

For the Christian Messenger.

Revival in Lower Aylesford.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

As we are commanded to "give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name," and to "declare His doings among the people," I would gratefully acknowledge the Divine goodness exercised toward us in Lower Aylesford.

A series of meetings was commenced at the Bethel on the 25th ult. A number of the Lord's ministering servants came to aid us in this "work of faith and labour of love." They were evidently sent to us "in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ." We have been favoured with fine weather. The attendance has invariably been good. Gracious tokens of the presence of God have been granted; and happy results are manifest.

I hope to furnish, ere long, a circumstantial account of this merciful visitation. Suffice it for the present to state, that on Lord's day, the 6th inst., it was my delightful privilege to lead forward in baptism eight willing and joyful converts. The good work is manifestly extending.

We have this day commenced a series of meetings with a section of the same church in Upper Wilmot, with highly encouraging prospects.

May those who read this brief notice, join with us in praising God for the displays of His rich grace, and in imploring the continuance and wide diffusion of them.

Ever yours in Christ,
C. TUPPER.

Upper Wilmot, April 7, 1856.

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Tea Meeting at Pugwash.

PUGWASH, April 5th, 1856.

MESSENGERS EDITORS,

We had a splendid Tea-meeting in the Baptist chapel at this place, the other day, and I am requested to tell you all about it. We were much in need of books for the use of the Sabbath school, and money being scarce, the "honorable women, not a few," (I prefer the term to that of ladies,) put their heads together and went to work, *women fashion*, and if you had stepped into our chapel about 6 o'clock, on Wednesday evening, you would have seen tables! (about a baker's dozen) and would have thought by looking at them, that the baker himself had indeed been there. The tables were several times filled up, and justice was done to the good things, and still there was abundance left, which was 'gathered into baskets that nothing should be lost.' Next we had an appropriate and eloquent speech from T. Page, Esq., who presided on the occasion, after which we had some vocal and instrumental music. The audience decided that the rest of the evening should be spent in general conversation, &c. Our president kept good order and had an assistant in the gallery doing the same. About 9 o'clock the party broke up highly satisfied with the entertainment. I would take this opportunity to thank our friends of other denominations for their cordial co-operation and assistance in this affair. The handsome sum of £19 4s. 6d. was realized,—enough to get any quantity of books we needed, so that we can have religious, moral and intellectual food for all the young folks that choose to avail themselves of the privileges. Aye, and the old folks too, they shall not be forgotten, for we will get Bunyan, Milton, and a host of others. If Mr. Editor, you will publish this you will oblige us all and especially.

ONE OF THE OLD FOLKS.

Extract of a letter from New Albany.

MR. EDITOR;

"The winter has been extremely severe with us, which has operated much against our people who more or less follow lumbering, and as a consequence the times will be hard this spring, but we hope the God of providence will cause war to cease, and then the staff of life will come to us cheaper, and so avert the calamity of the severe winter. These few days past it begins to look more like spring, but as yet no rain, and the ground is almost entirely covered with snow.

"In a religious point of view, we enjoy the faithful labours of brother Plumb one half of the time, which we esteem as a great privilege,

after being so long destitute of stated preaching; yet as a church we do not appreciate the Gospel as we ought, either in what it enjoins or what it offers. Coldness, worldliness and selfishness characterise us to too great an extent. We sometimes hope for a spring time, when the vernal showers of grace will descend to invigorate those plants which have almost ceased to have the appearance of life.

We long to see Zion in all her members elevated to that standard of purity, zeal and doctrine, which a profession of religion involves and the gospel of God our Saviour requires. We want to see the line of demarcation so plain that the people of God may be known and read of all men. Oh how earnest the christian should be in his high and holy calling, he needs to be well stored with truth, and unreserved in his devotion, for duties meet him at every step, duties to God, to the church and to the world. May God revive his people and carry forward his work by instrumentalities of his own choosing. We are glad to hear the good news from Liverpool. May it be the Lord's good pleasure to work with power throughout our land, to the glory of God the Father.

Yours sincerely,
ASAPH WHITMAN.

New Albany, April 2nd, 1856.

Extract of Letter from Milton.

MR. EDITOR,

"I left Horton and arrived here the 1st April, where I met my old friend and pastor Rev. W. Hobbs, holding a series of meetings with this church. The gospel has effected mighty changes in the hearts and lives of many both here and at Liverpool. Eleven were baptized last Sabbath at Milton; twenty-two since the meetings commenced, besides a large number at Liverpool, brother Bentley also baptized on Sabbath last. Brother Hobbs went on Sabbath evening to the village of Brooklyn, two miles from Liverpool, and a Pentecostal shower has been experienced. The whole village appears in commotion and other denominations are catching the heavenly flame. Have spent a few weeks very pleasantly to myself in preaching Christ in the above named places. May the good work spread from shore to shore."

