

of Deputies had carried a resolution in favor of the strict neutrality of Prussia in the Polish difficulty, by a large majority.

The differences which have of late arisen between the King of Prussia and his Parliament are creating much public interest.

We have no important news from the Southward. The Spring will probably open with increased vigor on the Federal side to push on their advances at the several points, where their military or naval forces are strongest.

The seizure, by France, of Guayamas, an important Mexican town and harbour in the Gulf of California, continues to excite much comment in the American papers.

Notices, &c.

Acadia College Endowment.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. Received for Endowment Fund for Acadia College and not before reported.

Acadia Athenaeum.

J. Y. Payzant, A. B., will deliver a lecture before the above society, on the evening of Monday, March 20th.

Colchester County Quarterly Meeting.

The next Colchester County Quarterly Meeting will be held (D. V.) with the Baptist Church at Brookfield, commencing on Saturday the 28th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Annapolis Co. Ministerial Conference.

The next meeting of the Annapolis County Conference of Baptist Ministers is appointed to be held at Round Hill, on Tuesday the 31st March, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Colchester County Sabbath School Convention.

There will be a Quarterly Session of the Colchester County Baptist Sabbath School Convention, at the Baptist Meeting-house, Brookfield, on Friday, March 27th, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Meetings at Chester.

A series of religious meetings will be commenced at Chester, on Saturday the 21st, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Letters Received.

Rev. P. E. Murray, 6th, £2 5s. W. Aymar, 6th, £1 10s. Rev. Isa Wallace, 7th. Edward H. Daval, Esq., 9th. R. C. Grant, 6th.—It was sent directed to Red Head. Chas. Sutherland, 28th. John Whitman, 6th. Jacob S. Layton, Esq., 7th, £1 10s. W. F. Cutten, Esq., 9th, 2 subs., \$60. Rev. G. F. Miles, 9th, with remittance.—All right. W. H. Chipman, 9th, 1 sub., 20s.; and A. Marshal, 8th, 10s., 2 subs., per A. Longley Esq. Rev. J. E. Goucher, 3rd. G. V. Rand, 12th.—Have no Reapers for Jan. or Feb. Rev. D. M. Welton, 11th.—Remittance all right. Rev. E. M. Saunders, 12th. J. C. Hines, 3rd. W. Loutlop, 3rd. Rev. S. T. Rand. F. Hubley, 27s. 6d.—from E. Hopkins, E. Baker, S. Blakeny, D. H. Baker, C. Blakey and James Gaetz.

Read the letter from Rev. E. M. Saunders, on the 6th page.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

Mr. Steph. Harrington, mate of the schr. "Colin Campbell," fell overboard a few days after leaving this port, outward bound, and was drowned.

ANNAPOLIS AND WINDSOR, N. S., to ST. JOHN, N. B.—The steamer Empress will commence her trips from Annapolis and Digby to St. John, to-morrow Thursday, and should the navigation be clear of ice, she will also commence from Windsor to St. John on Saturday next, the 21st inst., of which due notice will be given; this will be three weeks earlier than ever known before.

PICTOU.—The presentation of a flag by the ladies of Pictou to the Pictou Gray's Volunteer Company, took place on Tuesday last. The honor of presenting it was conferred on Miss Crichton, who did so in a neat address, which was handsomely replied to by Capt. R. Doull.

Chebucto Division, S. of T., will give a Literary Entertainment, in the Division Room, to-morrow Thursday evening. Mr. Passow, and several other gentlemen will take part in the proceedings.

The London Times of Feb. 21 quotes Canada Government 6 per cent. Securities at 106, to 108, with business doing at 106½; New Brunswick do at 105½ to 106½, with business doing at 105 and 106; Nova Scotia Government do. at 106½ to 107½ with no business reported.

TEMPERANCE LECTURES.—We have been requested to announce that Mr. James Beattie, under the auspices of the Grand Division Agency Committee, will lecture as follows:—Nouddy Quoddy, March 19, Moser's River, 20, Sheet Harbor, 23; Upper Musquodoboit, 25, 26; Middle Musquodoboit, 27; Little River, 30; Meagher's-Grant, 31; Wise's Corner, April 1; Lake Thomas, 2. Collections will be taken up at each of these lectures in aid of the G. D. Agency Fund. Contributions to the Fund are respectfully solicited.

THE BANKRUPT BILL.—This measure was lost, on a division, in the Legislative Council, on Friday last, by a majority of one—there being nine for, and ten against, and the Hon. Mr. Brown, in favor of the measure, as was understood, being absent. The Solicitor General announced that he should not feel justified in pressing a measure of so much importance, unless there was a tolerably large majority in its favor.—Chron.

