

LECTURE AT WINDSOR.—A Lecture was delivered at De Wolf's Hall, Windsor, on Tuesday, March 17th, by I. W. Ouseley, Esq. Subject: "The Crusades." The learned lecturer showed himself well versed in the subject. He fluently described the first attempts of the Christians, under Peter the hermit, to rescue the holy sepulchre from the infidels, and detailed all their campaigns, victories and defeats, and its history up to the present time, showing the immense sacrifice of life and property which had been expended in these efforts. He contrasted the barbarous warfare and all its cruelties with the more refined skill of warfare in the present day. Should the learned lecturer again favor us, he will be sure to have a fuller house to greet him. At the close a vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. D. M. Welton. His speech of itself was worth the admittance fee. He eulogised the lecturer, and in very felicitous language expressed the delight he had felt in listening to him. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnaby, a member of the Windsor Literary Debating Society, in a chaste and elegant speech. Debating Societies are useful institutions, as they give young men facilities for speaking in public, which they would scarcely acquire by any other means. The chairman, Mr. J. B. Flowers, addressed the meeting by a general review of the several incidents, and condensed it so as to be readily understood. The vote, on being put, was received with rapturous applause. The lecturer responded in a very graceful manner, and shewed that his only desire was to please and entertain his audience.—Com. by One present.

THE BOSTON PACKETS.—A change has taken place in the ownership of the Boston Packets, Halifax and Boston, J. M. Watson, Esq., having sold out his interest to W. Lawson, Esq. The packets will after the 1st of May next, take up positions at Commercial wharf.

The Legislature will probably be prorogued on or about the 15th of April. It is understood that the General Elections will take place in all May ensuing.

There is a rumor that Hon. B. Wier will not again seek a seat in the Assembly.—Express.

FISH EXPORTED.—For the months of January and February the average shipment daily from Halifax to the West Indies, was:—Dried Fish, 1199 qts. Pickled Fish, 265 bris.

ASSAY OFFICE.—An effort is being made to establish a Government Assay Office in Halifax. Mr. T. Rickard, has made the following proposition to the Executive:

- 1. That he be secured a minimum salary of \$1500 per annum.
2. A tariff of the Government charges to be published in the Gazette. A low rate should be charged to miners holding claims, say \$1 for each assay of mineral or bullion.
3. Should the fees amount as is probable, to \$1500, then no charge will result to the Government. Should it be otherwise, the balance will have to be paid to Mr. R. Should the fees amount to more than \$1500 per annum, the surplus will be retained by him.

OATS.—D. Henry Starr, Esq., Secretary of the N. S. Horticultural Association, has called upon producers for samples of oats, the growth of this Province, for transmission to England.

NORMAL SCHOOL.—The winter session of the above institution will close on Thursday next, 26th inst. Wednesday will be devoted to an examination of the pupils on the matter of scholarship. Thursday the students will read their essays, and be examined on the business of teaching. Members of the Legislature, and the public generally, are invited to attend, that they may judge for themselves. Eighty-six students have been enrolled this session, being four more than on any previous occasion.—Sun.

A Division of the Sons of Temperance is in course of organization at Tangier. Thirty-five persons have already enrolled their names for the purpose.

A militia order, in Wednesday's Gazette, contains the following appointment:—Thomas Milnes, Esq., late Capt. 62nd Regt., to be Lieutenant-Colonel unattached, and Inspecting Officer of Militia and Volunteers.

The Halifax correspondent of the St. John Globe says it is not probable that the vacancy in the Nova Scotia Assembly, caused by the demise of the late John Esson, Esq., will be filled, as the General election takes place in May ensuing. He also states that "it is pretty generally believed Mr. Howe, although he holds the office of Fishery Commissioner, will offer again."—Ex.

Canada.

ACCIDENT TO MISS MONCK.—We regret to learn that Miss Monck, daughter of his Excellency the Governor General, met with an accident on Tuesday evening, by falling on the ice of the skating rink, thereby fracturing her arm.—Quebec Mercury.

RIOT.—A telegraph despatch from the Oil Springs, dated March 16, states that a serious riot occurred there on the Saturday evening previous, between the whites and negroes. The whites organized a force, marched to the negro quarters, ordered the blacks off, destroyed their houses. The negroes fled to the woods. Three of the rioters have been captured, and several were wounded.

The Detroit Advertiser says the passage of the Conscription Bill was the signal for a second hegra to Canada, almost equal to that of August last.

Mr. Ferguson Blair has been appointed Receiver General of Canada, in the place of the Hon. Mr. Morris, who retires on account of ill health.

