

Letters Received.

Rev. A. D. Thomson, 21st. W. H. Wyckoff, 20th. Rev. J. C. Morse, 18th, sent. Rev. J. Stevens, 22nd. Nos 1 & 2 are \$5 dollars each. Could add other books to either. Rev. W. G. Goucher, 20th. Nelson Miller, 14th, £2. G. Saunders, (say \$4). Rev. J. H. Morse, 22nd, sent. Rev. W. Chipman, 22nd W. Herkins, 16th, 20s., 1 sub. Rev. A. W. Bars. J. L. Tremain, Esq., 18th. J. Parsons, 20th. C. Jost, Esq., 13th. J. McLearn, 15th. Should have ordered them sooner. Sent all have left. C. Kennedy, 16th, 1 sub. A. Whitman, 17th, 22s. 6d. Rev. H. Eagles, 16th. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 18th.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

POLITICAL.—The following have been named as Candidates for seats in the next House of Assembly:

- Annapolis—Hon. J. W. Johnston, H. Ray, Israel Longley, George Whitman, Moses Shaw. Kings (North)—Dr. Hamilton, C. R. Bill. do (South)—Dr. Brown, Daniel Moore. Victoria—C. J. Campbell, Mr. Hartt. Mr. Ross, Mr. Gammell, W. Anand, George Esson, Geo. McKenzie, A. C. McDonald. J. S. Douglas, F. Curry. Halifax (East) Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Hartt. Pictou (East)—Jas. Fraser, J. S. McDonald. Hants (East)—Francis Parker. Queens—Charles Allison, John Campbell. Guysboro—J. J. Marshall.

We shall fill up the list from week to week correctly as we can.

THE REPRESENTATION BILL was carried in the House of Assembly, on Monday the 20th, by 27 to 23, but after discussion in the Legislative Council, it was moved that it be deferred for three months, which was carried by 11 to 10. The coming elections will therefore be run the same as the last, as regards the counties and districts returning representatives. We hear they are to come off immediately.

In the Legislative Council on Saturday last, the Intercolonial Railway Bill passed a second reading by a vote of 15 to 5.

CIVIC.—Our Aldermen have had their hands full during the past week. Some hundreds of respectable citizens have been sworn in as Special Constables, and have patrolled the streets and suburbs for two or three hours at a stretch, during the afternoon and evening, in squads of about ten or twelve, accompanied by an Alderman and a policeman. We have not heard of anything, since the military row, to demand any such display of force. It could not have been the danger of a repetition of that episode, for the soldiers were confined to barracks for a week after. Since they have had their liberty again, there have been combined squads of soldiers and specials patrolling the streets each afternoon and evening.

We are informed by the Express that the latter arrangement is in compliance with a request directly from the acting Commander-in-Chief of the Forces. If this be the case we think it somewhat high-handed on the part of that official, after such an exhibition of insubordination as that of the soldiery in our streets.

FISH MANURE.—The experiments recently made to convert fish offal into a portable manure seem in a fair way of producing a profitable article of commerce. J. D. Nash, Esq., has pressed some scientific men into the service, and we learn that the results are likely to be a source of revenue to agriculturists as well as to the Company formed to manufacture the article. Success to enterprise!

DOGS.—A preliminary meeting was held, not of dogs, but of gentlemen, on Wednesday last to consider the propriety of getting up a Dog Show during the ensuing summer. The climate of Nova Scotia it appears is highly favorable for the raising of dogs.

N. S. HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual Meeting of the Society took place on Tuesday 21st. The financial affairs of the Society are satisfactory. A considerable amount was expended, beyond the receipts of the Fruit and Vegetable Show held in the Gardens, on the 30th September last. The articles for which prizes were awarded, and were sent to the London Exhibition, received very marked notices in many of the leading London journals, (thereby bringing the fruit of this Province into notice) but, to this day, the Directors of the Society, had not seen the Medals awarded to the Fruit, &c., by the Royal Horticultural Society.

A vote of thanks was given to Dr. Cogswell for the present of a fine Bear.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. John R. Willis, for his kind aid and assistance in the procuring of Birds, and thus adding to the interest of the Gardens.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Hon. W. A. Black, for his long services, as President.

