

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

ROBBERS.—Two men named Powell and Mackie, have been apprehended during the past week, the latter by offering some tobacco for sale which was known to have been stolen.

FIRE.—The brewery and house adjoining, at Freshwater, owned by Mr. Pugsley, were destroyed by fire on Sunday morning.

GREAT DISCOVERY!—The Oak Island Treasure-seekers, have found "two or three small oblong pieces of wrought silver."

THE N. S. TELEGRAPH COMPANY.—Some difficulty has existed for some time past between this Company and the American Telegraph Company, arising from the latter wishing to pay the N. S. Company in their own U. S. depreciated currency.

ARRIVAL OF EMIGRANTS.—149 passengers arrived in the Canada on Saturday last. They were received by a Committee—Messrs. Townsend, Aekhurst and Creelmau—appointed by the government, and taken to several of the hotels and boarding-houses of the city.

The expenses of their passage were borne by Miss Burdett Coutts, a lady of immense wealth. It appears by the London Canadian News that the Hon. Joseph Howe had several interviews with Miss Coutts concerning these emigrants.

SAD.—A young woman, a school-teacher in the neighborhood of Kentville, who was married only about two months ago, threw herself from Kentville Bridge, that leads to Cornwallis, a few days since, and was drowned.

We understand that a man was killed on Friday, at one of the new forts building at Point Pleasant, by a large stone falling on him.

GAME.—A large she bear and her two cubs were recently killed at the East River, Pictou, by a Mr. James McDonald, whose only weapon was an axe. He came upon them suddenly under the root of a tree, in the woods.

PROTECTION OF GAME.—We would call the attention of sportsmen and others interested, to the fact that the close season for Moose and Caribou commenced on the 15th ult.

The last trip of the packet brig Boston was made from that port to Halifax in 36 hours!

A VALUABLE CARGO.—The iron screw steamer Edward Hawkins, Capt. Shannon, came in on Tuesday evening last, 21 days from Matanzas, Mexico. She had on board a cargo of 1645 bales of cotton, bound to Liverpool.

GEO. N. SANDERS.—There is no longer a necessity for preserving the incognito of the above gentleman, who has been sojourning in our city for some days. He goes to England in the Europa, no doubt with despatches from the Confederate Government to its agents abroad.

We are apt to be free with our jokes upon Doctors and their Drugs, until sick and in need of their aid, then all alike bow to the necessity of recourse to their hard earned and often ill requited skill.

Dr. J. C. Ayer's Chemical Remedies have ever received at their hands. They appreciate the value of these medicines because they know their composition, and where is the man who ever heard a respectable Physician either disparage them or discourage their use?

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

In the brief report given in our last of the proceedings of Saturday, the 14th inst., a slight omission occurred, which we are informed has conveyed an incorrect impression to some of our readers.

It there reads "Hon. Mr. Johnston enquired if the Hon. Provincial Secretary did not intend to contradict a statement made by the Hon. Mr. Wier on the previous evening," &c.

On Monday Mr. Churchill called the attention of the House to the importance of the railway being brought into the city. The distance of the terminus was a serious inconvenience to the travelling public.

TUESDAY, Feb. 17th.

A revising Committee was appointed to nominate the Select Committee.

Dr. Tupper asked for the papers connected with the late appointment of Mr. Mosely. He considered that the Acts of the Legislature for excluding officers concerned in collecting the Revenue, disqualified Mr. Mosely from holding a seat in the Assembly.

Judges and Registrars of Probate were not allowed to sit in the Legislature, and he thought that any member having a partner holding such an office, was also disqualified.

Hon. Attorney General denied receiving any of the emoluments received by his partner, Mr. Campbell, as Registrar of Probate, but said it was against his interest for him to hold the office to which he had been appointed.

Hon. Mr. Howe explained that during the illness of the late Capt. Daly, himself and the Gold Commissioner had wished to visit the gold diggings in Lunenburg, and requiring some one well acquainted with the coast to command the Daring, Mr. Mosely was placed in charge, but without any commission. He stated that Capt. Daly had retained his commission to the day of his death, and that the Daring being now laid up for the winter, he intended to allow the widow to draw the salary to the end of the quarter, when a new officer would be appointed.

Mr. James McDonald considered that the admission of Capt. Daly being a seizing officer, and that Mr. Mosely had been put in his place, was sufficient to prove that the latter gentleman had been concerned in the collections of the Revenue, and he was therefore plainly proved to be disqualified.

Mr. Mosely referred to an instance in which Capt. O'Brien had been put in charge in of the Daring to Sable Island, without a commission, and threatened to make disclosures which would damage certain gentleman of the Opposition.

Dr. Tupper challenged the member for Lunenburg, to make known any thing which affected the honor of any member of the house, and proceeded to remark on the admission made by the Hon. Attorney General, that it was against his interest that his partner had been made Registrar of Probate. He argued that this being the case, He (Mr. Archibald) was entitled to half the fees received from his, (Mr. C's) office.