PUBLIC EXECUTIONS.—A bill was last week introduced into the Canadian Legislature to prevent public executions when sentence of death had been passed upon criminals.

SMALL-POX has made its appearance in Montreal but vigorous measures have been taken to prevent its spreading.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' MARRIAGE day was pretty generally observed as a holiday throughout Canada. In the large cities meetings and festivals were held in commemoration of the great event. At Montreal a sham fight opened the day's exercises. The military of the city all participated in the battle. In the evening the city was illuminated and various entertainments were given in honor of the day. At Quebec there was a grand military Review and sham-fight; in the evening the city was illuminated, and a display of fireworks took place.

At last advices from Quebec the Oswego and Toledo delegates were conferring with the Canadian Government, relative to improved communication through Canada. The Government had not expressed an opinion but the proposition is favorably regarded. The deputation propose a memorial on the subject.

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, March 17th.

The House in Committee took up the Episcopal Church Synod Bill. Several gentlemen spoke in reference to the powers granted by the bill; some contending that it would largely increase the power of the Bishop, whilst others asserted that it would have the effect of diminishing it. It was said by some that the Methodist body had equal, or greater power than the Synod would possess by this bill.

In the afternoon, Hon. Mr. Locke, moved that the bill be deferred for three months which found but 11 supporters.

Mr. Blanchard moved that the fourth clause, exempting those parishes which pass a resolution to that effect, be struck out, and that a modifying section be substituted. This too was lost.

The bill was then agreed to without amendment.

Mr. Wade enquired if the terms of the contract made with the Government to run the steamer across the Bay of Fundy had been complied with.

Hon. Mr. Howe thought the hon. gentleman should bring the subject before the Post Office Committee.

Mr. Longley presented a petition for amendment of the license law.

Mr. Churchill presented a petition for an Act of Incorporation for a public Hall at Hantsport. Also another concerning the Grammar School monies.

Mr. Coffin called attention to the inconveniences which shipowners are subjected to in consequence of shipmasters having to appear before the Imperial Board of Trade, to obtain a certificate of competency.

It was thought by some that a Colonial Board of Trade should be established. A select committee was appointed to consider the matter; consisting of Messrs. Coffin, Grant, McKenzie, Churchill, Robichau, Killam and Shannon.

WEDNESDAY, March 18th.

Mr. Henry presented a petition from the County of Sydney, praying an act of incorporation for a company, to enable them to remove the obstruction caused by a Bar in Antigonish harbor. Leave was granted to introduce a bill.

The Synod bill was read a third time, and sent to the Council.

In the afternoon several bills were read a second time.

A call of the House was made, for the purpose of dividing upon the Lunenburg Gold claim.

Mr. Howe moved that the papers connected with the case be referred to the land committee.

The question was then put, when there appeared—for the motion, 27; against it, 23.

For—Messrs. Morton, Heffernan, Bailey, L. Smith, Burgess, A. Campbell, Hatfield, Cochran, Mosly, Locke, Gammell, McKenzie, McClellan, Howe, Grant, Blanchard, Morrison, Chambers, Robertson, Chipman, Attorney General, S. Campbell, Brown, Ross, Cowie, Shaw, and Finl. Secretary.

Against—Messrs. Townsend, Pryor, Killam, Shannon, Martell, Harrington, Hugh McDonald, Wade, More, C. Campbell, Tupper, Churchill, Longley, McFarlane, J. McDonald, Henry, Tobin, Johnston, Donkin, Robichau, Caldwell, McKinnon, P. Smyth.

Messrs. Henry, Longley and Smyth being the Committee, and the two former refusing to serve, Messrs. Chambers, Blanchard, Ross, Hatfield and Cochran, were named, and the papers were referred to them.

The House in Committee passed the following bills—To incorporate Hiram Lodge of Freemasons. A bill to alter the time of holding the Sessions at St. Mary's. To incorporate the Barrington Cemetery Company. To authorize a loan for the erection of a Jail in Truro. A bill to empower Notaries Public to perform certain functions connected with the execution of Deeds; A bill to provide for the building of bridges in Victoria; a bill to regulate the performance of highway labor in Pictou; a bill to add a polling place in Cumberland; a bill to amend the act for the appointment of a stipendiary magistrate in Pictou.

THURSDAY, March 19th.

Mr. James McDonald, from the committee on private bills, reported eight bills passed. Also

reported against the bill to enable the Trustees of Elkanah Morton to sell certain lands.

Mr. McFarlane, by special leave, presented a petition from J. D. Nash and others interested in mining operations, in reference to the establishment of a government Assay office.

