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HALIFAX CITY MISSION. - The Annual Meeting of this Benevolent Institution was held in the Granzille Street Church on Monday evening. His Worship the Mayor occupied the Chair.

Rev. Mr. Scott opened the meeting by prayer, after which the Chairman made a highly appropriate introductory address. Mr. Morton the City missionary gave some account of his labors and shewed the lamentable condition of certain portions of the

Rev. Messrs McGregor and Rand spoke good effect. W. Silver Esq., and Dr. Parker also addressed the meeting urging more consideration towards those too often considered hopeless. Rev. Mr. Lathern and S. L. Shannon, Esq., also very briefly spoke in reference to the objects of the mission. Seve ral of the speakers lamented that a Juvenile Reformatory was not yet one of the City Institutions, and shewed that an Inebriate Asylum was also much needed.

The next lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association will be delivered (D.V.) in Temperance Hall, on Tuesday evening next, by the Rev. John Knex. Subject :- The Philosophy of Science, the Arts and the Revelation of God.

There will be a Temperance Meeting in the Division Roon on Saturday evening.

Probincial Parliament.

Opening of the Legislature.

On Thursday last the usual ceremonies were were observed at the commencement of the House of Legislature. At 2 o'clock His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and suite attended at the Council Chamber. The guard of honor was from the 17th Regiment. After the House of Assembly had been summoned, and were in attendance Earl Mulgrave read the following

SPEECH.

Mr President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

districts of Europe are threatened with destitution, hoped the want may be supplied, it becomes us reverently to thank Almighty God that we can resume our Legislative labors in a country where peace reigns, where capital increases, where the industrious can find employment, and the humblest classes food.

I am happy to be able to inform you that the general commerce of Nova Scotia, injuriously af fected by the civil war in 1861, rapidly recovered its healthy activity in 1862, and that, throughout the year, that activity has been maintained; that our Merchants have found new markets-our Ship wrights profitable employment, and our vessels remunerative freights in all parts of the world.

a bountiful Harvest, a moderately successful Fishery, a yield of Fruit almost unexampled, an expanding Coal Trade, and the fair results of our experiments in Gold Mining, have supplied the materials for commerce, and it is satisfactory to know that among all classes of the people the happy results of a year of profitable exertion have been very generally diffused.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The Public Accounts shall be laid before you without delay.

The increase of Revenue has been most satisfaclory. The ordinary services have been met, the interest on our Debentures, and the sums paul, leaving, at the close of the year, a considerable sur-

plus in the Treasury. The income from the Provincial Railways has rapidly increased. Four years ago it was necessary to draw a large amount from the Treasury to pay their working expenses. During the last year the income has not only met the outlay, but yielded, be sides, a sum nearly equal to one sixth of the interest on the cost of construction.

Mr President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

It affords me much satisfaction to inform you that the Volunteer Corps throughout the Province still.

maintain their organization and efficiency. The period which has elapsed since the passing of the Militia Bill, last session has not been neglected Active measures have been taken for the re organization of the Militia; and, although much difficulty and some delay were unavoidable in this construction of a force utterly disorganized by long neglect. the result has proved that the loyal inhabitants of this Province are not unwilling to assume the responsibility of contributing to their own defence -In forty-one out of forty-eight Batallions the enroll ment has been completed, shewing an aggregate of more than 43,000 men, and measures are now in progress for their thorough organization. Eight hundred officers, and applicants for commissions, are at present under instruction, while nearly two hundred have passed for their commissions.

The Report of the Adjutant General of Militia will be laid before you, and will shew in detail the steps which have been taken. Much has been done; much still remains to be accomplished; but by steady perseverance, I doubt not that the Militia will shortly attain an amount of discipline sufficient for the present requirements of the Province.

To pay and maintain the Militia as that force is maintained in England, would be diffi ut if not im

possible; but by a constant and efficient enrollment, to let a public man after twenty-five or thirty From the Chronicle:- From the Colonist:by maintaining a thorough system of regimental or years of service to his country pass out of the ganization, by careful training of the officers, and turmoil of political life quietly. He thought it by occasional mustering and training the men in would have been more consistent for a leader of followed, maintaining pointed out to Mr. heir own districts, a force may be secured, without of the Opposition to have erected a bridge over pressing unduly on the resources of industry of the the political chasm to facilitate the flying country, at all times available for active service in enemy's retreat. He (Mr. H.) gave a narrathe event of war.

