

in ten counties, viz., Halifax, Kings, Hants, and Pictou, where the representation is to be by electoral divisions covering the whole county, and in Digby, Annapolis, Lunenburg, Cumberland, Cape Breton, and Richmond, where the representation is by counties; the electoral divisions of Colchester are altered, making them more equal than at present. The mode of representation is unchanged in four counties, viz., Inverness, Sydney, Guysborough, and Victoria, they now having county representation, and no inequality existing among the electors; and no change is made in Yarmouth, Shelburne, and Queens, there being no inequality among the electors of these counties, the townships of Yarmouth and Argyle, of Shelburne and Barrington, and the two electoral divisions of Queens, covering the whole of these counties, respectively.

The Hon. Provincial Secretary, by command, laid on the table, a further list of officials employed on the Nova Scotia Railway.

WEDNESDAY, March 2nd, 1859.

Hon. Prov. Secretary, by command, laid on the table copies of correspondence relating to the transmission through Nova Scotia of the mails from Great Britain to Canada. Also, a copy of a despatch relating to the support of the Cape Race Light House. Also, copies of correspondence between the Lieutenant Governor and the Colonial Secretary of State on the subject of precedence.

Hon. Attorney General from the Revising Committee, reported the following committees:—*On Contingencies and the reduction of the Legislative expenses*:—Messrs. Killam, Chipman, Esson, McLearn and Wade.

On Assessments in the City of Halifax:—Hon. Mr. Young, Hon. Attorney General, Archibald, Killam and White.

Hon. Attorney General presented a road petition from Wilnot. Also, by special leave, a petition from Edward H. Cutler, for a grant of lands.

Mr. Chambers presented a petition from the County of Hants, against the Representation Bill of last session.

An Act relating to the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Dartmouth, was read a second time.—The two petitions on the subject were also read.

Mr. Ryder presented a petition from Argyle, signed by 840 males and females, praying for a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Mr. McDonald asked special leave to present a petition from Pictou, praying for an Act of Incorporation for the Laurel Hill Cemetery Company.

Mr. Annand asked the Government to lay on the table a list of the persons employed in the Provincial Secretary's, Financial Secretary's, Receiver General's and Crown Land Offices, and the Revenue Department at Halifax, with their salaries and dates of appointment.

Hon. C. J. Campbell asked leave to introduce an act to change certain polling places in the County of Victoria.

Mr. Archibald, from the Crown Land Committee, reported three bills.

Hon. Provincial Secretary, by command, laid on the table copies of the correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Lieutenant Governor, on the postage of letters on military business. Also, certain returns relating to land damages.

The adjourned debate on Mr. Mclean's petition was then resumed.

The hon. Mr. Howe addressed the house. He was followed by Mr. Wade.

After a call of the house the question was taken, when there appeared: for the resolution of the hon. Mr. Young—24; against it—26.

For—Messrs. Bailey, Parker, McKenzie, McLellan, B. Smith, Fuller, Reinhard, McDonald, Wilkins, Davison, Archibald, Wier, Chambers, Webster, Morrison, Hon. Mr. Young, Locke, Annand, Geldert, Robertson, Chipman, Munro, Esson, Hon. Mr. Howe.—24

Against the motion—Messrs. Killam, Churchill, Caldwell, Hon. J. Campbell, Brown, McLearn, Ruggles, Hon. Mr. Henry, Hon. C. Campbell, Martell, Moses, Tobin, McFarlane, Bournnef, Bill, Hon. Financial Secretary, Wade, Ryder, Hon. Provincial Secretary, Hon. Attorney General, McKeagney, P. Smith, White, Hon. Mr. McKinnon, Shaw, Robicheau.—26.

Mr. Bent declined voting.

THURSDAY, March 3rd.

House met at 11 o'clock, and after organizing the committees adjourned until 3 o'clock, then the house resumed.

The Sheriff's Bill was read a second time.

Several private and local bills were read a second time and referred to the committee on private bills.

Mr. Wade, as chairman of the committee on private bills, reported several bills without amendments.

The hon. Attorney General moved that the adjourned debate on the Representation Bill be resumed.

After some delay hon. Atty. General moved that the question be taken up.

Hon. Mr. Young then addressed the house for a short time when the galleries were cleared on a question of order.