The following gentlemen were elected to serve the ensuing year, viz:—Dr. Chas. Cogswell, President; John Naylor, Esq., Vice President; George McKenzie, James Cochran, J. T. Twining, Edw. Binney, and James Thomson, Esqrs., Directors; and Arch. Scott, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer.

There are now on sale at the Society's Garden, over 3,000 acclimated ornamental and fruit trees, 2,000 currant and gooseberry bushes, with 2,500 pot plants, besides bed plants, dahlias, hollyhocks, &c., with a well selected stock to arrive by the Roseneath from Glasgow.

FIRE.—An alarm of fire was made on Saturday afternoon, which arose from some varnish being ignited in the cellar of Avery, Brown & Co. The Firemen were immediately in attendance, and in about five minutes had several streams of water pouring on the flames, which were soon extinguished.

THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY celebrated their anniversary on Thursday last, by walking in procession to St. Paul's, and by a lunch in the afternoon.

Newfoundland.

THE NAVAL SURVEYING DEPARTMENT is to be transferred from Prince Edward Island to St. John's. Capt. Orlebar, the chief of the department, is to be at Sydney about 20th of May; he will convey Mr. Oke, the Superintendent of Light Houses, to Fortune Bay, to determine on the most eligible site for a Light House.

The Survey of the Coast, will occupy the Surveying Department five or six years.

A FATAL AFFAIR took place on the 9th ult., at Indian Harbor, Bonavista, during which a lad of 18 years of age, named William Whelan, was killed. Two days afterwards a man named John Neil, gave himself into custody, and on the 15th was lodged in Trinity goal. A Coroner's inquest was held on view of the body of the unfortunate lad, and a verdict of murder returned against Neil.

During the week ending April 16, no less than 14 sealers arrived, with fairs of from 1,250 to 4,000 seals. The prospect of the seal fishing is very promising.

New Brunswick.

The Beef market of St. John seems plentifully supplied. We hear of good beef selling there at five and six cents per pound, whilst in Halifax we have to pay from 10 to 12 cents.

ST. JOHN RUMSELLERS.—Correction.—We made a brief extract from the Visitor last week concerning a Temperance lecture by a Catholic priest. As we have no desire to give incorrect information, and we find that a letter in our contemporary last week calls upon the editor to correct the statement that "nine out of every ten of the rum-sellers of St. John are Roman Catholics," we feel it right to give the correction which he furnished.

The editor says:—Regarding the number of Catholics engaged in the traffic in the City of Saint John, we have made enquiry in the Mayor's office, and stand corrected. Knowing as we did that there is not a single Baptist rum-seller in the city, and very few if any Methodists, we very naturally took it for granted that the principal part of the small dealers in liquors are Catholics. The books of the Mayor's office, however, show that a very large number of Protestants are, also, engaged in this unholy business."

The New Brunswick Legislature closed its session on Monday, the 20th inst.

His Excellency says, in his closing speech, he has given his assent to the Bill for the construction and management of an Intercolonial Railway, and hopes that the sister Provinces will not be slow to follow the example set them.

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, April 21st.

In the morning session several bills were read a third time.

The House in committee took up the Magistrates' Bill which after a number of omissions and amendments passed.

Mr. Shannon's Bankrupt Bill was by a vote of 21 to 20 deferred till next session.

The Halifax Street Railway Bill passed. The amendments of the Legislative Council to the Franchise bill were then taken up.

Hon. Mr. Howe stated that it was the intention of the government to accept the amendments; and that therefore the ensuing elections would be run upon the old franchise. He moved that the amendments be agreed to.

After a few remarks, the amendments passed.

Hon. Prov. Secy., from the Post-office committee, reported, recommending that letters in future be sent from one way-office to another in any County; also that letters should be sent from one part of a County to another for two cents.

The report was laid on the table.

The Railway debate was resumed in the afternoon.

Mr. Killam believed that the advantage to be derived from the Intercolonial railroad would not be an equivalent for the expenditure, and disapproved of entering on so large a speculation in the last session of the house.

Hon. Mr. Wier thought this great enterprise should be dealt with independently from party considerations.

Mr. Harrington thought that the line to Pictou would prove a remunerative undertaking.

Mr. Shannon was not satisfied with the course proposed by either of the resolutions before the house. He thought the British Government were indifferent to the great interests involved in the great enterprise of uniting British America by a railway. He thought it was unadvisable to pledge our resources till Canada had given its adhesion to the scheme.