I confidently rely on you to make such provision demands of England for troops, and believed he for this branch of the public service as its impor-

A despatch was received after the close of the ses sion, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, conveying a proposition from her Majesty's Government with a view to the construction of the Inter- his hands. With an appointment from Earl prived of the means for the hon, gentlemen colonial Railroad : and that proposition has, through out the year, formed the subject of anxious deliber- every measure for extending the rights of the ation to the Governments of the three Provinces people, he did not think there need be much concerned. A conference was held at Quebec in alarm. He refered to the position held by September, and the great interests involved were Judge Haliburton as a member of the Imperial subsequently discussed by Her Majesty's Govern Parliament, and yet claiming a pension from funds to meet their dechimself not to vote for ment, by Delega es despatched to England. All the this country, also to his having acted with papers connected with these negotiations will be other commissioners for the Arbitration in promptly laid before you, and I shall rejoice if a Prince Edward Island, and to the late Mr. Arcommon measure can be matured for the early reali | chibald who while Speaker of the N. S. Assemzation of the hopes entertained from the completion bly, was Chief Justice of P. E. Island. All of this great enterprise.

ing for its object a fairer adjustment of the division His duty to his constituents, too, required his lines of the Districts, and more judicious and equit. able distribution of the Franchise.

the Industrial Exhibition, Nova Scotia was honora bly distinguished; that her Court was attractive, and | Scotia were imperilled, in connection with his that those who contributed to the illustration of her office, he should not continue to hold his comresources, have not, in the distribution of prizes, been mission for an hour. overlooked

The experience of a year has enabled the proper the appointment held by the Provincial Secre officers to collect such information as will aid the Legislature to improve the measure passed at the last Session for the regulation of our Gold Fields. When his retaining his office, and seat in the Assembly. the Commissioner's Report and accounts have been We have been told that Earl Russell would not laid before you, your attention will be called to the consideration of the changes and modifications which the province, but he (Mr. J.) did not want the would seem to be required.

For many years a stream of emigration has been passing the British Provinces into the United States. far as the personal and private interests of the The Governments of Canada and New Brunswick | Prov. Sec. were concerned, at the appointment, have made very creditable efforts to draw into those Provinces some portion of the surplus labor of the Legislature should be imperilled by it. Mother Country, and it is desirable that we should follow their example. You will be asked to consider a measure, to provide for the distribution and settlement of industrious emigrants, who may be attracted into this Province by the new light recently thrown on its resources.

Though the agricultural interests of the Province are steadily advancing, the annual Exhibitions, which, in other countries, create a generous emulation in all branches of husbandry and in the improve-While neighboring States are still disturbed and ment of stock, are much required here. Your atimpoverished by civil war, and large and populous tention will be turned to the means, by which it is

In committing to your charge the great interests of the Country, I confidently rely upon the zeal, intelligence, and public spirit, with which I know your high duties will be discharged.

After the reading of the Speech, the " Commons" withdrew and His Excellency left the Council to their deliberations.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

After the Speech had been read Mr. Blanchard introduced pro forma a bill to provide for the Registration of births, marrages and deaths.

Mr. Stewart Campbell moved the Address in answer to the Speech; which was seconded by Mr. Coffin.

Dr. Tupper then arose and asked the Hon. Provincial Secretary to state to the House the position he now occupied under the Imperial Government.

Hon. Mr. Howe replied that the Imperial Government had offered him the office of Fishery Commissioner, the active duties of which would not commence until next spring. He would further say that it was his intention to retire from the Provincial Secretaryship soon after the close of the present session.

Mr. Wade then asked Mr. Howe if he was now drawing salary from the British Government, to which the latter replied that Her Majesty the Queen seldom employed any person without paying them for their services.