Hon. Attorney General introduced a petition from Henry B. Pearson and others, praying an act of incorporation of a Horse Railway Company. Also introduced a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.

Hon. Mr. Howe presented three petitions from the County of Digby, praying for a more equitable division of the county.

Also a petition from Mr. Potter and others, praying for aid for a drawbridge over Bear River. He stated that the government were not prepared to render assistance to the measure.

NEW FRANCHISE BILL.

Hon. Attorney General introduced a bill for altering the Franchise for the election of Representatives. He addressed the house on the imperfections of the present law of universal suffrage, and shewed the objections which existed against returning again to the 40s. freehold, and proposed in amendment the adoption of a plan by which parties paying taxes on \$150 in real estate, or on \$300 in personal and real estate together, shall have a vote in the election of Representatives.

The hon. gentleman stated that this was materially the same as the law which had been in force for several years in New Brunswick. The following is the first clause of the said bill.

"Every male subject of Her Majesty, by birth or naturalization being of the age of twenty-one years, and not disqualified by law, who shall have been assessed for the year for which the registry herein-after provided is made up, in respect of real estate to the value of \$150, or in respect of personal estate, or of personal and real estate together, to the value of \$300, shall be qualified to vote at elections of members to serve in the House of Assembly for the county, township, or electoral division, which he shall be so assessed; and for every election to be held, before the time shall have elapsed for making up such registry as prescribed by this act, every such male subject, who, in the assessment rolls last made up before the 1st day of A. D. 1863, shall have been assessed in respect of real estate to any value or in respect of personal estate or personal and real estate together to the value of \$200, shall be entitled to vote at such election."

Hon. Mr. Johnston asked the government when they would be prepared to lay on the table the other Representation Bill promised. (for the division of counties.)

Hon. Mr. Howe replied that it was nearly ready. There was great difficulty in adjusting the lines. The bill would be substantially on the same principle as the one introduced by him (Hon. Mr. Johnston) two years ago.

Mr. Tobin offered some objections to the Hon. Attorney General's bill. He believed that it would cause far more trouble than the present system, and that it would disfranchise a very large number of the young men in the country, and the effect would be that probably many would in consequence be induced to leave the province.

FRIDAY, March 20.

The Prov. Secretary laid on the table a further report of Mr. J. Campbell, on the Gold Fields of the Province.

Mr. Tobin presented a petition from Hammond's Plains, asking aid to relieve distress.

THE ESTIMATES AND REVENUE.

Hon. Financial Secretary laid on the table the estimates for 1863. He stated that the assets on the 31st December, 1862, was \$160,943.30, and the liabilities \$147,056.78. The estimated revenue for 1863 is \$1,066,000, which, added to the balance of assets, makes \$1,079,886.52. The estimated expenditure for the year 1863 is set down at \$1,019,752. The estimated revenue of 1862 was \$959,200, and the amount collected reached \$1,127,298, and the expenditure was \$1,009,701. The appropriations for roads and bridges throughout the Province is \$128,000; and in addition to this amount is \$12,000 for special road and bridge service.

The following are some of the appropriations named for important services:

- To remove Lobster Rock, Yarmouth, \$1,000
Improving Navigation of Tusket River, 400
Erecting low water wharf at Annapolis, 2,000
Breakwater at French Cross, King's Co., 600
At Bolton's, Kings, 200
Gros Cooq, Digby, 200
Meteghan River, Digby, 200
saulneville, Digby, 200
Cape Negro, 100
To remove Bar at entrance to Liverpool Harbor, on condition that \$4,000 be raised by private subscriptions, 2,000
Towards erection of Breakwater at McAuley's Cove, Cow Bay, on conditions that \$6,000 is subscribed, 2,000

The following are the particulars of the special grant to the road and bridge service.

- LeHave to Mills Village, \$2400
Road between Liverpool and Annapolis, \$300 in Queen's County, and \$300 in the County of Annapolis, 600
Kempt Road, Yarmouth, 400
Church Point to Corbury, 200
Corbury towards Yarmouth, 200
Main Post Road Kings Co., 400
Canada Creek, Road and Bridge, 300
To complete Causeway near Avon Bridge, 300
Towards opening new Road from Noel via Kennetcook to Elmsdale Station, 200
Opening new road towards Sherbrooke Settlement, Co. Lunenburg, 200
New Road from Musquodoboit to connect with the Railway at Lower Stewiacke, 800
Main Post Road from Truro to the Gulf Shore, 800
Main Post Roads, Pictou, \$100 in the Western District, and \$400 in the Eastern District, 1000
Wallace Bridge, 1000
Bridge Ealmon River, between Guysborough and Cape Canso, 1000
Plaster Cove to Whyccomagh, 750
Port Hawkesbury towards Lennox Passage, 750
New road from Whyccomagh towards Baddeck, 400

The Financial Secretary also stated that it was proposed to appropriate to the British American Association \$1000 for the Revision of the Statutes 2000 for the Legislative Library 800 The following was given as the Financial Statement of Assets and Liabilities and probable Revenue for 1863.

