

every information in their power on the matters reported on.

Hon. Mr. Henry moved that the Decimal currency bill be made the order of the day for Monday.

The house in Committee took up the Prohibitory Liquor Law Bill.

A long discussion ensued as to the propriety of taking the vote by ballot on the bill, and whether it should be taken at the next election or not. The debate arose upon a proposition of Mr. Archibald to make the bill absolute without leaving it to the vote of the people.

After a number of gentlemen had addressed the house—the question was taken, when there appeared for the amendment 12;—against it 22.

The first, second, third, and fourth clauses passed.

On the reading of the fifth clause a discussion took place as to the mode to be pursued in counties where there was no contest. The clause was passed over for the present.

After several clauses had passed it was suggested that the bill be referred to a select committee.

The following select committee was appointed:—Hon. Atty. General, Mr. Moses, and Mr. McDonald.

FRIDAY, March 25.

The house met, and sat with closed doors until 4 o'clock.

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

Hon. Fin. Secretary asked leave to introduce a bill to continue the act to authorize a Provincial loan.

Hon. Atty. General asked leave of absence for Mr. P. Smith to return home, in consequence of severe domestic affliction.

The house in committee on bills.

A bill relating to Assessments in the city of Halifax was considered. On the reading of the clause relating to the levying of the assessment on the Benefit Building Society,

The hon. Atty. General opposed it, and explained at length the operation and principles of the society, at all events he thought the assessment should only be made on the contingent funds.

Mr. Tobin thought it should be put on the same footing as any other society in the city.

Hon. Mr. Young—All the committee, with the exception of the hon. Atty. General, had approved of this clause. He had no doubt that this society was clearly liable to be taxed as any individual who had money lent upon mortgage.

Hon. Atty. General after some remarks moved the following amendment—

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Benefit Building Society shall return to the city clerk, within two months after each annual meeting in July, a return of the net amount of the contingent fund upon which assessment shall be levied.

After a long discussion the question was taken, when there appeared, for the amendment 11—against 22.

Hon. Atty. General then moved another amendment, that the treasurer of the Building Society shall return to the city clerk, within two months after the annual meeting, the name and address of each stockholder, with the amount of stock respectively held by him, upon which the assessment shall be levied against him individually.

On division there appeared, for the amendment 17—against it 14—so the amendment passed—the clause as amended then passed.

Mr. Killam moved a clause, that no assessment be hereafter levied upon the citizens of Halifax unless the proportion of railway interest due by them be included therein.

Hon. Fin. Secretary said that by the law he was required to notify the Mayor of the amount required to be assessed. The notice was now being prepared, and he thought it would be rather ungracious to pass this clause until the demand was made.

Hon. Mr. Howe denied that there was any idea on the part of the citizens of Halifax to repudiate the payment of the interest. If there was any disposition to repudiate or delay the payment of this debt, he would agree to pass a bill next session to enforce its collection out of the city revenues.

Mr. Wier believed, that if the citizens had thought the Railway was going to stop at Truro, they would not have pledged themselves as they did, but still they were liable under the law, and would pay the debt.

Mr. Killam consented to withdraw the amendment.

After some remarks, Mr. Tobin moved that the bill remain in committee until communication was had with the city authorities, which was agreed to.

SATURDAY, March 26.

Hon. Prov. Secretary enquired if the Pictou extension Railway Debate—being the order of the day—would be preceded with.

Mr. Wilkins said that Mr. McDonald and other members being absent, he would rather postpone it until Tuesday next.

The Atty. General remarked upon the necessity of an early consideration of the matter as the session was drawing to a close.

Hon. Attorney General, as chairman of the select committee, to whom was referred the Prohibitory Liquor Law Bill—reported that Bill with amendments.

The house in Committee on Bills.

The Prohibitory Liquor Law Bill was taken up.

The hon. Attorney General explained to the Committee the amendment proposed for the purpose of obviating delay in the balloting for the bill, and to provide for cases where no poll is held for the election of candidates.

The fourth clause as amended was moved; a long discussion ensued.

Mr. Chambers moved that the opinion of elections as regards the bill be taken by open vote and not by ballot—which was lost 14 to 23.

Hon. Mr. Henry then moved in amendment that, whereas the bill does not make provision for the expression of opinion of the whole of the Electors, it be recommended to refer it again to the committee who last reported on the Bill, to prepare the necessary clauses to carry it out.

On division there appeared—for the amendment 12;—against it, 23.

Hon. Fin. Secretary moved that a clause be added to the bill to provide that it should not come into operation unless the majority of votes polled at the next election be given in its favor.

For the motion 29;—against it, 11. So the resolution passed.

The hon. Speaker moved an amendment that a distinct vote be taken upon the bill, not less than one month or more than three months, after the next general Election. On division there appeared—For the amendment 14;—against it, 26.

The fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth clauses passed.

To the ninth clause Mr. Parker moved an amendment, that the act come into operation the 1st November next, instead of the 1st of April 1860, which was lost—2 voting for it, and the rest of the house against it.

Mr. Wier moved that cider be excluded from the operation of the act.

After a long discussion,

Hon. Prov. Secretary moved that the words "including cider" be struck out, as he considered that the term "all intoxicating liquors" included that article.

For the amendment 8;—against it, 21.

A number of other clauses of the bill passed.

**European & Foreign News.**

**FRANCE.**

**PROSPECTS LESS WARLIKE.**

The *Moniteur* has spoken, and could the journal, or rather its master, be believed, we might venture to hope that war was somewhat more than deferred. Yet even in the article itself, which has excited much attention, mysterious expressions of the wretched kind are not wanting. "It is not allowable," it says, "for the chief of a great Power like France, to isolate himself from the questions which affect European order." Still he is "loyal." He has promised Sardinia help in the case of attack, "nothing more." The accounts of his military preparations, are "exaggerations." He is only buying 4,000 artillery horses! and his army (of half a million) is only on a peace footing! His frigates and transports are but intended to convey troops to Algeria and back, and for service to Civita Vecchia, and for victualling, via Egypt, the Cochin China Expedition. It is "public credulity," fed by the press, which attributes warlike projects to him, and so forth. To clench all, Prince NAPOLEON resigns his post, and though other reasons are confidently assigned, yet the Emperor speaks of it as "a sacrifice which he understands and honours." So *Rentes* rise a little again on the Bourse, and may rise a little more till some of M. MONTALEMBERT'S "Autichambert" friends have sold out, and wait again to buy in low, and sell out at another rise created for them by an Imperial speech, or suggestion to the *Moniteur*. Meantime considerable doubt exists about the withdrawal of the French troops from Italy, though some are said to have marched to the port of Rome. Austria, on her part, has published a "confidential" circular to her diplomatic agents, of which the gist is that all Germany is with her, and will make common cause with her, not only for keeping France out of Germany, but for preserving to Austria her Italian provinces. No doubt the King of Prussia and the mediatised will do this. But it was the fatal injustice of the Hungarians and Germans, of 1848, towards Italy, at the beginning of the outbreak, which as much as anything enabled Austria to regain her position in Italy, and to turn the tide in favour of despotism in the other parts of Germany. The Germans, generally, were proudly and unrighteously opposed to Italian, and to Polish independence too. Amongst the amusing incidents of the week may be mentioned the correspondence between the ill used Emperor of the French, and his dear friend Sir F. B. HEAD.—*Freeman*.

**ITALY.**

If what the Paris correspondent of *The Morning Post* says be correct, the desire of the French Emperor to quit Rome and compel Austria to do so too, is partly accounted for. Austria, he says, makes Rome pay for the troops she maintains in the Legations, while France maintains an army in Rome at heavy cost to herself. LOUIS NAPOLEON, however, must require more of Austria than simple evacuation at the same time with France; since Austria has at any time but to march her troops from Lombardy southward, France could land them in Rome only at a considerable expense. Lord PALMERSTON doubtless knew the mind of his friend when he said that one essential for peace was that both Austria and France should evacuate under engagement under no circumstances to return.—*Id.*

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

**"BAPTISM" OF THE INFANT PRINCE AT BERLIN.**—The Prussian *Gazette* gives details of the "baptism" of the infant Prince:—"Dr. Strauss, Principal Court Chaplain, assisted by several other clergymen, officiated. The young Prince received the names of Frederick William Victor Albert. After the baptism, his Royal Highness Prince Frederick William gave an entertainment." A letter from the Prussian capital gives

us a few additional particulars. The Prince Regent, it appears, held the infant Prince at the baptismal font; and the young mother, the Princess Frederick William, was a witness of the ceremony from an apartment the doors of which opened into the chapel. The streets were dressed with flags and garlands, and at night the entire city was illuminated. The Hotel de Ville was lighted up by more than 50,000 jets of gas. At all the theatres a gala representation was given."

**MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.**—The Marriage Bill was read in the House of Commons a third time and passed on the 3rd inst. by a majority of 137 to 89, Mr. BERESFORD HOPE still persisting in dividing the House. It has been read a first time in the Lords, but Lord DUNGANNON, ever ready for High Church work, has announced his intention to move its rejection in the usual manner on the proposal to read it a second time on the 22nd inst.

**RESIGNATION OF THE MINISTRY OF ALGERIA BY PRINCE NAPOLEON.**—The *Moniteur* yesterday publishes a decree, which says:—"Our beloved cousin, Prince Napoleon, ceases, by his desire, to be charged with the Ministry of Algeria and the Colonies. M. A. Rouher is named Minister *ad interim*."

The Ballot Society, at a very influential Council held on the 9th inst., determined to appeal to those Liberal members of Parliament who are pledged to the Ballot, and who will meet Lord John Russell on Monday, to take their stand upon making the Ballot an indispensable condition of Reform leadership.

A letter in the *Debats* says that in May next the Emperor Alexander will accompany the Empress Dowager to Berlin, and afterwards visit the Sovereigns of France and England.

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March 30.

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IN order to prevent disappointment to intending visitors to the above Institution, Notice is hereby given that admission can be had on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS ONLY, between the hours of 2 o'clock and 5 o'clock P. M., this being considered necessary for the benefit of the patients.

By order of the Commissioners,  
JAMES L. LIDDELL,  
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March 30.

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March 30.

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March 23.

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