THE WEATHER.—Well, and what can we say about the weather that is not known as well by all our readers? If we tell them that as we have approached nearer and nearer to Spring, so have we experienced more of intense cold, and heavy snow storms, covering all nature with a thick mantle, we only say what they know just as well. Our friends in the country who depend on the snow to give them smooth roads, may rejoice that although it has been long delayed, yet that they have it at last. We ought, perhaps, to like winter weather no less than that of the other seasons, and yet we do not. When we learn that in some of the milder climates they are already engaged in preparing the ground for the coming summer crops, and are surrounded with the variegated beauties of nature, we long to be able to cast off our winter clothing, put out our fires, and breathe the balmy air of spring time. In the following extract from the London Athenaeum of Feb. 21, we have a glance at the season for which the climate of England is so much famed.

"Sun calm, sunny weather during the month which proverbially 'fills the ditches' is remarkable. The elder, lilac, and black currant trees are in some places bursting into leaf. Goats have appeared in warm, sheltered lanes; flies have been seen sporting in the sun; and on the 16th a bee was observed fraging among the yellow blossoms of the furze on the heights of Hind Head. The students of periodical phenomena will, no doubt, take note of these particulars. By accounts from Belgium, we learn that genial weather is also prevalent there: more than ten days ago the chestnut trees were in leaf and roses in bloom."

Prince Edward Island.

Louis Napoleon has sent the Acadians of Rustico, Prince Edward Island, a donation of 3000 francs [\$500]. He had previously sent them 10000 francs.

The Episcopalians of Charlottetown, P. E. Island are wishing to have a Bishop to preside over them.

New Brunswick.

Mr. Peckham, mate of the Empress, of this port, bound for Liverpool, G. B., was lost overboard whilst reefing mainsail, in a terrific gale which the vessel encountered on Tuesday, 13th January last. He leaves a wife and family at Wood Point.—St. John Globe.

The Prince of Wales Wedding Day was celebrated at St. John, on the 10th inst. Salutes were fired by the Volunteer Artillery Companies; a sumptuous dinner was given to the inmates of the Poor Asylum; the ferry boat to Carleton plied, free of charge to passengers all day; the Lunatic Asylum was illuminated; and a grand Ball and Supper was given by the Corporation.

Mr. G. E. Fenerty, having been appointed Queen's Printer in New Brunswick, has retired from the St. John News. The income is said to amount to £1200 a year.

Canada.

The Rev. J. W. Williams has been elected Bishop of Quebec, as successor to the late Bishop Fountain. The Rev. gentleman is in the 38th year of his age, and has the reputation of being an able pulpit orator as well as a scholar of a high order.

The Hon. George Brown has been returned to Parliament for South Oxford by a majority of 275 over his opponent.

The Hon. Mr. Loranger, Member of Parliament for Laprairie, has been appointed Judge for three Rivers, in place of the late Judge Mondelet.

The Abbe L. Provancher, cure of Portneuf, has just published a Flore Canadienne, or description of all the plants in the country, in two volumes, containing 842 pages, and illustrated by over 400 engravings.

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, March 10th.

Mr. Shannon reported the following from the Committee on City Bills:—the bill respecting Ancient Lights in Halifax; Board of Health; to enable the Halifax Gas Company to increase their capital stock. Mr. Shannon stated that the committee had investigated the complaints brought against the Gas Company. It was advised that the Company should give the dry metres a trial.

The house then went into Committee, and passed the above bills.

RAILWAY RESOLUTION.

Mr. Howe read the following resolution, which he intends to move in a day or two:

Resolved, That the Provincial Government be empowered to accept the terms offered by Her Majesty's Government for the construction of the Intercolonial Railway, and to build forthwith that portion of the line which extends from Truro to Hall's mill—a distance of about ten miles and a half.

Dr. Tupper asked the Attorney General to lay on the table all papers connected with Judge Haliburton's pension.

Hon. Mr. Howe introduced a bill "for the regulation and support of Dalhousie College." Read first time.

Hon. Mr. Howe laid on the table a report of the Post Master General of England in reference to Post Office Savings' Banks. He said that the government were not at present prepared to recommend the adoption of the system in this province. Hon. Mr. Howe also alluded to the necessity of forwarding the business, and wished the government to have two or three days a week for preparing their measures.

Dr. Tupper thought that the government ought to have had the measures, alluded to in the speech at the beginning of the session, before the house.

Hon. Mr. Johnston thought that such important measures as the Franchise and Representation bills should be on the table at an early period, in order that the people might be in a position to learn their character.

Hon. Mr. Howe said he hoped to be able to lay the Franchise Bill on the table by the day after to-morrow, and the Representation Bill nearly about the same time.

Dr. Tupper called the attention of the house to an appropriation of \$500 to aid the British American Association in London. He strongly condemned the conduct of a member of the government (Hon. Mr. Wier) in presenting that sum to the Society in question, and charged him with exceeding his powers and violating the constitution; although he (Dr. T.) highly approved of the Association itself.

Hon. Mr. Howe explained and apologized by stating that the sum was not asked for last year as he wished to see what action Canada and New Brunswick would take on the subject. He thought the Government were at liberty to exercise their discretionary powers in such cases.

