apparently by authority explained that Mr. Connell had resigned because Mr. Blair would not dismiss a registrar of deeds. Mr. Connell immediately contradicted the statement and has repeated the statement since Mr. Blair has in his place in the house repeated the statement made by the press. At present therefore there is a question of policy, a question of character, a question of courtesy and a question of veracity between the leader of the government and his late associate. Meanwhile Mr. Connell predicts that the vacant seat for Carleton will be captured by the opposition. The condition of the provincial finances shows no sign of improvement. The Auditor General's report shows a substantial increase of debt during the year. This has happened notwithstanding the fact that the sale of the twenty five year leases brought in over \$200,000 which was added to the current revenue though it is not properly a part of the regular income.

THE NOVA SCOTIA ELECTIONS.

The result of the Nova Scotia election is no doubt more satisfactory to Mr. Fielding than to his opponents, but it can hardly be entirely pleasing to him. The government is sustained by a majority of ten in a house of thirty-eight. This is more than a fair working majority but it is a considerable falling off from the majority of eighteen which Mr. Fielding had in the last house. The leader of the government may be tempted to employ the language of the monarch who said after a dearly bought triumph: "another such victory and I am undone." The same remark might be made with the application limited to Mr. Fielding's own constituency. Four years ago Mr. Fielding's majority over his leading opponent in Halifax was over eight hundred. This time it is less than a hundred. At the last election his two colleagues were re-elected, the one polling the smallest vote defeating the leading opposition candidate by over five hundred majority. This year only two of three government candidates are elected, and the third is a hundred votes behind Mr. Black of the other ticket. Another such victory would undo the administration in the metropolitan constituency. The government has lost both seats in Colchester, one seat in Pictou and one seat in Yarmouth. But its greatest failure was on the Island of Cape Breton. In the last legislature Mr. Fielding held seven of the eight Cape Breton seats. In the new legislature he has only two. Every one of the seven members who sought re-election has been defeated and the two who have come in are new men. This is a healthy result to come from the exposure of the road frauds and the coal syndicate measure.

On the other hand the provincial government has cause for satisfaction over the result in two constituencies. In Shelburne the active and capable leader of the opposition has been defeated by a small majority. The result does not indicate a remarkable change of opinion for Mr. Cahan was barely elected in 1890 and was barely re-elected this time. When it is considered that Shelburne has no railways, is far from any line of land communication, and depends upon the old fashioned coach for travelling facilities; and when it is stated that the government candidates were armed with a subsidy for a railway, connecting the main points of the county with the railway system in Annapolis, and with promise of a subsidy for another railway connecting every settlement on the shore with Yarmouth, the only wonder is that Cahan and Freeman polled so handsome a vote as they did. And it might be observed that not only did the opposition candidates have to meet the subsidy canvass but were confronted with a government candidate who was also the president, organizer, and chief promoter of the shore railway.

The other county which served the government a good turn was Cumberland. Our readers have a fair idea of the methods by which Mr. Black and Fraser were elected. Those who have had the pleasure of hearing these gentlemen on the stump and who know their solicitude for

welfare of the liberal Conservative party must have been surprised to find the result described as a great liberal victory. As far away as Toronto, to say nothing of St. John and Halifax, it is claimed that the capture of Cumberland is a great blow to the Tories and a defeat for the doctrines of protection. Mr. Black who on the hustings and in his personal canvass took so much care to make it appear that liberal conservatives and protectionists could support him and his colleagues without the slightest sacrifice of their allegiance has as yet refrained from correcting these inferences. But it is hoped he may soon find time to explain that in view of his own canvass of his "professed relationship to Canadian industries, and his friendly attitude toward the national policy the Cumberland election is rather a triumph than a defeat for the federal government policy.

Death of Senator Botsford.

Senator Botsford passed peacefully away at his home on Main Street on Monday about fifteen minutes after twelve noon. He was first taken sick about six weeks ago being troubled with pain in the head, shortness of breath, etc., which ailments Dr. Calkin who was called ascribed to heart weakness. Later he got out again apparently fully recovered but on the 7th inst. Dr. Calkin was again summoned and at once told the senator that nothing could be done for him except to ease his pain. He had long been troubled with chronic bronchitis which as the result of a cold now took an acute form. He was completely worn out, his heart action being very weak, and he gradually failed and passed away suffering very little pain. During the last days Dr. Botsford was also summoned for consultation but nothing could be done.