Mr. Henry shewed from the Parliamentary Records that a Member of the House of Commons had been compelled to withdraw because it had been proved that his partner had been a small contractor for stationery. No evidence had been brought to shew that the office of Registrar was not held in common by Messrs. Archibald and Campbell.

Mr. Shannon was greatly surprised that the Hon. Provincial Secretary under existing circumstances had appeared in the house at all, and thought there was but little consistency between his past professions and present practices. The numerous cases of disqualification shewed that certain gentleman had but little regard for their former professions. Plurality of offices and family compacts appeared to be quite palatable to them now. Great bungling was evident in the acts of the government.

Dr. Tupper pointed out a case in which the Disqualification Act had repealed certain clauses of the former Act and had actually rendered it illegal for the Financial Secretary, and Receiver General to sit in the Legislature.

Mr. Chambers introduced a bill to permit the sale of School lands at Newport.

Mr. Longley presented a petition for an Act of incorporation from John Kerr, and explained that it related to the proprietorship of a certain mill-dam in Annapolis County.

Mr. Shaw said a counter petition would be forwarded.

Mr. Longley was willing to wait its arrival.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18th.

The House met at 2 o'clock but, but after waiting some time and no member of the Government being present, it was moved by Mr. Bourinot that the house be counted, when there appeared an insufficient number to do business and the house was adjourned.

THURSDAY Feb. 19th. The house met at 10 a. m. and was occupied for a considerable time with the reading of Reports and documents relating to the proposed Intercolonial Railway, and the Delegation and Conference on that subject.

Mr. Howe informed the house that he expected a final answer from the Canadian Delegates by telegraph as to the intended action of that province on the subject.

The Report of the Chief Commissioner of Railways was presented and read.

Hon. Mr. Howe called attention to the necessity of providing a suitable building for the Post-office, Custom House, and Railway office. He shewed that the Province is now paying £550 rent for the accommodation required for these offices.

He thought there might be sufficient of the cellars and other parts of the building rented to bring in £700 per annum, which with the amount at present paid for said offices might be reckoned as the income of the building.

Hon. Mr. Johnston thought no situation so eligible as the one suggested, but thought that a sketch of the ground and of the proposed building should be laid before the house.

Hon. Mr. Howe replied that all he suggested now was that a Committee of business men from both sides of the house be appointed to make the necessary enquiries and report.

Several of the members spoke in approval of the project, others thought the city of Halifax, or some private individuals might make a speculation of such a building.

Messrs. Annand, Tobin, Townsend, McLellan, Chipman, Harrington, and Coffin were appointed said committee.

Afternoon Session.—At the suggestion of Hon. Provincial Secretary, a committee to consider the state of the Provincial Militia was appointed consisting of Messrs. Blanchard, Pryor, Chipman, Cochran, McKinnon, Longley, and Heffernan.

Hon. Mr. Annand presented a Report concerning Hare's lot, shewing it consisted of 125 feet 6 inches, by 50 feet 6 inches and recommending that the bargain be closed. The cost of the building of freestone would be about £15,000.

Mr. Blanchard reported the Standing Committees as follows which report was adopted by the House.

Public Accounts.—Messrs. Grant, Townsend, McClellan, Shaw, Brown.

Education.—Hon. Attorney General, Dr. Tupper, Messrs. Cochran, Shannon, Chambers, H. McDonald, Moron.

Agriculture.—Messrs. Donkin, Chipman, More, Chambers, McKinnon, Gammell, L. Smith.

Fisheries.—Hon. Mr. Locke, Messrs. Robichau, Bailey, Killam, Ross, Martell, Hon. Mr. Wier.

Mines and Minerals.—Mr. S. Campbell, Hon. Provincial Secretary, Messrs. Tobin, A. Campbell, McFarlane, Attorney General, Hon. Mr. Johnston.

Navigation Securities.—Messrs. Chipman, Killam, McKenzie, P. Smith, Morrison, Longley, C. Campbell.

Trade and Manufactures.—Hon. Mr. Wier, Mr. Tobin, Hon. Financial Secretary, Messrs. Cowie, Robertson.

Railways.—Hon. Provincial Secretary, Mr. Henry, Hon. Attorney General, Hon. Mr. Locke, Messrs. Bourinot, Tobin, Heffernan.

Post Office.—Hon. Provincial Secretary, Messrs. McFarlane, Coffin, Bourinot, Heffernan, Wade, Burgess.

Humane Institutions.—Messrs. McClellan, Pryor, Hatfield, C. Campbell, A. Campbell.

Indian Affairs.—Messrs. Ross, Bourinot, Burgess, McKinnon, Morton.

Private Bills.—Messrs. J. McDonald, Blanchard, Wade, Caldwell, S. Campbell.

Law Amendment.—Messrs. S. Campbell, Henry, Blanchard, H. McDonald, Morrison, J. McDonald, McFarlane.

Land Damages.—Messrs. Harrington, Coffin, C. Campbell, Donkin, Moseley.

