

BILLTOWN, CORNWALLIS.—Extract of letter, March 15th:—"There is an appearance of a revival of religion here. Elder Parker baptized three persons last Sabbath on the mountain. Expects to baptize more there. We hope to see willing converts owning their Lord in the Valley. Christians are aroused, and sinners are awakened to their lost condition without a savour."

M. K.

New Brunswick.

ORDINATION.—We copy the following from the N. B. Christian Watchman. It may interest some of our readers to learn that Mr. Blakeney is son-in-law of the Rev. Dr. Tupper.

An ecclesiastical council convened with the Baptist Church in Caledonia, Albert County, on Tuesday the seventh inst., to consider the propriety of Ordaining to the work of the Gospel Ministry, Bro. Thomas Blakeney. The council organized by choosing Rev. J. Chase, Moderator; and Bro. James E. Wells, clerk. The candidate gave a full, explicit and satisfactory statement of his Christian experience, call to the ministry, views of doctrine, and the ordinances of the church. The ordination services took place in the following order:—Rev. Jas. Irvin appointed to read the Scriptures, Bro. L. Smith to lead in prayer, Sermon by Rev. James Trimble, ordaining prayer by Rev. James Gouldrup; charge and hand of fellowship by the Moderator, charge to church by Rev. Patrick Duff closing prayer by the candidate. The season was one of deep interest.

JAMES E. WELLS, Clerk.

Harvey Feb. 1861.

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

CHARGE OF MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC MONEY.

We mentioned in our Parliamentary Summary last week, that on Monday the 11th "serious charges of misappropriation of funds in the payment of railway contractors" were brought to the attention of the House of Assembly.

This matter has since then occupied a considerable share of public attention. It appears that in November last upwards of £1200 were paid by the Receiver General on the order of the Provincial Secretary Mr. Howe, to Messrs Northup and sons on account of Donald Cameron, with whom Mr. Northup was in partnership in his railway contracts; in settlement of claims for work alleged to have been performed in railway construction, but which claims were not allowed by Mr. Laurie under the late government, to be due to Mr. Cameron.

In 1859 Mr. Cameron petitioned the Legislature for the payment of his claim, amounting to £2244 16; part of which was in dispute when Mr. Forman was chief Engineer. A Committee was appointed with Hon. Mr. Howe as Chairman. The Report presented recommended that "Mr. Cameron be offered either of two alternatives: to accept a measurement of his whole work subject to deduction, as in the cases of other contractors; or if he prefers to press his claims against the government in a court of Law, that permission should be given him to do so." Mr. Cameron declined these terms.

Mr. McCully was then Mr. Cameron's legal adviser and wished to settle the matter by arbitration. This was refused, but a remeasurement was deemed necessary, and was consequently made, after notification having been given to Mr. Cameron.

It was in the calculations of this remeasurement that the alteration of figures took place, with which Mr. Smellie was charged and brought to trial in the Supreme Court, but on which the evidence failed to convict him. That abominable attempt at Fraud remains still in mystery.

After the remeasurement it was alleged that Mr. Cameron had been already overpaid by about £1100.

The change of government took place shortly after.

On becoming Chairman of the Railway, Mr. McCully says in a letter to the Morning Chronicle of Saturday last he wrote to the Hon. Provincial Secretary Mr. Howe, requesting to have the subject of the settlement of Mr. Cameron's claim withdrawn from his consideration.

It was subsequently agreed, by the present Government and Mr. Cameron, that the claim should be referred to Mr. Henry Poole of Sydney C. B., as an arbitrator for final settlement. We suppose of course that the remeasurement was ignored and not placed before Mr. Poole.

Mr. P. in his report to the government awarded to Mr. Cameron the sum of £1252, 17, 4; which has been paid as above. These, in brief, are, we believe, the facts of the case. It will be for the Legislature and then the People to form their own conclusions as to this act; which on one side is called "a great public theft," but on the other is said to be the settlement of a just claim.

TUESDAY, March 14.

Mr. Shannon presented a petition from merchants of Halifax and others, praying for a tax to be levied on agents of foreign merchants visiting this province for the sale of goods. Leave was granted for a bill to carry out the prayer of the petition.

Dr. Tupper moved for all papers connected with the payments of \$5011 to Messrs Northup on account of Mr. Cameron's railway contract.

Mr. Jas. McDonald moved to reconsider the bill to give letters patent to Daniel McCallum for an improvement in bridges. The bill passed by 21 to 19.

The House went into committee on bills.

The appointment of Enumerators for taking the Census was discussed. After which several members spoke on the debate on the Despatches.

WEDNESDAY, March 13th.