Senator Botsford was born in St. John, N. B., on the 25th of September, 1804, was educated at Sackville, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married in 1864, Miss widow of Joseph F. Allison of Sackville, and has no issue. He belonged to one of the most prominent families in the province. His grandfather, Amos Botsford, was the first representative member of the Nova Scotia legislature, separated from Nova Scotia and granted a constitution. He was elected the first Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and re-elected from time to time to that office, until his death in 1812, a period of twenty-seven years. He was unquestionably the greatest organizer of the first laws of the Province, and was distinguished as speaker Botsford throughout the County. His son Hon. Wm. Botsford, succeeded him in the representation of the County of Westmorland in the House of Assembly, and re-elected Speaker of the Assembly, and re-elected to that office until appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court, in 1824. On his last election in 1820, as member for Westmorland, he received over five hundred votes, which was a record for four seats. A brother of the Senator was elected to represent Westmorland and was selected as permanent Chairman of the Committee of Supply. After he retired another brother was elected to represent the County, and was elected Speaker, and continued in that office until he was appointed a Judge of the County Court of Westmorland in the Assembly. The progenitor of the family on this continent, Henry Botsford, settled in Connecticut in 1639, only 19 years after the Mayflower crossed the ocean.

The Senator himself has filled many situations of trust and importance and received the thanks of the Imperial Government and the local authorities for the efficient manner in which he performed the various duties entrusted to him. He sat as senior Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Westmorland for many years, and only in one case was his judgment appealed from. He was appointed with the late Governor Chandler to establish and define the boundary between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and was appointed Commissioner in 1853, with Col. Robinson, R. E. and Mr. Bonaparte to define and make the boundary between New Brunswick and Quebec. He was selected by the Government of New Brunswick in 1838, to proceed to Washington and in communication with the British Ambassador on the question of the border troubles, (called the American work war). When the Militia of Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts, and the Militia of the province faced each other on the frontier, Mr. Botsford was taken prisoner by a guard of Maine Militia. He demanded to be taken to the General's camp, where his headquarters were at Houlton, after an interview and explanation with the general, he was permitted to proceed on his mission.

He was appointed in 1839 a delegate, with two other gentlemen, to proceed to Quebec at the request of Lord Durham to confer as to the future government of British North America, it is worthy of remark that Mr. Botsford was the only delegate from New Brunswick who advocated the confederation of these separate colonies.

In 1853, the Senator was appointed by the Government of New Brunswick to proceed to Washington to represent the interests of the Province on the question of a reciprocity treaty between the two countries and while there furnished his government with important information.

The spring of 1866, was a critical period in the history of the Confederation of the British North American Colonies, the people of New Brunswick had not given their consent to the Quebec scheme, the Legislature was about being prorogued, the government of which he led Sir Albert Smith was opposed to confederation, and it was supported by a third majority in the Assembly. Governor Gordon, who it was supposed, had received instructions from the colonial office to accept the union, had urged his people to accept the terms of the proposed union, or a reversion of it, but they persisted in rejecting his advice.

At this juncture Mr. Botsford, then a member of the Legislative Council, moved resolutions approving of Confederation, which he carried, notwithstanding the strenuous opposition of several influential members. Governor Gordon took advantage of this action of the Legislative Council, again urged his council, either to support Confederation or resign, which terminated in his resignation, a dissolution of the assembly took place, and the elections went in favor of the Quebec Scheme. Had it not been for the course taken by the Legislative Council and the decision and firmness of Governor Gordon, Confederation would certainly have been postponed another year at least.

In the Royal Proclamation appointing the first Senators for the Dominion of Canada, Mr. Botsford's name was at the head of these from New Brunswick. He was twice appointed Speaker of the Senate by Commissions under the great seal of the Dominion.

In 1883, the jubilee year of the Senator's legislative career, an address was presented to him, signed by Sir David Macpherson, the Speaker, Sir Alexander Campbell the leader of the government, and all the members of the Senate, irrespective of party, an extract of which reads as follows: "We ourselves can bear cordial testimony to the ability and assiduity which you have brought to the discharge of every duty devolving upon you in the Senate during the years which have elapsed since 'Confederation'. Twice we have seen you in that period presiding over our deliberations as Speaker, and twice we have seen you in that high office 'not only with impartiality but with a fullness of knowledge of Parliamentary Rules and practice which commanded our respect and confidence, etc."