Penitentiary.—Messrs. Harrington, McClellan, Caldwell, Churchill, Cowie, Bailey, Heffernan.

City of Halifax Bills.—Messrs. Shannon, Wier, Killam, Eason, Harrington.

Contingencies.—Hon. Financial Secretary, Messrs. Townsend, Robertson.

Crown Lands.—Messrs. Blanchard, Henry, Ross, Longley, Hatfield, P. Smith, Cochran.

FRIDAY, Feb. 20.

After certain papers concerning lighthouses had been laid on the table Mr. Churchill spoke of the necessity of roads being opened up, through several tracts of crown lands in different parts of the Province, for the encouragement of settlers.

the committee on Hare's lot and exhibited a plan of the proposed building and recommended the purchase. The report was adopted.

Hon. Mr. Johnston, rose to move for the correspondence which had passed between the Hon. Mr. Howe and Messrs. McKinnon and H. McDonald and any other member of the Assembly during the recess with a view to the reconstruction of the government as he had promised at close of the last session. He reviewed the position of the government and the pledges given by the Lieutenant Governor to dissolve the Assembly in event of his failing to strengthen the government. He referred at some length to the various despatches on the subject and to the journals of the House.

Hon. Mr. Howe admitted that he had made proposals to Hon. Mr. Johnston and Dr. Tupper and to Messrs. McKinnon, and McDonald for the purpose of strengthening the government but that his overtures had been rejected. He, Mr. Howe, had been satisfied at the close of the Session that the government was strong enough for all practical purposes, although its majority was but small. He challenged the Opposition to test its strength by a vote of want of confidence, and thought that no necessity existed for a dissolution while they were sustained by a majority of the Assembly. But he did not conceive that he was required to bring forward the correspondence asked for. The gentlemen to whom those offers were made were at liberty to make them public, but he declined setting the example.

Dr. Tupper arose and expressed his surprise at the course pursued by Mr. Howe in refusing to produce the papers asked for. He considered it contrary to the course pursued in the British Parliament—there everything relating to a reconstruction of the government was freely canvassed in the House of Commons. He did not wonder at the refusal, however, as its production would shew that the leader of the government party had shewn that he was willing to abandon his own colleagues,—having offered gentlemen of the opposition any offices they might choose to take. Having his Fishery Commissionership, he was regardless of the character of the Legislature.

Hon. Mr. Howe replied that the offers he had made had been with the full knowledge and approval of his supporters. He denied that he had ever proscribed the Roman Catholics, and would as soon give an office to a Catholic as to a Protestant.

The house then adjourned.

SATURDAY, Feb. 21.

Hon. Mr. Howe laid on the table the report of the Chief Gold Commissioner.

Hon. Attorney General introduced a Bill on the Gold Mines. He said the Act of last Session was an experiment, that the experience of a year had shewn them several things which required to be remedied. By this Bill, he proposed to change the present system of rents, and to charge a certain sum on the granting of a lease, and afterwards to require the payment of a royalty on all the gold obtained. All quartz mills and crushers, he proposed to place under the superintendence of the government, the proprietors of the mills to separate the portion of gold belonging to the government as royalty. These, with some other minor alterations in the present law, were contemplated by the new Bill.

Dr. Tupper asked for a return of all arrears due for mining areas to Dec. 31, 1862.

Several petitions were presented.

Hon. Mr. Howe laid on the table certain papers relating to the capture of the Will of the Wisp.

Hon. Mr. Howe also laid on the table a letter from Hon. Mr. McDonald, of Quebec, concerning the Intercolonial railroad. Also, a telegram from the same gentleman, stating that propositions for a survey only would be submitted to the Canadian parliament.

After the presentation of petitions, the house adjourned.

MONDAY, Feb. 23th.

The Post Master General's Report and other papers were laid on the table.

Mr. Morrison wished to know if the "count out" of Wednesday last were at the request of the Speaker.

The Speaker denied having had any thing to do with it. Mr. Bourinot said that he had then so understood it. The Chronicle says it arose from Mr. Twining remarking in a jocular manner, to Mr. B., "A thin house—a fine chance for a count out if any person wants one," when Mr. B. immediately called the Speaker's attention to the fact that there was not a quorum present.

Hon. Prov. Sec. informed the House of Her Majesty's assent to 81 Acts passed in 1862.

In the afternoon Session, Mr. Cochran presented a petition from the Synod of the Episcopal Church, asking for an Act of Incorporation.

Mr. Bourinot introduced a Bill to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace to \$80.

Hon. Financial Secretary laid on the table the Provincial Trade Returns, Accounts of Revenue and Expenditure, and the Receiver General's Account. The increase on Imports for the past year amounts to \$831,815. The decrease in Exports for the same period is \$127,373. He informed the house that from the large increase the Receiver General had been able, on the last day of the year, to pay off the debt of \$136,689 and leave a balance in the treasury of \$12,883.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla.