

DEACON JOSEPH NICHOLS.

This esteemed brother, who has for many years been a useful and beloved member of the Church at Digby Joggins was called to his rest on the 12th instant.

Our departed brother was a native of this Province, and lived to see the snows of 68 of its winters. He was baptized 22 years ago by the Rev. Charles Randall.

The general regard for our deceased brother was manifested on the day of the funeral by a large attendance—not being prevented by the unpleasant weather and desperate roads.

For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visit at New Minas.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15th, the Church and other friends made us a Donation, to the amount of about £28 1s. 3d., £5 6s. 3d. of which was in cash.

Such generous presents, coming from a small Church so recently organized, and the many other expressions of Christian affection, which have been manifested during our short acquaintance with a people, are very encouraging to the pastor.

THOS. W. CRAWLEY.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Revival in Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.

[Continued.]

MESSRS. EDITORS—

I desire to bless the name of the Lord that I can truly say, Continued, not only in reference to the narrative, but also with regard to the revival itself. Our meetings were commenced more than three months ago, (Dec. 22nd.)

Having held protracted services in the other five sections of my field of labour, Brother Stronach and I commenced them in Tremont on the 21st inst. We have been aided by Brother H. Saunders, who resides here, and by acceptable and useful visits from Brethren Morton, Vidito, and Freeman, as also a young Bro. Flick.

On Friday a Conference was held in Greenwood Square, and 10 persons were received for baptism. On Saturday 17 were likewise received in Tremont.

Besides the persons added by baptism at this time, 5 others, who had been members of one or other of the former churches, received the right-hand of fellowship.

fewer—those living in this region who were ever Baptist professors of religion are now happily united in one Church, and walking together in Christian harmony.

Yours, in Gospel bonds, CHARLES TUPPER.

Tremont, Aylesford, March 28th, 1859.

WINDSOR.—Extract of letter from Rev D. M. Welton, dated April 4th.—The Lord is reviving his work among us. Five were baptized yesterday. We think that many more will soon follow.

BILLTOWN.—Rev. James Parker writes:—"We have had two baptisms recently, and are expecting more."

SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON.—Extract of letter.—"Since the account I sent you for publication 15 have been baptized, (4 at Sydney, 8 at North Sydney, and 3 at Mira.) and we are expecting more soon.

SWEDEN.—The last number of the Provincial Wesleyan, under the head "Methodism in Sweden," gives an extract of a speech delivered at a late English Methodist Missionary meeting, which contains a brief sketch of the extensive work of grace in that northern country of Europe.

The speaker stated that "there was now scarcely one parish throughout the whole of that country which had not been visited by God's blessing from on high. Reports of these revivals were brought by the Minister of State to the Crown Prince, and he was told how these people were acting, despite of ecclesiastical law."

This is genuine magnanimity. Would that it prevailed in the hearts and speeches of all.

Special services are to be held in St. Paul's, London, for Seamen, of which the Rev. R. H. Baynes is minister, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during Lent, commencing at the late hour in the evening. The placards state that "Sailors, dock labourers, and the working classes are earnestly invited to attend these services."

MR. SPURGEON'S NEW CHAPEL.—The plan is now decided on by which Mr. Spurgeon's chapel will be erected. It is neither the one which the architects selected—probably for architectural reasons—for the first prize, nor the one selected by them for the third prize, but one to which the Building Committee have awarded the second prize.

MR. SPURGEON'S VISIT TO AMERICA.—Our readers may have seen it announced that Mr. Spurgeon will not, after all, visit America. This is so far correct, that he has quite given up the intention of doing so in connection with the late invitation and its objects.

J. H. Michon, a French Catholic priest, has written a brilliant pamphlet urging a permanent removal of the Pope to Jerusalem, the cradle of the Christian religion.

THE REV. C. G. FINNEY.—A series of special services to the working classes was commenced on Sunday, Feb. 27th, in the Borong-road Chapel, Southward, by Professor Finney (called the American evangelist), of Oberlin College, Ohio.

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, March 28th.

House met at 12 o'clock, and went in committee on bills.

The Prohibitory Liquor Law bill was again taken up. Several clauses of the bill passed.

Mr. Shaw moved that the cider clause be reconsidered.