Upper Sackville.

— Ralph Stevens of Dover was here a few days of this week.

— Miss Laura Fullerton of Halfway River who has been visiting Mrs. F. Thompson returned home on Tuesday.

— R. F. Gibson representing P. S. McNutt & Co., St. John was here on Tuesday.

— Miss Janie Trenholm who has been visiting at Sussex for some time past returned home on Saturday.

— John T. Fawcett son of John Fawcett Esq., who has been visiting his native place during the past winter started on Thursday last for the North West. He intends stopping at several places and seeing the scenery and the people. He will be joined by Wm. Anderson, Esq., Assiniboia. Mr. Anderson accompanied by his sister Miss Nellie Anderson left on Tuesday night for Boston where Miss A. intends spending the summer.

— In spite of bad roads and a disagreeable night a large audience attended the Gospel Temperance meeting held under the auspices of the U. P. S. W. C. T. U. in the Methodist church last Sunday evening. The Rev. Mr. Daniel Wheaton presided over the meeting and in a few well chosen remarks stated its object. Then followed Sey's reports, readings, recitations, and songs with selections by the choir. Very able and eloquent addresses were given by Rev. W. H. Warren and Prof. Andrews. The music consisted of choruses, duets, and solos was certainly fine. The duet by Miss Nellie Fawcett and Miss Fawcett was exceedingly good. The solo by Miss Agnes Fawcett was sweet and pleasing and the solo solo of one of the choruses was rendered by Mrs. Fawcett in a very creditable manner. A good collection was taken.

Amherst.

— Miss Barbara McKinnon is back from San Jose, Cal.

— Miss Fannie Bliss has returned from a lengthy visit in Halifax.

— Mrs. B. Moran of Dorchester is in town visiting friends.

— Miss Minnie Reid and Mr. Thomas Dowling of St. John are to be married on Wednesday next at the residence of the prospective bride.

— Mrs. W. J. Moran leaves Good Friday to spend the Easter holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Darling at Nauyasgawauk.

— Mrs. St. George was called home to Montreal last week by the illness of her father Rev. Canon Townshend.

— Mr. Frank Vernon, student at Harvard University is now in town with his sister.

— The young ladies of Christ Church will hold a sale and promenade concert on Wednesday 4th April, in aid of the Parish House Fund.

— Mr. Charles Smith, of Port Greville, spent Saturday and Sunday in town returning home on Monday. His wife who has been spending several weeks in town with her mother Mrs. R. K. Smith, accompanied him.

— Services are held twice daily in Christ Church this "Holy" week. On Tuesday evening after prayers, scenes of the principal events in the life of our Blessed Lord during the last week before His passion were very vividly portrayed by means of a powerful light lantern, and fully explained during the address. A silver offertory was received in aid of an important Diocesan work.

Tormentine Notes.

— The wild geese are here. Many gunners are running to and fro and efforts to capture the birds are increased. The veteran hunter Mr. Tenhollen now has 140 birds brought in the first goose over ten days ago.

— The ice boats are regular and rapid in their trips across the straits. On Monday they crossed from the Island in one hour and a half. It is supposed that the service on this route will soon close.

— Rev. Wm. Harrison of Sackville preached effective missionary sermons on Sunday last at Bay Field, Upper Cape, and Cape Spear. The congregations considering the bad travelling and foul weather were very good, and amply repaid for the effort yet to be increased. The contributions were very good.

— The store at Bay Field recently vacated by Mr. Crane has been rented and is now occupied by Mrs. Nelson Walker for dressmaking purposes. Mrs. W. has an assistant on the business and the prospect for the future trade will be lively. Their place of business is in connection with the place of business that customers may be sure of always finding them ready to respond to a call.

— Rev. C. W. Hamilton of Bay Field left on Monday for P. E. I. to deliver his going out lecture in the interests of the Sustentation Fund of the Methodist Church. He will be gone several days, and it is understood will deliver his lecture on "The World's Fair" during his visit.

PERSONAL.

— Rev. S. H. Rice and wife of Cornwall crossed from P. E. I. last Friday and proceeded to Sackville by train on Saturday.