The house sat with closed doors until six o'clock and then adjourned until 12 o'clock the next day.

FRIDAY, February 4.

The following bills were read a third time, and ordered to be sent to the Council for concurrence:—

An act to amend chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, of coal mines, and the act in amendment thereof.

An act relating to fees to be taken in the Crown Land office.

An act relating to the boundaries of counties and townships.

An act to regulate the issuing of licenses for explorations in connection with the opening of new mines.

Mr. Wilkins moved the second reading of the following bill—an act to provide for the election of Grand Jurors.

The house in Committee, passed several bills.

Hon. Provincial Secretary, by command, laid on the table the annual return and accounts of the Poor Asylum. Also, the reports received from the Supervisors of main roads.

Mr. Wier presented a petition from the inhabitants of the North district of Margarets Bay, against the Representation bill.

Mr. Bennet Smith presented a petition from Douglas, praying for the passage of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Hon. Mr. Howe, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Geldert, Mr. Davison, and Mr. Chambers presented petitions against the change in the representation.

On motion the adjourned debate on the Representation Bill was resumed.

Hon. Mr. Young continued his address of the previous day.

He was followed by the hon. Provincial Secretary, who spoke for the remainder of the day.

The hon. Prov. Secretary, by command, laid on the table an account of the sale of Debentures, in connection with the railway.

SATURDAY March, 5th.

Hon. Prov. Secretary, by command, laid on the table the report of the Superintendent of Education. Also copies of correspondence between the military authorities and a Captain of the Pictou Artillery Company. Also the railway returns—asked for by Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. McFarlane, and Mr. Chipman, presented petitions against the representation bill of last Session.

Hon. Attorney General asked leave to introduce a bill to provide for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages.

Mr. Chambers asked the government to lay on the table of the House a return of the cost of survey for a railway from Windsor to Hantsport, and an estimate of the probable expense per mile, of the construction of a railroad to that place.

Mr. Annand presented a petition, against the representation Bill of last Session.

The adjourned debate on the representation Bill was then resumed.

Hon. Mr. Howe addressed the House for the remainder of the day.

MONDAY March 7th, 1859.

Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of a Bill to provide for the registration of Births, Deaths and marriages.

Mr. Archibald presented several petitions against the Bill now before the House on the subject of the division of the School Monies for that district.

Mr. Esson presented a petition from Sheet Harbor.

Mr. Archibald presented two petitions against the Representation Bill of last session.

The adjourned debate was resumed. Mr. Archibald addressed the House.

A few remarks were made by Messrs. Wade, Tobin, Esson and Wier.

After which Mr. Killam and hon. Attorney General addressed the House.

It was agreed that the question should be taken the next day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, February 28, 1859.

Hon. Mr. Pineo presented a petition praying for an Act to incorporate a company, to be called the North Spring Hill Coal Mine Company, and introduced a bill in accordance with the same.

The hon. gentleman further observed, that it appeared that a coal mine had been discovered eight miles from Amherst, in the direction of West Chester, and four miles from a shipping place at Nappan, that the petitioners state that they have purchased from the proprietors of the soil all their right, and had also applied for a lease of the mines from the Government.

Hon. Mr. Holmes considered that as petitioners already had a lease from the Crown, and had made an agreement with the proprietors of the soil, they had all that was necessary to enable them to work the mines.

The bill was read a first time.

Hon. Receiver General, by command of His Excellency, laid on the table of the house, copies of correspondence relating to a proposed extension of the term of the Charter of the Bank of British North America.

Hon. Receiver General, by like command, laid on the table a copy of despatch from the Colonial Secretary, together with "An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial causes in England."

Lord Stanley states that Her Majesty's Government consider it of great importance that there should be uniformity of Legislation on the subject throughout the British Empire.

Hon. Mr. McCully asked leave to attend before the Railway Committee of the House of Assembly, which was granted on motion of hon. Mr. Almon.

FRIDAY, March 4.

House of Assembly by message informed this house that they had passed the following bills:—

A bill to amend chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Coal Mines" and the Act in amendment thereof;—A bill in addition to regulate the Mines of this Province;—A bill relating to fees to be taken in the Crown Land Office; and a bill relating to County, District, and Township Lines.

Referred to a select committee.

POORS ASYLUM.