Yours fraternally,
JAMES MOORE.

Milton, Q. C., April 17th, '56.

Provincial Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SATURDAY, April 5.

House met at half-past 2, p. m.
Bill relating to Customs; the bill concerning the division of School districts Lunenburg; and bill to assess the township of Granville were passed.
The bill to incorporate the trustees of the South Baptist meeting house, at Wilmot, was read and referred to committee.
Hon. Rec. General, by command, laid on the table several returns relative to the trade of the Province.
Hon. Mr. McCully reported on the Bill to implead the Provincial Government; read a second time.
House in committee on bills, and the bill respecting the Board of Health at Halifax was taken up. Hon. Mr. Harris moved that the bill be deferred to this day three months, which passed without division.
Four bills were brought up from the House of Assembly, and read first time.

MONDAY, April 7.

Hon. Mr. Tobin stated that he had this morning resigned his office as President of this House. The hon. gentleman then bowed to the House and withdrew.

Hon. Mr. Rudolf as senior member present, took the chair, and on motion a committee consisting of Hon. Messrs. Kenny, Almon and McCully were appointed to wait on His Excellency to inform him that this House is without a President, and wishes to know His Excellency's pleasure concerning the matter.

Proceedings of Tuesday, 8th, published in last No.

WEDNESDAY, April 9.

The resolution granting £400 for the purchase of Cornwallis Toll Bridge was read a second time. Bill to enable private persons to implead the Provincial Government was taken up.

Considerable discussion ensued. The bill enables persons to sue the Government only in cases of actions arising from breach of contract. Hon. Mr. Almon moved, as an amendment to the bill, that private persons be enabled to sue the Government for damages, personal or otherwise, sustained by them at the hands of the Government. Hon. Messrs. McCully and McLeffly, although in favor of the general principle of the bill, were opposed to the amendment.

The question was taken on the clause as amended, when there appeared—
For the motion, 11; Against it, 7.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

SATURDAY, April 12.

Several Bills passed the House finally, and were referred to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

MONDAY, April 14.

BILLS.

Four bills were forwarded and sent to the Legislative Council.

Mr. McLennan moved a resolution in opposition to a Bill declaring the yearly vote to J. W. Nutting as Clerk of the Crown as additional to his other emoluments.

Mr. Wade advocated the bill on the ground that it was only a matter of justice to Mr. Nutting.

Mr. Chambers approved the resolution. Hon. Mr. Johnston opposed it in consideration of Mr. Nutting's long and substantial services, and the abolition of one of his offices.

Mr. Archibald—it was but a matter of bargain between the House and Mr. Nutting, in consideration of his resignation of the office of Prothonotary,—and he is entitled to what was guaranteed to him.

Mr. Geldert thought the Prothonotaries in each county ought to have the whole of their fees.

Mr. M. I. Wilkins said, Mr. Nutting is entitled to the £80 which was guaranteed to him by bill, as Clerk of the Crown.

The amendment was negatived, and the bill passed, 25 to 17.

COURT HOUSE IN HALIFAX.

Mr. McLennan moved, in amendment to the bill for giving £3500 in favor of erecting a Court House, on condition that the county of Halifax should give an equal sum; that the bill be deferred to this day three months, inasmuch as all the other counties had provided their own court houses.

Several members showed that the Halifax court was entitled, by act of Parliament, to rooms in the House of Parliament, and was entitled to half the expense of a new one, to accommodate country practice.

Hon. Mr. Wier—When I was in Montreal a short time ago, I saw a court house going up that would cost £80,000. The people in that country, take a pride in erecting public edifices; here, if you would go by the hon. member for Colchester, we should do nothing.

Mr. Annand—Halifax does not want your bill; it is entitled to its court house where it is. But if you want the use of the present Court Room and adjacent rooms for a Legislative Library and Committee Rooms, this is the only bill that can give them to you.

The amendment was negatived, 23 to 27, and the bill passed.

SHERIFFS' BILL.

This Bill passed 26 to 13, after an amendment being moved and withdrawn by Hon. Mr. Johnston, for having the substantial power in the hands of the Judges instead of the Executive Council. He explained, however, that he desired the power of appointment should be either in the hands of the Government or the Judges, so that the public might judge whence the appointments emanated.

Moved by the Hon. Attorney General, that the Board of Works be authorised, under the direction of a Committee of the House, to have the Assembly Room painted and refitted.

Passed unanimously.

House in Committee of Supply.

On Resolution proposed to give a sum not exceeding £4000 in the form of bounty to fishermen.

Mr. Wier remarked that if you wish to injure the poor fishermen, you will give this bounty. The idea was absurd. The money would go into the pockets of the persons "fitting out," and not into the pockets of the fishermen.

Mr. Essoffer differed from his honorable colleague. The fishermen on the shores (say about Margaret's Bay) would be glad to accept of any bounty in the way of encouragement.

Dr. Tupper was disposed to support the grant. The fishermen of Nova Scotia had now to compete with the American fishermen.

Mr. McLennan opposed the grant.

Mr. Wier was prepared to show that the operation of the Reciprocity Act had put into the pockets of the fishermen at least £50,000.

Mr. Geldert thought that the bounty should go into the pocket of the fitter out. The person undertaking to fit out had as great a claim as the fishermen.

Mr. Tobin briefly supported the resolution. The fishermen of the Province had never had their claims regarded as they should be.

Mr. Ryder had signed the report. His regret was that the sum was not doubled.

Hon. Atty. General—Four thousand pounds were nothing—no consideration if it were followed by any substantial good; but on admission of fishermen themselves such would not be the case. The grant would not be a wise application of the public funds, and he should oppose the resolution accordingly.

Question proposed, that the Resolution do pass.

For, 21.
Against, 24.
£5 13s. 6d. passed to pay for surveys on the main road in Inverness.

£50 to Drs. Weeks and Denison carried.

The vote to a Private Secretary for the Lieut. Governor passed 24 to 14.

£20 to a school at Antigonish.

£500 to the Normal School at Truro.

£979 for contingent expenses of Legislative Council, after protests from Messrs. Chafibers and McLennan, but a committee was appointed at the instance of Mr. Chambers to ascertain the particulars of the amount.

The House did not adjourn until after eleven o'clock, p. m.—before rising, winding up finally the arduous duty of voting the supplies, which, as every one will admit, have been granted without stint, most munificently.

TUESDAY, April 15.

Dr. Tupper asked leave to introduce Resolution authorising the construction of Steamer Wharf at Parrsboro' by the Railway Commissioners. (The mover stated that the Resolution left the matter wholly in the hands of the Executive Government and Commissioners of Railways.)

After some remarks from several gentlemen, adverse to or in favor of the Resolution, passed 17 to 12.

Mr. Annand reported from Committee on Glebe Lands, Onslow, unfavorable to prayer of petition.

Mr. Moses introduced Resolution authorising payment to Trustees of Grammar School, Yarmouth, a sum, being part of School-mones, not drawn from the Provincial Treasury.

Mr. Johnston moved for printing, in pamphlet form, 1000 copies of the Municipal Counties Incorporation Bill. Also, Incorporation of Township Bill, &c. Agreed to.

WEDNESDAY, April 16.

On Wednesday the House was engaged for a great part of the afternoon debating with closed doors a question of privilege.

FRIDAY, April 18.

The House took up the Railway Damages Assessment Bill, as sent down, with amendments, from the Legislative Council, providing that the power of nominating appraisers shall devolve upon the Executive Government, and not (as originally provided for in the Bill) upon the Court of Sessions; Government being required to make their selection from another county, and not from that through which the railway shall pass.

The Hon. Provincial Secretary was understood to approve of the amendment.

Mr. Essoffer was strongly opposed to this proposal. It was in the very nature of it an insult to the Sessions.

Mr. Chambers concurred with the hon. gentlemen from the county of Halifax.

The Hon. Solicitor General supported the amendment.

Mr. Annand opposed it.

The Hon. Provincial Secretary did not think the simple act of choosing appraisers from a neighboring county would be to cast aspersions upon the magistracy of the county in which the assessment was to be made.

Mr. Lennan was in hopes the Council would have left the bill as they found it.

The Hon. Attorney General reminded the House that to lose this bill would be a most injurious as well as unjust act. He should not vote for the amendment. It was an open question and ministers might vote as independent members of the Legislature.

Mr. Parker expressed determination to support the amendment.

For, Geldert, C. Campbell, J. Campbell, Martell, White, Davidson, Parker, Prov. Secretary, Wade, Bill, Sol. General, Locke, Fin. Secretary.—13.
Against, Robicheau, Webster, McClearn, Wier, Baily, Ryder, Tupper, McLellan, Tobin, Dimock, Chambers, Atty. General, Annand, Essoffer.—14.

Other amendments were agreed to, and bill returned to the Council.

PROROGATION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor came down to the Provincial Building on Friday at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of proroguing the Legislature.

The Guard of Honor wore the new Military uniform, for the first time, comprising a scarlet Tunic with trowsers of black cloth with narrow red stripe. The Officers wear no epaulettes but have a sash over the left shoulder.

The officers are thereby rendered less conspicuous objects to an enemy.

On His Excellency taking his seat on the Throne, the attendance of the Members of Assembly was commanded. This having been responded to, His Excellency was pleased to close the Legislative Session with the following

SPEECH.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

At the close of a Session protracted somewhat beyond the usual duration, I have great pleasure in releasing you from further attendance upon your Legislative duties.

Though your labors have not been marked by the perfection of any measure of prominent importance, I attribute that circumstance, in some degree, to the difficulties incident to the first session of a new House, distinguished as this has