— Mr. Harry Wheaton of Upper Sackville spent last Saturday at Bay Field being guest at the Methodist Parsonage.

— Mr. Edith Dobson of Sackville returned to his duties on Monday morning having passed Sunday with his parents at Cape Tormentine. His mother continues very ill.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

SPEECH OF W. WOODBURY WELLS, M.P. OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE.

Mr. Wells (Westmorland) moved the address in reply to the speech of the hon. member for the county of Cumberland in his being called on to perform this duty and regretted his inability to perform the task in a fitting manner on account of ill health and lack of experience. He noted the fact that since the last session three honorable gentlemen had performed the duties of Lieut. Governor. The house had never had the pleasure of meeting approval of his appointment expressed some degree his popularity, his assiduity and the general opinion of his qualifications for the highest position in the province. He thought the house was fully sympathized with Mrs. Boyd in her sad affliction. He mentioned the appointment of the new Governor General and said that the Earl of Aberdeen has a record for always being on the side of peace and conciliation in Canada and Canadian affairs. He said that he took a keen interest in his appointment. His resolve to act impartially and in the general interests of the country had been already manifested and he was confident that the Canadians. He trusted that his excellency and Lady Aberdeen will favor by their presence here in the near future and all able and active citizens will be heartily greeted by all. While times are dull we have had no depression as exists in the neighborhood. The people of the county have not been burdened with taxes of thousands of unemployed nor heard the wail of want and have pursued the even tenor of our way the past year with the assurance that we have even better prospects ahead. At no distant day the report of the commissioner appointed to enquire into the school difficulties would be laid before the house. Grave charges had been made that the non-graduate principles of the school law had been violated. He did not think it necessary to refer to the causes which led to the appointment of this commission of enquiry. The house would concede that the appointment was a wise one. He was so closely identified with the present school law that he might be called one of its fathers and no one in the house would claim that he was open to a suspicion of trifling with the non-graduate. He said that he was not prepared to say any act which infringed that principle. Specific charges had been made by those who claimed the violation of that principle and all able and active citizens would be heartily greeted by all. C. N. Skinner, was engaged by them to probe the matter to the bottom. Mr. Wells said the complaints were allowed to be made. The school law was a good one and the present board of education were charged with the responsibility but evidence was allowed without any restriction whatever to prove acts which transpired years ago, and which were not the fault of the present government. He did not know what the report of the commission would be but trusted whatever it contained would be taken into consideration as a full report and whatever its tenor he believed that the house would for the sake of peace and harmony and good will among all able and active citizens and unanimously accept the said report as a full and true account of the matters at issue. (The late Governor Lang had been heard and had justified by the large sales of last summer and autumn. One and a half times as much acreage had been opened up for farming and the revenue from the millage will be one half as much again. The interest of the buyers will tend to preserve the timber and the operator will also be benefited. His Honor's very proper reference to the agricultural industry would no doubt meet with approval by the house. The government had given a great impetus to this industry by substantial grants, bonuses to creameries and the encouragement given to the education of the farmers on agricultural topics. The revival of this industry was evidenced by successful agricultural meetings and the building of creameries. He thought if one industry deserved to be fostered and encouraged more than another it was this. He believed that the government had given upon the support of the members of the house in encouraging and stimulating the farming industry. The discussion of other matters mentioned in his Honor's speech such as municipal taxation, the judiciary and reform of the Probate Court, mechanics liens and all act to provide for a new revision to the consolidated statutes would no doubt receive strictest attention in the house as required. The abolition of taxes altogether if possible would no doubt be supported by the house and people but as some one has said we are only sure of two things, death and taxes. He believed that there should be greater economy in the expenditure of the province and that there should be some more simple machinery for the proper valuation and assessing of property and that collectors should be empowered to collect without handing over lists of delinquent rate payers to collecting justices. He had no doubt the house would give most careful consideration to this matter as well as to the proposed judicature and other proposed acts. If these important acts were passed he thought the honorable members of the house would concur with his honor and approve of a new revision of the provincial statutes which have not been revised since 1892. The acts as contained in the consolidated statutes had nearly all been repealed or amended and he believed the house would pass the necessary legislation for such revision. (Great applause.)

