

The object was to incorporate a Company who contemplated constructing a line of railway from the Spring Hill coal mines to Parsboro, a distance of about 20 miles.

The Usury Laws.—Mr. Blanchard remarked that the commissioners had introduced an amendment to the chapter on Interest, in the Revised Statutes, which the house had struck out in committee.

After some discussion Mr. Archibald said that he would submit to the house two separate propositions,—first, he would call upon the house to approve of the general policy of retaining the present Usury laws,—and secondly, having adopted that view, he would ask if there were any special cases which required exemption from the general rule.

Mr. Blanchard read the Canadian act, to show that there they had done away with the usury laws altogether.

Upon division, Mr. Archibald's first proposition passed, 36 to 14.

Mr. Archibald then said that he would take the sense of the house upon the second resolution—which would exempt innocent endorsees of a promissory note, or bill of exchange, from the operation of the law.

On division, the resolution was lost, 16 to 18.

FRIDAY, March 11th.

A petition was presented by hon. Mr. McKinnon, from Paul Christmas an Indian chief in the Island of Cape Breton, in respect to reserved land of Indians.

Hon. Fin. Sec. laid on the table various petitions on railway matters.

The Pictou Railway.—Hon. Attorney General then moved the second reading of the railway bill.

After a delay of a few minutes, no one rising to speak, Mr. Archibald asked if it was not the intention of some member of the government to say something at this stage of a measure so important to the interests of the country.

Hon. Mr. Johnston replied that it was but a few days since that he had introduced the bill, and fully explained the position of the government. He did not see that any more elucidation of the subject was requisite.

Mr. S. Campbell asked for some facts, in reference to the business that may be expected on this new road.

Mr. Locke said he would certainly like to hear some good reason from the government for the course they were pursuing.

Hon. Prov. Sec. replied that he had been many years in the house, but he had never seen such a novel exhibition as was now presented. The leader of the government had explained their course in the frankest manner, and yet gentlemen opposite appeared dissatisfied. It was certainly a strange procedure for gentlemen to get up and dictate to the government how many speeches they should make on a subject on which full explanations had already been given.

Hon. Mr. Johnston said that he would make a speech that would be an exceedingly short one, but at the same time entirely satisfactory to the gentlemen opposite who were most active in their enquiries.

The hon. gentlemen then read the resolution moved in 1859 by Mr. McLellan in favour of the Pictou extension. It would be perceived, added the hon. gentleman, that this was a speech which would be perfectly conclusive to some hon. gentlemen. It was the speech of the hon. members for North Colchester (Mr. McLellan), for South Colchester (Mr. Archibald), for Shelburne (Mr. Locke and Mr. Robertson.)

Mr. Archibald then said when the hon. Atty. Gen. reads this as my speech, he, at the same time, reads his own speech on that occasion, by negating every proposition that this resolution contained. Whatever would be my inconsistency, if I were to oppose the present bill, it would be just that inconsistency which the hon. gentleman shews in now advocating it. I do not hesitate a moment to rise and define the position that I intend to occupy in reference to the important question which is before us, in a manner that shall not make me liable to the charge of inconsistency.

After noticing the various acts of the late government in reference to railway extension and the demands by the recent development of the mineral resources of Cape Breton, for facilities of travel to that island and for reaching Prince Edward Island, he stated that he should feel obliged to vote for this measure, notwithstanding he feared it would have the effect of retarding the completion of the Intercolonial scheme.

The debate was continued till after eleven o'clock at night and then adjourned to next day.

The House met on SATURDAY but adjourned soon after opening, in consequence of the indisposition of Mr. Killam.

On MONDAY, after some explanation of speeches made by the Solicitor General on the Education Bill, and some sharp shooting between him and Mr. Miller respecting the St. Xaviers College, the House went into the Railway discussion.

Mr. Killam opened the debate by expressing his opinion that it was necessary to see the Financial state of the country before proceeding with the Bill.

Messrs. Locke and Dr. Brown expressed their intention of sustaining Mr. Killam's amendment. Mr. Annand also stated that he was prepared to sustain Mr. K's motion, and denounced the

intention of repealing the acts of last session—that of building 10 miles of road and that concerning the Intercolonial railway.

Mr. Blanchard objected to repealing the acts of last session, but would support the extension to Pictou proposed by the government.

Mr. Churchill reviewed the position of members on the question, and announced his intention of supporting the Pictou road bill.

Several speeches were made by members—Messrs. Blackwood, McDonnell, Longley, Shannon, Lawrence, Bill and Kaulback—in support of the Bill before the house.

Mr. Killam then withdrew his amendment.

Mr. McLellan spoke warmly against the measure and defended the amendment of Mr. Locke, as follows:

"Whereas, This Province is deeply interested in the construction of an Intercolonial Railway, connecting our country with the railway system of Canada and the United States, and making Nova Scotia a channel for a large part of the traffic and transit between the old world and the new. And whereas the expense of constructing a railway to Pictou would put it out of the power of the Province to ascertain that important project, and thus sacrifice a great Provincial object to one of a mere local and sectional character.

"Resolved, therefore, That it would be unwise to embark in any local line until the question of an Intercolonial Railway is definitely and absolutely abandoned."

Upon which the house then divided, and five members voted in its favor, viz.: Locke, McLellan, Coffin, G. S. Brown and Robertson; all the rest were opposed to it.

Mr. McLellan then moved that it was not prudent for the government to proceed with any further extension which would not be common to both the Pictou and Intercolonial lines. On a division of the house on this question, there appeared but four in favor of it.

The motion then to send the bill to committee of the whole was put, and, on a division, there were 42 yeas and 8 nays—Messrs. Killam, Hatfield, Geo. Brown, Robertson, McLellan, Locke and Dr. Brown.