After the presenting of petitions the House went into committee of Supply. The appropriations of money proposed by the government were charged by several members with being partial. The Financial Secretary denied the imputation. Discussion of the Estimates continued till late in the evening.

THURSDAY, March 14th.

Mr. A. Campbell introduced a bill to amend the act "Of offences against Religion," imposing a penalty on fishermen for working on Sunday. Several members spoke against the bill, believing the present law to be sufficient.

Resolutions were severally proposed by Hon. Mr. Johnston, Dr. Tupper and Mr. Bourinot against the appropriations.

The 1st expressed dissatisfaction with the imperfect statements regarding Revenue. The 2nd objected to an increase in the appropriation for the Financial Secretary's office.

The 3rd that it would be unwise to vote a gross sum for unforeseen expenditures.

The 4th was opposed to a gross sum for the crown land office &c. without naming its subdivisions.

These resolutions were all voted down by 29 to 25.

The money resolutions were then passed.

Hon. Provincial Secretary laid on the table correspondence between Dr. Cramp and the Lieutenant Governor in reference to the Industrial Exhibition in London in 1862.

FRIDAY, March 15, 1861.

An angry discussion arose on the case of Mr. Stewart Campbell; a majority of the Committee refusing to send for persons.

SATURDAY, March 16.

The Attorney General Mr. Archibald's bill for preventing bribery and corruption was discussed, and a number of clauses passed. Several other local bills were discussed in Committee and forwarded.

MONDAY, March 18th.

Dr. Tupper asked for the original returns of Railway Traffic made by Mr. Taylor to Mr. McCully in November last with the comparison of 1859 and 1860.

Mr. S. Campbell spoke on the Debate, and moved a series of resolutions by way of amendment to the motion of Hon. Mr. Johnston. Several other gentlemen spoke until 8 o'clock.

European and Foreign News.

DEFEAT OF THE MINISTRY.

On the 19th ult Mr. Gladstone and the Cabinet sustained a serious defeat in the House of Commons on the motion of Mr. Hubbard for a committee having for its object the fair adjustment of the Income-tax on trade and professional incomes.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND AT HOME.

There has been a little Protestant stir in the Church of England. The Archbishop of Canterbury, with all the existing members of the Bench of Bishops, have been advertising the now famous Oxford "Essays and Reviews" by a protest against them. Nothing like a protest to attract attention! We have no doubt this one has multiplied beyond calculation the readers of these certainly ably written and scholarlike, though very unequal, Essays; but a more dangerous work to bring into notice, among those whose amount of knowledge disqualifies them for independent judgment, we can hardly conceive. The Bishop of Durham's strangely ungrammatical letter must have done the same mischief as the more formidable protest. People will be curious to see what it is all about. The right course evidently would have been to have met the book by arguments intended for the class who are qualified to judge of them.—Free-man.

HUNGARY.

Recent news from Hungary makes known that the Comitatus of Honth is proceeding to levy a domestic impost, namely, an impost decreed by the Comitatus itself without the concurrence of the Government and applied to its own purposes. This is an act of complete defiance to the diploma which declared the establishment of those provincial imposts without the authority of the Government equivalent to an act of high treason. The Comitatus of Pesth has voted an address to the Emperor (under the title of King of Hungary), declaring that the confidence which the Imperial diploma of October had created has been wholly destroyed by the recent rescript. The Comitatus takes its stand, in true Hungarian fashion, upon law and national right. It declares that taxes are illegal until voted by the Diet, that an unreserved return to constitutionalism can alone win back the country, and that nothing but force shall remove the citizens from the lawful ground which they have taken up.

CHINA.

The Patrie and the Pays say:—"The latest news from Cochinchina announce that fresh persecutions had been commenced against the Christians."

INDIA.

BOMBAY, Jan. 27.

The famine in the North-West Provinces is very severe, and is extending daily.

The Bombay Chamber of Commerce has made a demonstration against the duties on yarn and piece goods.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS.—A London correspondent of the Monitor says that a number of merchants and manufacturers are about to present an address to the Queen praying her Majesty to open negotiations with the French Government for a mutual reduction of the present armaments.

NEW COTTON COMPANIES.—The Jamaica Cotton-growing Company, is now fairly afloat. The prospectus has been issued of the India Cotton Company. With a capital of 250,000l., in 10l. shares it is proposed to procure, by a system of direct dealings with the cotton-growers in India, an increase in the importations of Indian cotton into this country, an improvement in its quality, and greater freedom from adulteration. The events taking place in the Southern States of America have imparted great energy into the movement for placing this country in a condition of comparative independence of that particular field, and the directors of this company are just the men to prosecute the enterprise with vigour and success.—London Paper.

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March 6. 1m.

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