Mr. Ferris seconded the address. Dr. Stockton of St. John continued the debate on the address. He congratulated the mover of the address for the admirable form and manner of his remarks and after attacking the government and its general policy moved a resolution that the house should express its disapproval of the government and its policy. He said that the government had been in power for a long time and had not been able to do anything for the people. He said that the government had been in power for a long time and had not been able to do anything for the people. He said that the government had been in power for a long time and had not been able to do anything for the people.

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Colchester, 2
Cumberland, 2
Digby, 2
Halifax, 1
Hants, 1
Inverness, 2
King's, 2
Lunenburg, 2
Pictou, 2
Quebec, 2
Richmond, 2
Shelburne, 1
Victoria, 1
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The result of the plebiscite must prove highly encouraging to the temperance people. In Halifax the great liquor stronghold every polling booth gave a majority and the entire vote was more than two to one in favor of prohibition. When

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Special Locals.

EASTERN BEEF.—C. A. Milton & Co., have purchased from Chas. Fawcett a pair of steers weighing 3000 lbs. for the Easter trade.

DENTISTRY.—W. C. Hewson will visit Sackville on March 19 to practice dentistry and remain ten days. Office near Wood's crossing.

TAKE OUT AN ACCIDENT OR LIFE POLICY IN THE TRAVELLERS.

F. ALLISON, Agent.

Local.

A NEW STREET.—Mr. Albert T. Fawcett proposes making a new street from the main road to the road running from Ogden's mill to Fairfield and advertising a number of building lots there for sale.

HIPPIE SOCIAL.—A pie social will be held at the residence of Thomas Lowerison Frosty Hollow on Monday evening March 20th for the purpose of defraying a debt on St. Ann's Church Westcock. All are cordially invited.

THE MAY MEETING.—The annual May meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Middle Sackville, on Tuesday May 1st 1894. The profits from the Queen's lands amounting this year to about \$500 will be disposed of at that meeting.

WILL BUILD AGAIN.—Mr. Thos. Calhoun, one of the proprietors of Calhoun's mills whose handsome residence was destroyed by fire a short time ago is preparing to rebuild on a beautiful location about one hundred yards south of where his other house stood.

A NEW SCHOONER.—Capt. Wm. Egan has the material ready at his yard for a new 100 ton schooner which will be launched about the end of July. She is owned by Messrs. C. Pickard, Eugene Bower, Amos Ogden and Mr. Egan. The Otto and Roy arrived in New York on Sunday 11 inst. She has a carrying capacity of \$4000 and is being fitted out for a voyage to the West Indies.

ON THE STRAITS.—The Stanley left Pictou Tuesday noon for Georgetown, but owing to ice did not reach there yesterday noon. Crossing at the Cape has been good and the boats have been making regular trips. The drifting ice alters the conditions from day to day. On Monday the boats were touched ice from shore to shore; on Tuesday a man could have walked over and yesterday the strait was full of broken ice.

CONFIRMATION AT DORCHESTER.—On Friday last, March 16th, the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Fredericton confirmed sixteen persons in Dorchester parish. The morning was fine and the church was fairly well filled. The Bishop addressed the candidates both before and after the laying on of hands on the former occasion, in a doctrinal way; and on the latter, in a practical way. Both addresses were very good. The candidates were becomingly attired; the music was well rendered; and all felt the ease and gracefulness that marked the service throughout.

THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Dr. Stevens superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum has issued his annual report which discloses a year's work whose consummation has been up to his best expectations in results. On the 1st of January, 1893, there were upon the register 491 patients—248 males and 243 females—18 of whom were reckoned curable and 473 incurable. There were admitted in 1893, 140 patients—75 males and 65 females—making the total number under treatment 631. Of these 41—32 males and 19 females—have been discharged recovered; 31—15 males and 16 females—improved; 3—2 males and 1 female—unimproved; 47—29 males and 18 females—have died. The highest number at any one time was 466, and the lowest number was 450. The daily average under treatment for the year was 477.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—The parish Sunday school convention for the parish of Westmorland held its half-yearly meeting at Port Elgin Thursday afternoon and evening. During the afternoon session Rev. A. Lucas gave a very interesting normal lesson. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The following Sunday schools were heard from: Port Elgin, Coburg, Bay Verte road and Bay Verte. The schools not heard from were Westmorland, Point de la Pique and Upper Tishia. Only a small crowd was in attendance. The evening session was well attended. The following are the officers for the coming year: Howard Truman, president; Tingley, vice-pres.; Miss M. Lavers, sec., and Buby Oulton, stenographer. The following were in the Gorden as committee. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Curran. Mr. Lucas taught next Sunday's lesson at next parish convention will be held in Point de la Pique. Music was furnished by the choir.