Hon. Attorney General stated that he had voted against the motion of his hon. colleague on a previous day, because, although he was of opinion that the words including cider were not necessary—that article being included in the term "intoxicating liquors"—yet, as the bill had been sent to the house with those words in it, he did not then feel inclined to alter it; but it had been since suggested that the retention of these words would invite opposition in certain counties, and he would therefore now support the motion.

Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Ruggles agreed.

Mr. Webster opposed the motion.

On division the motion was lost.

After a long discussion upon the best mode of ascertaining the real opinions of the majority of the people on the bill, Hon. Attorney General moved an addition to the resolution of the hon. Financial Secretary of the previous day, to provide for cases where no poll is held for the election of candidates—which was lost on division.

Mr. Wilkins gave notice of two resolutions upon the bill, which he would move on its third reading.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Several bills were read a third time and sent to the Council.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Penitentiary, reported.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition on the St. Peter's Canal, against the substitution of a marine Railway.

Mr. Locke moved a resolution to abolish the office of Solicitor General, which was seconded by Mr. Geldert, and laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The house in committee on bills, took up and passed several local and other bills.

TUESDAY, 29th.

Several bills were read a third time.

Mr. McLearn asked leave to introduce a bill to provide for the building of a bridge over Liverpool River.

The order of the day being the resolution for the extension of the railway to Pictou, was then taken up.

Mr. Martin I. Wilkins addressed the house. The following gentlemen addressed the house on the subject:—

Hon. Fin. Secretary, hon. Prov. Secretary, hon. Mr. Howe, Mr. Churchill,—after which the debate was adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 30.

The house met at 3 o'clock, and attended in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency gave his assent to the Revenue and thirty-two other bills.

Hon. Mr. Henry asked leave to introduce a bill to amend the laws relative to the Militia, which provides for the calling out for drill of Volunteer Companies of Militia.

The bill to facilitate the perfecting of titles in the Island of Cape Breton was read a third time.

Mr. Ryder, as chairman of the Committee on Humane Institutions, reported, recommending a grant of £400 to the Deaf and Dumb Institution; £75 to the Halifax Visiting Dispensary, and £15 to Donald Ross, for the education of three blind children. Also, a bill to amend the act relating to the Hospital for the Insane.

The third reading of the Prohibitory Liquor Law Bill was moved.

Mr. Wilkins said he would not press the resolution he had given notice of, but as he was always of opinion that the prohibition of the use of intoxicating liquors would tend rather to increase than diminish the traffic, he would move that the Bill be deferred for three months. On division there appeared—for the amendment 9, against it, 32.

For—Wier, Martell, Bailey, Reinard, hon. C. J. Campbell, Geldert, Wilkins, hon. Mr. Henry, Bourneuf—9.

Against—Messrs. Bill, McKeagney, McLearn, Tobin, Parker, Hon. J. Campbell, Ruggles, hon. Atty. General, Churchill, Wade, Ryder, Moses, Hon. Fin. Secretary, B. Smith, hon. Prov. Secretary, McKenzie, Esson, hon. Mr. Howe, Morrison, hon. Mr. Young, Archibald, Annand, Robertson, Webster, McLellan, Robichau, Shaw, Chipman, McDonald—32.

Hon. Attorney General moved an addition to the 10th clause, to make provision for the mode of taking the ballot in counties or districts where no political contest is held—being the same amendment moved by him in committee. On division the amendment was carried 20 to 18.

Mr. Archibald then moved an amendment to the bill, that all the clauses which provide for taking an electoral vote on the bill shall be struck from it, and that the bill be so amended as to be brought into operation absolutely at such time as this house shall determine.

For the motion, 12; against it 24.

The bill then passed.

The adjourned debate on the Pictou Railway extension was then resumed.

The following gentlemen addressed the house:

—Mr. Archibald, hon. Fin. Secretary, Mr. Killam, Mr. Wier, Mr. Morrison, and Prov. Secretary.

THURSDAY, March 31.

Mr. Ruggles presented a petition from the Sons of Temperance and others of Chute's Cove, in the County of Annapolis, asking for a law to prohibit the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors to electors on the day of the next election, and for two days previous.

Hon. Attorney General presented the petition of Handley Starratt, and others, of Wilmot, on the same subject.