Hon. Receiver General, by command, laid on the table the account of the Poors Asylum for 1858.

The expenditure of the Asylum for last year was £3389 14 10.

The Institution has received 976 persons (485 men 305 women, and 189 children) during the past year. The deaths during that period have been 92.

The number of paupers in the Asylum on the 31st December last was 386 (nearly 1-3 of whom belong to Halifax) of whom there were 182 men, 132 women and 72 children. Of these 35 men, 36 women and 2 children are Lunatics.

The average number in the Asylum during the past year was 344, at a cost of 6s. 1d. per day each, being 1d. per day less than the cost in 1857.

Hon. Mr. Dickey.—I beg leave to present an Act relating to the conveyance and transfer of Real and Personal property vested in Trustees and Mortgagees.

Colonial & Foreign News.

New Brunswick.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY.—Nothing of much general importance was before the House during the last week. The Government have not yet proposed any comprehensive measures for the benefit of the people. The time of the House has been occupied mainly in debating bills of a private or local nature. Much of the time is wasted by a factious spirit which seems to pervade our legislation, and which will never allow any measure to be a settled question for even a limited period, but is always attempting to pull down what the previous labors of the House have built up, as evidenced in the efforts of the past week to destroy the General Post Office and repeal the Insolvent Act. The great amount of local business which is to our mind so unwisely thrown upon the House of Assembly, serves as an ever ready and available excuse for the neglect of matters of the most vital importance to the Province, and fosters a narrow, sectional, and selfish spirit among our representatives.—*Visitor*.

ARREST OF YOUNG OFFENDERS.—On Sunday last, four lads, named Rourke, Murphy, McGlinchey, and Ogle, broke into the store of Messrs. Stewart & McLean, for the purpose of robbing it. They were traced by the Police, and the three first-mentioned were arrested. They admitted that they were the parties who entered St. Andrew's Church on Friday last, and committed sundry depredations there, mutilating the pulpit bible, robbing a money box, &c. They had made a fire in the stove, but the fortunate entrance of the sexton, between 2 and 3 o'clock, no doubt prevented the destruction of this sacred edifice, as a quantity of wood was piled around the stove. They were remanded yesterday for further examination. Much credit is due to the Police force for their vigilance in tracing this matter out.—*New Brunswick*.

NEW BRUNSWICK INSANE HOSPITAL.—The Report of the Commissioners of this Asylum shows that the expenditure for the year ending 31st October 1858, was £4,023 7s. 8d. The whole number of patients in the Asylum for the year was 236, and the number remaining on the 1st November, 1858, 88 males and 67 females—in all, 145; the average number being 155. The cost of each patient is estimated at £32 12s. 4d. for the year. Dr. Waddell urges the speedy completion of the north wing of the building, on the grounds of the crowded state of the wards, and the necessity that exists for classifying their inmates. He also complains of the inadequate arrangements for heating so large an establishment, and the consequent suffering of the patients in the extreme cold weather.

The Dry Goods merchants of St. John intend closing their stores at 6 o'clock, p. m.

REVIVAL IN CARLETON.—We rejoice to hear that a blessed work of religious revival is in progress in Carleton. Our Free Baptist brethren have been holding special services for some time past, and they have been attended with much good. Our esteemed brother Clay returned home some ten days ago, and commenced holding meetings in the Baptist Church, and very soon it was evident that God was in their midst. The Church was aroused to duty, wanderers returned in penitence, and the unconverted were arrested by the convicting power of the truth.—The meetings increased in interest and in saving power during the last week, and on the Sabbath Dr. Clay had the privilege of immersing eleven candidates in obedience to the Divine command.—*Visitor*.

SPRINGFIELD.—The Rev. Jas. Trimble writes: "After being away nearly three weeks, I returned home and found my family well. I enjoyed the privilege of attending thirty meetings, baptizing twenty-one converts, partaking of the Lord's Supper three times, making some thirty or forty ministerial visits, and, above all, of enjoying the comforting presence of God the most of the time."—*Id.*

The St. John, N. B., *News*, learns that a petition numerous signed, has been sent to the Provincial government, calling for the removal of Judge Wilnot from the Bench of New Brunswick.

United States.

Some Albanian, proposing to publish a series of biographical sketches of the members of the present Legislature, forwards to each a copy of a set of queries, thirteen in number, to which he desires immediate answers; hinting that in case replies are not sent, "the sketch of yourself will probably not please you." That threat will probably settle the business.

TRAGEDY AT WASHINGTON.—Mr. Key, a resident at Washington, having become fully convinced that an unlawful intimacy had existed between his wife and Mr. Sicles, the U. S. Attorney for Columbia, took a revolver, and meeting the latter on the 27th ult., shot him in three places, causing instant death. Mrs. Key has returned home to her mother. Mr. Key delivered himself up to the authorities.

It has leaked out that a secret personal agent of the Queen of Spain has been in the United States for a twelve-month, and that there have been several meetings between him and the President. This person is said to be a lawyer of great eminence in Spain, and to have the charge of the Queen's private estate, and knows her wishes and intentions better than her Ministers, or the whole of her Court combined.

Plymouth church, (H. W. Beecher's) Brooklyn, is hereafter to be opened to the public for concerts and scientific lectures, by vote of the Trustees, the proceeds arising from the letting to be devoted to the fund for erecting their new church edifice. The new house will be proceeded with as soon as the pending negotiations for an eligible site have been concluded. The first week's receipts for the house will amount to \$500.

The Second Adventists have issued a circular, called *The Time Messengers*, containing twenty-eight columns of arguments and figures, to demonstrate that the second coming of Christ will be during the Passover of the present year.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

WEDNESDAY Feb, 9th.

JAMAICA IMMIGRATION ACT.—Lord Brougham wished to know whether the Royal assent had been given to the Jamaica Immigration Act, which contained some most extraordinary provisions, and had excited the apprehensions of the Negro in this country.

Lord Carnarvon replied that, although it was the intention of his right hon. friend at the head of the Colonial Office to recommend that act for confirmation to her Majesty, there were yet some points connected with it which were, beyond doubt, of a questionable nature in themselves and which the Colonial Legislature would be instructed to amend.

Lord Brougham pledged himself, when a fitting opportunity arrived, to demonstrate to their lordships that some of the provisions of the Jamaica Bill were at once hostile to the independence and security of the working classes, and tended directly to encourage the slave trade, not only in Africa, but in the eastern dominions of the Crown.

Lord Grey could not agree with Lord Brougham in his sweeping denunciation of Negro immigration, and thought, though the proceedings of the West India colonists on such a subject should be watched with jealousy, that some system of immigration properly regulated would be productive of great benefit to the colonies, and attended with the happiest results to the emigrants themselves.

Lord Brougham, in answer to the observation of Earl Grey, said he had expressed no opinion against immigration in general. His objections only applied to this particular bill.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.—Mr. H. Berkeley asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer if it were true that her Majesty's Government was about to grant a guarantee or subsidy to the Atlantic Telegraph Company; and, if so, upon what conditions.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said that several applications had been made to the Treasury for a subsidy for the purpose referred to; but as no resolution had been come to of the kind mentioned by the hon. gentleman, it was not in his power to answer the question.

MARRIAGE OF A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.—Lord Bury moved for leave to bring in a bill to legalise marriage with a deceased wife's sister.

Mr. B. Hope entered his protest against the motion.

The house having divided, the motion was carried by 155 to 85, and leave was given to introduce the bill.

JEWISH AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE.—On New Year's day, a deputation from the Romish Jewish congregation was admitted to the presence of the Pope. His Holiness at first received the members rather ungraciously, reproaching them for having, as he thought, supplied the European press with the particulars of the recent well-known transaction. His Holiness, however, gradually relented, and the members of the deputation, on retiring, were permitted to kiss his hands, which is considered as an extraordinary act of condescension on the part of the Pope.

It is reported in Paris that M. Fould, Minister of the Emperor's Household, has gained upwards of five millions of francs (200,000*l.*) by the recent fall in the price of the French funds. M. de Morney is said to have been even more fortunate.

The project of exploring the interior of Australia by the aid of balloons appears likely to be realised, as Mr. Henry Coxwell, the aeronaut, has constructed balloons for the purpose, which have been sent to Melbourne.

A Berlin letter, of the 5th, states that her Majesty Queen Victoria, the Emperor of Russia, the Queen of Prussia, the Grand Duke of Weimar, and the Princess Charles of Prussia, will be the godfathers and godmothers of the infant prince.