PASCAL HERBERT ARRESTED.—Pascal Herbert, formerly proprietor of the Dominion hotel at Memramcook, but lately engaged in the grocery business in Moncton, was arrested Monday morning charged with incendiarism. Herbert's hotel was burned on the 18th September last and Herbert is charged with being a party to setting the place on fire; the charge being laid by one Roderick Leblanc, at the instance of J. R. Sherry, a Memramcook merchant. It appears that Sherry furnished capital for the building of the hotel, which had been burned once before. The amount furnished by Sherry was about four thousand dollars, to secure which he had an insurance of two thousand on the building, and a bill of sale of the contents. Some suspicion was first raised by the knowledge of the fact that Herbert had fifteen hundred dollars insurance on the contents of the hotel, and five hundred dollars on the contents of the barn. The insurance people refused to pay on account of the suspicious circumstances, and the proceedings are the result of Mr. Sherry's investigations. Herbert was taken before a justice at Calhoun's mills, where the investigation was adjourned till Wednesday, the prisoner in the meantime being sent to jail.

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SCOTT ACT.—Stephen Ryan, lately of Springfield, has been fined \$100 for violation of the Scott act.

FARMERS' PICKET.—Prof. Robertson, dairy commissioner, has arranged for three monster picnics to be held in each of the maritime provinces during June and July.

THE TEMPERANCE MEETING in the vestry of the Methodist church this evening conducted by the W. C. T. U. is likely to prove of great interest. A special feature will be the history of the great Maine reformer, Neal Dow. The meeting opens at 7 o'clock.

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SENIOR BORSFORD'S FUNERAL.—A large number of people assembled in St. Paul's church yesterday afternoon at 12 o'clock standard to hear the Burial Service read over the remains of Senator Borsford. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Wiggins and the choir rendered appropriate music. On the coffin were a large handsome box of hymns and a book of devotionals. The coffin was beautifully arranged. Among the mourners present were Mrs. Blair Borsford, Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Nickerson. The deceased was a native of Sackville, Dr. and Mrs. Borsford and Messrs Robert Howson and John L. Harris of Moncton, Mr. J. F. Allison of Sackville, Mr. George Chandler and Sheriff McQueen of Dorchester Judge Landry of Dorchester were also present. Dr. Borsford died at his residence in Sackville on the 15th inst. He was 65 years of age and was a very successful and popular man.

WEDDING BELLS AT TAUNTON MARS.—On Wednesday evening March 7 the home of R. B. Pickering, Taunton Mars was the scene of a very happy event, that of a double wedding when Charles H. Dornon of Malden Mass was married to Ella M. Peel of Taunton and Burton Clough of Boston Mass to Olivia daughter of the late Charles Oulton Esq. of Lovellville Camb. Co. N. S. The officiating clergyman was Rev. G. W. King of Taunton. After the ceremony the happy couple took the train for Boston where they intend spending their honeymoon. The bride is the daughter of the late Charles Oulton Esq. and the groom is the son of the late Charles Oulton Esq. The wedding was a very happy one and was attended by many friends.

JUDICIAL PALMER'S RESIGNATION.—The papers respecting the resignation of Judge Palmer, brought up in the Legislature Tuesday contained nothing but what has been already stated. The reason given by the judge for resigning is failing eyesight. The order in consequence accepting the resignation grants two thirds of his salary or \$2,666 as a pension.

THE CATTLE TRADE.—C. A. Milton & Co. announce in the special locals that they have purchased from Mr. Chas. Fawcett two steers for the Easter trade aggregating 3,000 lbs. Mr. J. E. Estabrook has sold to P. McDonald of St. John a pair of 4 year old steers weighing 1650 and 1800 lbs. On Saturday Messrs John Bower of Coles Island and LeBaron Anderson of Midgie shipped each a car of very fine cattle to St. John for the Easter trade.

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