The debate on the Pictou railway extension was resumed.

The following gentlemen addressed the house:—Mr. McDonald, hon. Mr. Henry, hon. C. J. Campbell, hon. Prov. Secretary, Mr. Munroe, hon. Mr. Howe, hon. Atty. General, Mr. Wier, and Mr. Churchill.

Mr. Wilkins' resolution for the immediate extension of the railroad to Pictou (previously reported) was read.

The following amendment was moved by Mr. Chambers:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this house the railroad should be extended and completed to Pictou with the least possible delay, so soon as the management of our public affairs passes into other hands, and the railway can be efficiently and economically constructed, and the Revenues of this Province with the returns of the railways now open, shall give to this house the means of paying the interest on the cost of such construction.

On division there appeared, for the amendment 14, against 28.

For—Reinhard, Bailey, Morrison, McLellan, Archibald, Locke, Webster, Chambers, Munro, Young, Wier, Robertson, Chipman and Esson—14.

Against—McLearn, Caldwell, J. Campbell, Moses, Churchill, Shaw, McKeagney, White, Bill, Brown, Killam, Parker, Wilkins, McDonald, S. Smith, McKenzie, Howe, Henry, Bourneuf, Prov. Secretary, McFarlane, Attorney General, Wade, Robichau, McKinnon, C. J. Campbell, Ryder and Fin. Secretary—28.

The vote was then taken on the following amendment, moved by the hon. Fin. Secretary:

Resolved,—That in the present state of the finances of the province, and until the experience of another year shall have tested the remunerating character of the railways already constructed this house would not be justified in increasing the debt of the province so largely as would be effected by the extension of the line to Pictou during this present year.

On division there appeared, for the amendment 25, against 18.

For—Brown, Killam, Bill, McLearn, Churchill, Caldwell, J. Campbell, Moses, White, McKeagney, Wade, Shaw, Ryder, Bourneuf, McFarlane, Prov. Secretary, Henry, C. J. Campbell, Atty. General, McKinnon, Fin. Secretary, Geldert, Robertson, Esson and Robichau—25.

Against—Bailey, Reinhard, Webster, McLellan, Locke, Parker, Wilkins, B. Smith, McKenzie, Archibald, Munro, McDonald, Howe, Young, Chambers, Morrison, Wier and Chipman—18.

Hon. Atty. General asked the special leave of the house to introduce a bill to amend chapter 11 of the acts of 1858 relating to the assessment of the city of Halifax for railway damages.

On division there appeared, for the amendment 25, against 18.

FRIDAY, April 1.

The bill relating to the establishment of a Bank at Yarmouth was read a third time, and sent to the Council.

A number of Bills were read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Killam from the Committee on public accounts reported.

The debate on Hon. Mr. Henry's Decimal Currency Bill, was opened by the Honble. introducer of the measure. He was followed by Mr. Tobin, Hon. Mr. Young, Mr. Killam, Mr. Wier.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Young:—

Resolved, As the opinion of this House, that the several Coins mentioned in Chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes, shall constitute legal tenders as heretofore, at the several rates therein declared.

And whereas, it will greatly facilitate the keeping and audit of the Public Accounts of the Province, that the same be kept in Dollars and Cents.

Resolved, As the opinion of this House, that all accounts to be rendered to the Provincial Government or to any Public officer or Department in this Province by any officer or functionary, or by any party receiving aid from the Province, or otherwise accountable to the Government or Legislature thereof, shall be so rendered in Dollars and cents; but any such accounts may have a second column containing sums in Pounds Shillings and Pence equivalent to the same so stated in dollars and Cents, if the accountant shall prefer to render his account in that form.

That in several Coins hereafter mentioned shall be received and paid at the provincial Treasury and other Departments as equivalent for the following sums in money of account.

Dollars Cents.

The gold Sovereign of the United Kingdom, at 5 0

Silver Crown " 1 25

" Half " 0 62 1/2

" Florin " 0 50

" Shilling " 0 25

" Six pence " 0 12 1/2

Copper Penny of the United Kingdom, and that issued from the Treasury of the Province. 2

Half-penny 1

That the foregoing Resolutions shall take effect from and after the 31st day of Decr. A. D. 1859.