ASSETS 31ST DECEMBER, 1862. Balance in hands of Receiver General...\$12,883 46 Due from Casual Revenue... 37,179 71 Collectors Col. Revenue... 39,659 83 Brewers of Ale and Manufacture of Tobacco... 2,547 32 Canada, New Brunswick and P. E. Island... 5,378 93 Counties for Road Advances... 13,037 88 Counties et al. to Hospital for Insane... 16,860 28 Railway Department... 17,577 91 Baring Brothers & Co. for Gold... 9,258 98 New Cents in Warehouse... 4,560 00 Old Copper Coin... 3,000 00 \$160,943 30

LIABILITIES OF THE PROVINCE. For Services of 1862...\$140,887 53 For services previous to 1862, 5,788 33 Railway Damages in Treasury 380 92 Balance of Assets 31st Dec., 1862...\$13,886 52

PROBABLE REVENUE OF 1862. Customs & Excise Duties...\$740,000 00 Light Duty... 32,000 00 Casual Revenue... 40,000 00 Crown Lands... 15,000 00 Crown Lands, Cape Breton, under Act of 1859... 13,000 00 Canada, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island... 5,000 00 Great Britain, for Sable Island... 2,000 00 Hospital for Insane... 15,000 00 Gold Fields... 16,000 00 Railway Revenue... 140,000 00 Post Office do... 46,500 00 Board of Revenue... 1,400 00 \$1,066,000 00 \$1,079,886 52

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1863. Authorized by existing Laws...\$408,730 00 To be Voted by the Legislature... 611,022 00 Total estimated expenditure for 1863 \$1,019,752 00

The Financial Secretary also stated that he proposed reducing the ad valorem duties 2 1/2 per cent, which would bring them down to 10 per cent.

Several of the members who had presented petitions for various objects expressed their disappointment that said objects had not been included in the estimates. Amongst the principal of these were the steamferry at the Strait of Canso; St. Peters canal; a bridge over Pugwash harbor; a light house at Peggy's Cove; the removal of obstructions at the mouths of several rivers; and a fog-gun at Cape Canso.

SATURDAY, March 14.

The House in Committee passed a number of local and private bills.

The Gold Bill was taken up and with some small amendments passed.

Mr. Longley moved the third reading of the Licence Law. After persevering for some time the privilege was granted. Considerable discussion arose on this bill, which is the bill of last year, with an additional clause excluding the sale of intoxicating liquors on the railway premises. The various clauses passed;—the bill was allowed to remain in committee in order to add a clause extending its operation to the gold fields.

MONDAY, March 23.

Dr. Tupper asked for the papers relating to the claims of Judge Haliourton.

Mr. Townsend presented a petition from Yarmouth, in favor of amendments to the license law. The details of the Gold Bill were then further considered. The Attorney General agreed to add a rider to the bill providing that if in any dispute the government set aside the first award of arbitrators they should be compelled to abide by the second.

Mr. Shaw presented a petition praying for aid to build a draw bridge at the mouth of Bear River.

Dr. Tupper asked when the Provincial Secretary intended to bring down the Representation Bill.

Hon. Mr. Howe replied that the measure was not fully prepared, but he had an abstract in his hand and would submit it for a first reading if the House would consent. He described its principal features. He proposed some changes in the dividing lines of the counties so as to give one county and two district members. This would be done in the counties of Queen's, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Digby, Cape Breton, Cumberland and Inverness, whilst Sydney, Guysboro, Richmond and Victoria would continue as at present. Colchester to have Earlton transferred to the Northern District. Clare to be separated from the county of Digby, Pictou and Hants, to be continued as at present. Halifax city to have two members. Halifax county (outside the city), to be divided into two districts to have each two members.

Several members of the Opposition spoke warmly against the measure and objected to the first reading of the bill in such an imperfect form, when Mr. Howe said he thought it would be completed and ready on Wednesday. The debate was therefore adjourned.

Mr. Tobin presented a petition from Margarets Bay against a division of the Western Division of Halifax.