Mr. Jas. McDonald spoke in favor of the immediate construction of the Pictou line. He thought the repeated failures of efforts to get

the Intercolonial was a good reason for at once proceeding with the former. He should vote for the resolution to carry the road to Pictou and if that were lost, as he apprehended it would be, he would vote for the 10 miles scheme, and ask the Provincial Secretary to add a clause to the Bill providing for the extension of the road to Pictou in one year from the completion of said ten miles.

The house adjourned for an hour and resumed at half-past 7 in the evening, with the intention of closing the debate before adjournment.

Mr. Tobin said he had been given to expect that Mr. Grant would vote for his resolution, taking the road to Pictou—but having learned that he did not now intend to do so, he should not ask his own friends, on the Opposition side of the house, to stand by him. If the members for Pictou had given his resolution their cordial support he believed it might have been carried.

Hon. Mr. Johnston spoke briefly, after which Hon. Prov. Secretary reviewed the speeches of hon. members and the division took place on Mr. Tobin's motion, which was lost by 42 to 10.

Dr. Tupper then moved the following.

"Whereas the Canadian Government have refused to accept the terms offered by the British Government, for the construction of the Intercolonial Railway, and no action on the part of this House can effect anything except to bind this Province to a very serious proposition without any practical result being obtained:

Therefore Resolved,—That on the eve of a general election it would be as unwise as it would be inoperative to pass the resolution now proposed."

This was put without discussion, and lost by 28 against 24.

The original motion given in our report of Saturday 18th, was then put and carried by the same vote, 28 against 24.

It was near midnight before the house adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd.

Mr. Brown reported from the Committee on the Statute Labor Bill, recommending that Lunenburg be exempted from the operation of the bill. Report received.

The Atty. Gen. introduced a bill to amend the Post Office Act. Also, a bill on the subject of Public Instruction.

Mr. Henry introduced a bill to change the name of Sydney county. Read first and second time.

Hon. Prov. Sec. introduced a bill in reference to the intercolonial Road; a bill to provide for the extension of the Railway; also a bill to enlarge the amount of deposits in the Savings Bank.

Mr. Harrington presented the report on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Pryor called attention to the recent disturbances in Halifax, and introduced a bill to increase the Police force of Halifax to 54.

Hon. Mr. Howe thought the Police force wanted improving rather than increasing in numbers; and that with proper vigilance the cause of such disturbances might be prevented by keeping down the dens of iniquity, where the soldiers were incited to rioting.

Hon. Mr. Wier thought the bill would increase expense, but would do no good. He thought that old Jock Liddle and Mr. Pike with 5 constables in old times were more effectual than the present police force.

Mr. Tobin charged the military riot to the foolish sports held on the Parade on celebration day, and thought Halifax quiet as any city on this continent in general.

Hon. Attorney General spoke of the necessity of a Stipendiary Magistrate who could act independently. He thought that the Police should not be elected by the aldermen.

Mr. Shannon said the bill in reference to a Stipendiary Magistrate would have been introduced before but that the City Council attempted too much. Some had said that respectful conduct had been diminished by the introduction of responsible government.

Hon. Mr. Johnston noticed that it was of the utmost importance to preserve harmony between the civilians and military. He thought there was great need of something more being done in the way of instruction to the young. Dartmouth no less than Halifax requires stringent measures.

Hon. Mr. Howe proposed that the bill brought in by Mr. Pryor be referred to a select committee with power to take evidence.

The committee was appointed consisting of the Attorney General, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Messrs. Pryor, Tobin and Wier.

Mr. Longley had listened with much interest to the discussion. He considered that as there were 300 licensed grog-shops in the city and it was supposed about 150 unlicensed ones, it was not to be wondered at that demoralization was spreading in the city. Society he said is divided into classes,—and he considered the man in high position who patronized the gilded saloon, was as guilty as the unfortunate creature who frequents the lowest drinking hovel. Until a better example was set by those in respectable society, we could expect nothing else. He denounced the importer of alcoholic liquors as equally guilty with those who debased themselves by its use. He advised the Prov. Secretary, as he said the government wanted an election cry, to raise that of PROHIBITION.