Dr. Tupper than addressed the House in reference to what he deemed a violation of the constitution under which we live, and of the principles of responsible government. He showed that the Fishery Commissioner had to act under the Reciprocity Treaty between the United States and Great Britain and the interests of Nova Scotia were largely at stake. That the course pursued by Mr. Howe towards the former country, formerly by his recruiting there for the Foreign Legion and recently by his obnoxous speeches in Canada and England had been such as to place him in a most unfavorable light; he considered the appointment a most unfortunate one, an insult to the United States and unjust to British North America especially now. when the Reciprocity Treaty between the two countries is in so much jeopardy. Dr. T. next referred to the fact of such an officer as the Imperial Fishery Commissioner with a salary of £1000 sterling a year holding the highest office in the government of this Province at £700 a year besides receiving other sums had been so many times deceived by proposals from the Provincial Treasury. He was surprised that any man should think of doing so for a moment. It was derogatory to the independence of the House and the dignity of the Legislature. It was contary to all the professions ever made by that honorable gentleman; having spent the earlier part of his lite in constitutionmaking he seemed to be determined to spend his later days in constitution-breaking.

Hon. Mr. Howe said he was surprised that the hon, gentleman (Dr. Tupper) was unwilling

tive of the Crimean campaign and the urgent was serving his country, when at the request of joined them. Sir Gaspard les Marchant he had engaged in Wier replied, defend come into power on a the endeavour to raise troops in the United States. He did not think the people of Nova Scotia need be concerned about their liberties in Russel, whose name had been connected with these he thought were precedents which were Your attention will be invited to a measure, have in favor of his retaining his seat and his office. continuance in that bouse. He had received no intimation from those who had sent him there, You will be gratified to know, that, It that they desired his withdrawal. If any occasion should arise in which the liberties of Nova

Hon. Mr. Johnston said he considered that tary, did touch the interests of Nova Scotia, and that consequently there was great impropriety in pursue a policy detrimental to the interests of destinies of this province to depend on the opinion of any man. He would feel gratified as but not that the independence and character of

Some remarks were made by the Hon. Att'y. General, Mr. Henry and S. Campbell, after which the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, Feb. 13.

Dr. Tupper rising to reply to the speakers of Provincial Secretary did not intend to contra the previous day. He was surprised that the diet the statement of Hon. Mr. Wier on the Attorney General had said, when rising to previous evening, that the late government had speak, that there was no question before the expended £60,000 in subsidizing railway conhouse, when one of so much importance as the tractors. lucrative office for himself.

Hon. Mr. Howe said the attempts of the hon. previous to the last election. reference to the enlistment business, as "a fugi- road had been a political stalking-horse, and tive from justice," he considered unmanly. The although he had received various promises from expressions in his speeches on the Northern time to time, he had no idea that there was any States, he believed were warranted by the cir- sincerity in the present scheme. it suited his (Mr. H's.) convenience, at the road built. He denied that his resolution had been unwilling now to stand by them. When which the loan was offered. the house passed a bill disqualifying the Fishery Commissioner from sitting, he would have to retire, but the Disqualification Bill did not new include that office.

Mr. S. Campbell moved the first clause of the Address which with several others were passed without further debate. On the clause, in reference to the Railway, being read.

Dr. Tupper asked if the government would he prepared to submit any Railway measure. Mr. Howe replied that he was waiting to receive information from Canada, which he expected in a day or two, before he could reply to

Mr. R. P. Grant here arose and referred to the failure of the negotiations for other railway extension and he considered it would be useless to longer delay proceeding towards Pictou; and gave notice that he should move for proceeding with the Picton Railway, and that at least fifteen miles of it be located during the present year.

Mr. Jas. McDonald said the people of Pictou from the government to have that railroad constructed that they would not be likely to be caught by such a measure as that of the hon.

member. He wanted the whole road and would

Several members here spoke.

be satisfied with nothing less. Having to leave the gallery at this point we are dependent on our contemporaries for a report of the tempest that took place afterwards. We place their reports in juxta position, and our

Mr. Tobin and others quite emphatic style, that if Mr. Grant was Grant, that he had done serious in his advocacy everything to obstruct of the extension to Pie-the building of the tou, he should have continued support of a Mr. Government who had ing the Government promise to construct it who, he said, were de which promise they had utterly disregarded, as building the Pictou himself had disregarded Railway, by the action his pledges on the same of their predecessors, question.

who had taken over Mr. Grant replied £100,000 of railway that he had only pledgficiencies, and expend- any other line till the ed £60,000 to £70,000 Pictou one was first besides in subsidizing built.

railway contractors. Mr. Wier here offer-The moment Mr. Wier ed some remarks in his sat down, Dr. Tupper peculiar style.

rose in a state of trantic | Dr. Tupper then rose, excitement, applying to and in the course of Mr. Wier epithets such some home truths which as no gentleman would be was addressing to apply to another, and the last speaker, alludusing language too in-ed to the celebrated decent to be uttered in "Amalgamating Comany assembly of gentle-pany, when the mere men. Dr. Tupper, who mention of that notoriwas called to order, re-ous swindle produced fused to sit down when such an effect as we commanded by the bave seldom witnessed Chair, but continued in the house. While speaking until the gal- Wier and Annand turned livid with guilty leries were cleared.

rage, the Attorney General, Stewart Campbell, Howe and Morrison, fairly shrieked to put Dr. Tupper down; which proving ineffectual, the same voices united in a howl to " clear the galleries," whereupon the galleries were cleared.

SATURDAY, Feb. 14.

The debate on the Address was resumed by Hon. Mr. Johnston enquired if the Hon

Address had been moved and seconded. He Hon. Mr. Howe said that after the withdraw-(Dr. T.) stated that the people of Nova Scotia al of the intemperate assertions last evening it had endured to see their interests sacrificed for was unnecessary to go into the subject. He the past three years, but he looked forward to thought that if his suggestion had been adopted, the time of retribution, and regretted that the there might have been a large saving effected.

leader of the Government was now going, and Hon. Mr. Johnston was not fully satisfied thought that he was paying his followers but a with that reply, and shewed that he (Mr. Howe) poor compliment when he said that by doing so, had subsequently acted on the same principle. he would be letting the member for Cumberland He (Mr. Johnston) then went into a full exhave everything his own way. He said that the planation of the claims left by the former govhon, gentleman had been sent home on a most ernment, and shewed that the late government important mission,—a negociation between the had not paid one penny but according to law. Home Government and the Colonies, -in which He charged Mr. Grant with inconsistency in the hopes of the province had been raised; but now bringing forward a measure for a railway having accepted terms favourable to the home to Picton after his former votes on that subject, government, he had returned, after securing a and characterized it as similar to the sensation produced by the exhibition of red flags just

gentleman to damage him by such epithets, in Mr. Jas. McDonald said that the Pictou rail-

cumstances at the time of their utterance. As Mr. Grant defended his action and stated to his flying from the wrath to come, he would that if his colleagues had acted with him, there tell the hon, member that he might possibly, if would have been now ten miles of the Picton proper time, get a constituency to elect him, emanated from the government. He had now just to shew the honorable member that he need greater hopes for the Pictou railroad than ever not retire unless he chose to do so. He would before, as he believed the project for constructhave done injustice to the government and to ing the Intercolonial railroad had tailed, in conthose who had sustained him so long, if he had sequence of Canada refusing the terms on

MONDAY, Feb. 16th.

The debate on the address was resumed. Dr. Tupper made some enquiries of the Hon. Prov. Sec. concerning the eligibility of imperial officers to sit in the Provincial Parliament, and said that he was assured that a majority of the house were opposed to the Address yet the Opposition would not call for a division.

After some further discussion of railway matters, retrenchment, delegations, and a number of charges and counter-charges passing between several of the honorable gentlemen, the Address in answer to the opening Speech passed without a division.



IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

15TH APRIL, 1861.

DESOLVED,-That no Bill of a private and U local nature, or petition therefor, be received by the House after the fourteenth day from the opening of each session of the present House of Assembly, and that the Clerk do, one month previously to the opening of the Legislature, cause this Resolution to be inserted in five or more of the public newspapers.

The above is a true extract from the Journal or readers may draw from them their own conclutho House of Assembly.

Jan. 21. A. JAMES, Clerk.