WEDNESDAY, March 11th.

The house met in the morning and received several petitions.

Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the Gold Bill, and in doing so explained several of its provisions. He thought it right that the Government should derive some revenue from the gold fields as in Australia. The bill proposed to abolish the system of rents and substitute a royalty of 3 per cent on all gold raised. It also proposed to license the gold crushers and place them partially under the Government, and compel the proprietors to make returns of the gold obtained from the quartz. It was also proposed to give parties prospecting licenses over a certain area—the prospecting party to make his own arrangements with the proprietors of the land.

Mr. McFarlane expressed his gratification that the Government had decided to adopt the views on this question for which the Opposition contended last session. If this had been done last year hundreds of persons would have been able to continue at the work, who had been obliged to give up under the arbitrary provisions of the bill then enacted.

Mr. Henry showed the inconsistency of the Government action, in reference to Gold Mining and was not satisfied that the Gold Commissioner should have such large powers entrusted to him as to constitute him a judge.

In the afternoon Mr. Heffernan introduced a bill respecting a bridge and a road in Guysboro County.

Dr. Tupper addressed the house in reference to the Gold Bill, and considered that its provisions were suited to afford special facilities to such companies as that of which the Hon. Messrs. Wier and Annand were Directors,—the Nova Scotia Land Gold Crushing, and Amalgamation Company—and apprehended that great evils would arise to the province from its operations. He considered that great injustice might be done by that provision of the bill which allowed the government to enter upon private property, and themselves fix the amount of remuneration.

Hon. Fin. Secretary defended his position as director of the Gold Mining Association.—He thought the gold mining interests should be represented in the government, as well as other branches of industry. He denied that he or his colleague had taken advantage of their official position to secure the interests of the Company.

Hon. Mr. Johnston felt that the Opposition occupied a proud position in having so strenuously advocated last year, the very measures now presented by the Government. He shewed that the provisions of the bill by allowing parties power to invade the private property of individuals were opposed to every principle of the constitution, and considered that the Government were trampling upon the rights of the people.

Hon. Mr. Wier did not see that his position in the Government should prevent his entering into any branch of business.

Mr. Henry thought the hon. member, (Mr. Wier), had changed his views since last session. He then denied that he had any idea of speculating in gold claims.

THURSDAY, March 12th.

Several private bills were reported from Committee.

Mr. Cochran from Committee reported the Bill relating to the incorporation of the Synod of the Church of England with amendments.

The Debate on the Gold Bill was resumed and several members spoke, after which the bill was read the second time and sent to committee.

FRIDAY, March 13.

Dr. Tupper asked the Government, to lay on the table all papers connected with an application for certain water lots in Argyle made by Mr. Hatfield, and expressed his wish that no grant should be made until the Crown Lands Committee had looked into the subject.

Mr. A. Campbell introduced a bill relative to guide-boards on the public highway.

Mr. Howe laid on the table the report of Commissioners for the revision of the Statutes.

The Legislative Council, by message, informed the house that they had passed a bill to secure the purity of elections, to which they desired the concurrence of the house.

Dr. Tupper thought the introduction of this bill in the Upper Branch rather a breach of the privileges of the house.

After a few remarks from Mr. Johnston and the Attorney General, Dr. Tupper moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Privileges, which was done.

The House went into Committee on the Gold Bill.

Several members of the Opposition contended that the per centage charged on the gold was too high. Mr. Tobin thought that 1½ or 2 per cent would be ample. He moved that 2½ per cent, be substituted for 3 per cent, but on division the motion was lost.

SATURDAY, March 14.

Correspondence with the Home Government respecting extending the Post Office Money Order System to Britain, was laid on the table. Also a memorial concerning the trade with the French West India Islands. Several petitions were read and laid on the table.

The house then went into committee, and further considered the clauses of the Gold Bill.

Several amendments were moved, some of which were adopted by the Hon. Attorney General.

Dr. Tupper suggested that instead of licenses being granted for prospecting over 50 acres, they should be restricted to 10 acres. An alteration was made changing the 50 to 25 acres.

MONDAY, March 16.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Attorney General presented a petition from the Moderator and Clerk of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, in favor of taxation for the support of schools.

Hon. Mr. Wier introduced a bill to amend cap. 125, Revised Statutes, of offences against the public peace.

Hon. Atty. Genl. introduced a bill to alter the division lines between two polling districts in Colchester.

Mr. Chambers from the select Committee on the sale of hay in the streets at Halifax, reported that in their opinion the bye law of the city was unconstitutional.

Dr. Tupper addressed the House upon Mr. Moseley's late appointment.

He read the Disqualification Act of last session, and argued that the command of the Government schr. "Daring," involved the protection of the Revenue, and disqualified him from a seat in Parliament. He moved for the production of all papers relating to the appointment.

The Lunenburg Arbitration Case occupied a large portion of the afternoon. The Government wished to refer it to the Land Committee but as the Opposition were opposed, the House was adjourned without coming to a decision.