THURSDAY, April 23rd.

The house in committee passed the following bills:—To provide for the erection of a public building on Hare's lot; to amend cap. 23, Revised Statutes, of the Post Office; to alter division lines of polling districts in certain counties; to remove doubts respecting the County of

Queens; to change the name of the county of Sydney to Antigonish; to revert certain lands in John Lynch; to amend cap. 32, Rev. Statutes, of aliens; to enlarge the operations of Savings' Bank; to amend the Militia Law; to authorize the construction of a further section of the Truro railroad; a bill to provide for the distribution and settlement of industrious immigrants; a bill to provide for agricultural exhibitions and the improvement of stock; to increase the Police force in the city of Halifax—this bill also provides for the appointment of a stipendiary magis rate; and the bill relative to Dalhousie College.

In the afternoon the committee on humane institutions reported.

Mr. Churchill reported from the select committee on Crown Lands recommending that the government should have the vacant Crown Lands—which amount in the whole to 770,000 acres—laid off in blocks, and roads opened up through them.

Mr. Blanchard, from the committee on Crown Lands, reported.

Hon. Atty. Genl., from the committee on education, reported.

The Railway bills were taken up for their third reading, and passed.

The report on the Militia was taken up and adopted.

Dr. Tupper said that he had given notice of his intention to move a resolution declaring it inexpedient to call out the militia this year. There were several reasons for this: the general elections would take up a good deal of time; and another thing, the organization of the officers was now going on, and was not completed.

Hon. Prov. Secy. thought, the militia should be called out for one day at least.

Dr. Tupper would not press his motion; the government would have to take the responsibility.

The report on the Lunenburg Land Claim was taken up. The majority of the committee report that the claimants are not entitled to the same proportion for the large areas as for the lots of 30x33 feet. The minority of the committee were in favor of giving the claimants permission to try their case in the Supreme Court. Discussion followed.

FRIDAY, April 17.

The report of the committee on the Lunenburg Land Claim was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Statute Labor bill passed.

The bill for increasing the Police force of Halifax and for the appointment of a Stipendiary Magistrate, was re-committed for the purpose of amendment.

The bill provides that the Council by a two third vote may remove the Stipendiary Magistrates.

Hon. Mr. Wier did not approve of a two-third vote removing. The appointment should not be with the Council.

Dr. Tupper did not think it constitutional to thrust an officer on the city, and make them pay the salary. The government appointment might not be satisfactory,—the government itself might not possess the confidence of the city.

Hon. Mr. Johnston thought the appointment should be with the government.

Mr. Shannon thought otherwise; as we have a body controlling civic affairs the appointment should be with that body.

Hon. Mr. Johnston said his only object in leaving the appointment with the government was to prevent suspicion of partiality.

Dr. Tupper thought there were other parties to conciliate. The Council have to pay the salary and should have the selection. The bill gives the appointment to the Council, subject to the approval of the Lieut. Governor.

SATURDAY, April 25th.

Dr. Tupper said there was a rumor abroad that the hon. Mr. Wier was the accredited agent of the Confederate States,—and that the fact had been shown by intercepted correspondence. He also charged him with recruiting for the Southern service, and was at present so engaged, and was paying \$30 a head for such recruits; and this in violation of the neutrality laws.

Hon. Mr. Wier gave a flat contradiction to the statement. He said it was a pure fabrication, without any foundation in fact. He was not an agent of the Confederate government in this city, but had been told that his name had appeared in a New York paper as acting in that capacity, but he did not deem the allegation worthy of notice and was satisfied to allow it to pass.

The house in committee of bills, took up the bill concerning the Police force in the city of Halifax.

Hon. Mr. Wier moved an amendment that the Stipendiary Magistrate shall be appointed by the Governor and Council, which was carried; but afterwards on reconsideration the bill was agreed to, merely altering the \$3000 to \$2000.

The bill was reported, when Hon. Mr. Wier moved that the report be not received. Which was put and lost by 21 against 17.

MONDAY, April 27th.

Hon. Mr. Howe informed the House that the prorogation would take place on Wednesday, (this day).

The report on Mines and Minerals was read and adopted.—The Committee did not recommend the establishment of an Assay Office in Halifax.

Hon. Fin. Secretary submitted a list of the Special Grants the government recommended to the House.