

being satisfied in reference to her deep exercises of mind, from the solemn countenance, the falling tear while sitting under the sound of the gospel, and her manifestations of regard for the people of God, and anxiety for prayer when visited by them.

Dear sister Margeson, although she had lived so long in disobedience and had "hid her light under a bushel," yet it pleased a merciful and gracious God to sanctify her affliction.

"The mount of danger was the place, Where she found surprising grace."

A God of infinite goodness at a very early period of her illness manifested himself to her as a God of love, broke the cords of unbelief, and afforded her satisfactory evidence that her peace was made with him; and her peace flowed as a river, her soul was happy in Christ's love.

As ever yours, W. CHIPMAN.

Pleasant Valley, Feb. 27th, '57.

MR. JOSEPH BRADSHAW.

At Kempf, in the County of Hants, on the 26th Sept. 1856, Mr. Joseph Bradshaw, died at the advanced age of ninety-nine years and five months; leaving

- 4 children,
40 grand-children,
100 great-grand-children, and
9 great-great-grand-children, who still survive him, to mourn their loss.

Mr. Bradshaw came from the United States with the early settlers of this province, and resided in Chester, until about the year 1794—he moved to Newport where he lived a number of years, and in the year 1799 he and his beloved companion united with the Baptist Church.

Thus the subject of this memoir, was one of the founders of two Baptist churches, and was a member of the Christian church 57 years; had the happiness also to see a goodly number of his

posterity and contemporaries united with the same good cause. One of his brothers was a zealous minister of the gospel of Christ.

Brother Bradshaw moved in the humble walks of life, and maintained his faith unwavering to the end. Towards the close of life his hearing greatly failed, and he also lost the use of his eyes, but his spiritual sight appeared as clear as ever, and he took great delight in attending the means of grace as long as he could go to the house of God.

His funeral sermon was preached by the Pastor of the church from those precious words of our Lord, John 5, 29—"They that have done good unto the resurrection of life."

MR. JAMES CRAB.

Died, near Bridgetown, January 17th, Mr. James Crab, aged 45. Brother Crab was for many years a member of the Baptist Church in Bridgetown. His death was very sudden and unexpected. Nearly two years ago he had an attack of paralysis, and a few months after, a slight attack, and the day before his death he was seized with the severe attack which carried him off.

Provincial Parliament.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, February 20.

House met at half-past 2, P. M. Hon. Receiver General announced the resignation of the Executive Council.

TUESDAY, Feb. 24.

House met at half-past 2, P. M. Hon. Mr. Kenay presented a Commission from His Excellency the Lieut. Governor appointing him President of the Council.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 25.

The Council waited on His Excellency with the Address, which was simply an echo of the speech of His Excellency. To which His Excellency replied:—"Mr. President, and Hon. gentlemen of the Legislative Council, I thank you for your address, and relying on the assurance of your cordial co-operation, I again with confidence command to your careful deliberation the interests and welfare of this Province."

FRIDAY, Feb. 27.

Hon. Mr. Tobin, by command of his Excellency, laid on the table of the house, a mass of papers (which were read by the clerk) on the following subjects:—

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The accounts current of the Receiver General of the Province, for the year 1856. This shows a total expenditure during the year of £174,090 9s. 10d., of which the leading items are:—

Table with columns: Item, Amount. Rows include: Paid to the Chairman of Board of Works (£27,000 0 0), For general Education (17,049 0 0), For Legislative expenses (10,196 13 9), For Post communication (7,912 9 2), For revenue expenses (5,423 12 11), For salaries to officers of govt. (15,680 0 0), For Road service (45,960 13 7).

The receipts during the year, together with the balance from 1855, were £196,483 19s. 1d., showing a balance in favor of the Province of £22,384 9s. 9d. The leading items of the receipts are:—

Table with columns: Item, Amount. Rows include: Colonial duties (£112,519 9 0), (of which Halifax alone paid about three-fourths, £91,950 2s. 3d)

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Papers were submitted on Military Defences. The Colonial Secretary's Despatch states that it is expected that the local government will contribute largely towards the constructing of such defences on land as may be necessary.

A Despatch from the Colonial Secretary, relative to Cape Race Light House, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade recommending that an order in Council be passed imposing a toll of 1-16 of a penny per ton on ships enjoying the benefit of the Light House on Cape Race.

Hon. Receiver General introduced a bill to settle and confirm the limits of the town of Yarmouth, which was read a first time.

Hon. Mr. Pineo presented a petition from James Starritt, and 60 others of Lunenburg, in favor of a Bankrupt Law.

Hon. Mr. McHeffy presented a petition from G. F. Harding and 18 others, for an act to authorize the sale and conveyance of the Baptist church at Windsor.

Hon. Mr. Morton presented a petition from the first Baptist church in Horton, praying for an act to incorporate the trustees of that congregation.

Hon. Mr. Crichton presented a petition from the General Sessions of Pictou, for the passage of an Act for the legal assessment and collection of rates in the county of Pictou, for the present year.

Hon. Mr. Tobin suggested that on all petitions presented, there should be endorsed a short abstract of their contents.

TUESDAY, March 3.

LIMITS OF YARMOUTH BILL.

The bill to settle the limits of Yarmouth was read a second time.

FOG BELL.

Hon. Mr. McCully presented a petition, praying for the construction of a fog bell on Cape Tormentine, at the joint expense of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island.

CHURCH LANDS (ONSLow.)

Hon. Mr. McCully also presented a petition for trustees to take charge of church lands in the township of Onslow, and apply the proceeds to the purposes of general education.

Hon. Mr. Morton laid on the table the report of the Horton Academy for the past year, which shows an average attendance at the institution of sixty pupils during the year, the entire number who attended being 125.

P. E. ISLAND STEAMER.

Hon. Mr. Black presented a petition from L. W. Desbrisay, of Kichibucto, merchant, owner of the screw steamer Lady LeMarchant, plying between Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, praying a grant towards the expenses of such steamer.

The memorial from the Governors of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary, was read at the request of hon. Dr. Grigor. Upwards of 8000 cases were treated last year, against 500 in 1855. The income of the institution for the past year including a grant of £100 from the Legislature, was £215 7s. 6d.; while the expenses, including the salaries of the resident physician and secretary, purchase of medicines, rent, etc., were £220 16s. 9d.

FRIDAY, March 6.

Hon. Mr. Morton, Chairman of the Committee on the bill to settle and confirm the limits of the town of Yarmouth, reported favorably. Referred to a committee of the whole house on a future day.

Hon. Mr. Archibald presented a petition from the Avon Marine Insurance Company, of Windsor, praying for the continuance of their charter.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, Feb. 24.

After the announcement of the new Ministry, hon. Mr. Young placed a resolution on the table of the house, condemning the omission of the Solicitor General but promising its withdrawal when the appointment was officially announced.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 25.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon announced that the office of Solicitor General had been tendered to the Hon. M. L. Wilkins, and he had accepted the same, in consequence of which his seat in Parliament had become vacant.

Hon. Mr. Young withdrew the resolution introduced by him on a previous day.

Hon. Mr. Howe said he was glad that things had taken this turn, and he would say to the Government, that during the absence of the hon. Mr. Johnston and others, the opposition did not intend to throw any difficulties in their way to interfere with the ordinary business of the country.

THURSDAY, Feb. 26.

Two hours were occupied in presenting petitions.

FRIDAY, Feb. 27.

After some time spent on the granting of Patents, and on the General Assessment Bill, Hon. Mr. McKinnon laid upon the table, by command of his Excellency, several despatches and papers connected with the public service.

The first was a despatch from the hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the effect that the act passed to incorporate the "Transatlantic Telegraph Company" had not received Her Majesty's assent, on the ground that it is not guarded by the necessary provisions, in reserving to the government the right of taking possession of the line in cases of public emergencies.

2. The report of Mr. Talcott, Civil Engineer, and his survey of St. Peter's Canal.

Hon. Mr. Young stated that Mr. Talcott had been employed by the late government to survey, examine and minutely report upon the actual expenses of the work and whether it was practicable. The result of that report is—that, that the work is practicable; second that it is begun upon the site most judicious; and, that to complete the undertaking, it will cost the sum of £86,350. The sum of £5,000 has already been expended on the work.

3. Communications and reports on the Inland Navigation Company.

Hon. Mr. Young explained to the house the position of the matter.

The company have already expended the sum of £18,000. He was pleased to announce that the hopes and expectations of the friends of that work will be fully realised. That before the next session of the house one of the most valuable internal public improvements will be completed, and that, by the month of June next there will be free and full access by canal communication with the shores of the Bay of Fundy. He thought both sides of the house would concur in the opinion that the late government exercised a sound and a wise discretion in securing its actual completion.

MONDAY, March 2.

STATUTE LABOR LAW.

Mr. Chambers moved for a committee to take up the Statute Labor Law. A bill was printed last year and he supposed gentlemen were prepared to take up the subject.

Some discussion followed respecting the imperfections of the present law, and the necessity of perfecting some general scheme of assessment. Members appeared to regard it as a very difficult matter to grapple with. The principle of assessment was urged as the soundest that could be adopted.

The following gentlemen were named as a select committee on this subject—Messrs. How, McDonald, Chambers, Robinson, Ryder, McKeagney, Munro.

Mr. Henry called attention to the subject of appointing a commission for consolidating the laws of the province. So many changes have taken place that magistrates are unable to find out what the law really is. Judges have complained of the present state of the laws. A consolidation of the laws is absolutely necessary. It would not cost much—the labor would be comparatively easy.

A long conversation followed, in which Messrs. Young, Chambers, Howe, McLellan, Locke and Morrison took part. A select committee was appointed to consider and report to the house upon the subject.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.

On motion the house resolved itself into a committee of supply. Supplies were moved by the hon. Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. Young moved a resolution to the effect that the committee on navigation securities be requested to report as to what part of amounts granted to keepers of ferries, etc., might in their judgment be modified or reduced.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon proceeded to reply to the question asked by the hon. member from Windsor on Saturday afternoon. In the absence of several members of the government, he was not prepared to say more than that it is the intention of the government to fulfill all the engagements of the late administration, and to maintain inviolate at home and abroad the credit of this country.

Mr. Wier remarked that this did not convey the information required. The country ought to know and should know in the most explicit terms the policy of the government in reference to the railroad.

Hon. Mr. Young remarked that as regards the policy of the government we are as much in the dark as ever.

Mr. Wade thought the explanation sufficiently plain and satisfactory.

Mr. Wade thought it could not be expected that in the absence of the leading men of the government they could propound their policy more definitely than they have done.

TUESDAY, March 3.

Hon. J. Campbell, by command of his Excellency, laid upon the table of the House, additional Railway accounts, and vouchers annexed.

Hon. Mr. Howe stated that, as some exception has been taken as regards the mode in which the railway accounts are kept, he felt it due to the House to state that they have been kept in the most scientific manner by an accountant regularly trained. He showed that the accounts were regularly kept and audited, and that the accounts and vouchers were now on the table of the House. He naturally felt some anxiety that they should be carefully and minutely examined, and their accuracy fairly tested.