The house adjourned at about 1/2 past 11 at night.

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FARMERS' MARKET.

Table listing market prices for agricultural products like Hay, Beef, Pork, Bacon, etc. with prices per unit.

Marriages.

On the 3rd inst., by the Rev. Mr. Cochran, Mr. Nathaniel G. Brush, of New York, to Miss Elizabeth J. Hunstone, of Dartmouth Nova Scotia.

By the Rev. G. W. Stewart, Musquodoboit, Mr. Joseph Howe MacDonald, of the Gore, to Margaret, daughter of Mr. James MacMullin.

At Boston, on the 23d February, by the Rev. P. Stowe, Mr. James Lamont, to Miss Lucy Dimock, both of Halifax.

At Lowell, Mass., on the 13th Feb., by the Rev. J. J. Twiss, Dr. J. C. Lowd, of Boston, Mass., to Miss Annie, daughter of the late George Creighton, of Lunenburg, N. S.

By the Rev. Henry Eagles, Oct. 7th, 1863, Mr. Alexander Stewart, of Lockaber, to Miss Elizabeth Cruikshanks.

By the same, Oct. 12th, Capt. James Publicover, of Cape Canso, to Miss Henrietta Kennedy, of Indian Harbor.

By the same, Oct. 17th, Mr. Stephen Bonwick, of Tracadie, to Miss Jane Smith, of St. Mary's.

By the same, Nov. 18th, Mr. Donald McKay, of Cape Breton, to Miss Eliza Mackintosh, of St. Mary's.

By the same, Feb. 2nd, 1864, Mr. George Burk, to Miss Mary Jane Davison, both of Isaacs Harbor.

By the same, Jan. 19th, Mr. Wm. Mason, to Miss Amy Hinds, both of Country Harbor.

By the Rev. P. F. Murray, Feb. 23rd, Mr. W. H. Dunn, of Port Williams, to Miss Margaret J. Brown, of Handley Mountain, Annapolis County.

At Canaan, Horton, by the Rev. S. B. Kempton, on the 20th of January, Mr. J. L. Neary, to Miss Cassie Smith, of Paimouth.

At the Parsonage, Wolfville, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. S. W. DeBolis, Mr. Benjamin Hardenbrook, of Horton, to Ida, daughter of the late Nathaniel Adams, of St. John, N. B.

By the Rev. Jas. Thomas, on the 16th ult., Mr. William Collins, to Miss Caroline Pence.

By the same, on the 10th inst., Mr. John Hammon, to Mary Ann Jane Spence, all of Halifax.

Deaths.

At Rawdon, Dec. 30th, 1863, Mrs. Mary Dimock, widow of the late Timothy Dimock, in the 87th year of her age, leaving five children and a large number of connections and friends to mourn the loss of one highly esteemed for her work's sake. Mrs. Dimock was baptized by the late Rev. James Munro, and united with the Baptist Church at Newport, in which connection she remained a worthy member until separated by death, being a period of more than 40 years. Now she is

Far from a world of grief and sin, With Christ eternally shut in.

On Sunday evening, after a protracted illness, born with christian patience, Robert Willis Rees, a native of Winchester, Hants, England, aged 55 years.

At Newport, N. S., March 1st, Sabra, relict of the late William Knowles, Esq., aged 84 years.

At Richmond Depot, on the 10th inst., Elizabeth Jane, wife of Mr. William Deal, aged 28 years.

On the 11th inst., in the 33rd year of her age, Mary Elizabeth, wife of Francis Baker.

On the 9th inst., John Tufts, aged 42 years.

On the 8th inst., Mary Cuff, relict of the late Capt. Cuff, in the 83rd year of her age.

On the 7th inst., Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, aged 67 years.

On the 9th inst., Lucy, youngest daughter of the Bishop of Nova Scotia, aged 3 years and 4 months.

On Monday 7th inst., Catherine, widow of the late Wm. Devine.

On the 6th inst., James Wallace, son of Thomas and Johana Wallace, aged 23 years.

At the Poor's Asylum, Martha Falls, aged 50 years.

At Weymouth, on the 10th inst., Guy Carleton Jones, Esq., Registrar of Deeds, for the County of Digby, in the 7th year of his age.

At Lower Horton, on the 3rd Feb., Mr. Joseph C. Caldwell, in the 76th year of his age. On the 27th Dec., Mrs. Jane Fairweather, in the 78th year of her age.

At Kentville, on the 4th March, Ellen, wife of Henry Kilcup.

At Clenfuogos, on the 8th Feb., after a short illness, Richard Levi, aged 41 years.

At Cornwalls, on the 10th ult., after a short illness, Mary, relict of the late John Gesner, Esq., in the 65th year of her age.

At Arichat, 7th inst., Mr. Peter Leblanc, in the 61st year of his age.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Wednesday, 9th.—Bridg Magnet, Roche, Clenfuogos 23 days—Sailer & Twining; brig Queen of the West, Jollymour, do 23 days—N. L. & J. T. West; schrs. Arbutus, (Fr.) Gautier, St. Pierre—Geo. H. Starr & Co.; Chester, Eisnor, Clenfuogos 24 days—J. A. Moren; Messenger, McLearn, Shelburne—T. C. Kinnear & Co.; Thos. Bagley, McConnell—Porto Rico 14 days—J. A. Moren.

Thursday, 10th.—Schrs. A. C. Major, Perry, Boston 4 ds—Young & Hart and others; Conservative, Burke, Glace Bay 3 days—coal, to Master; William, Banks, Barrington; Susan, Lang, bound to Boston—returned from sea; Alma, Proctor, bound to New York—returned from sea.

Friday, 11th.—Schr. Isabella Maria, Walsh, St. Jago 20 days—G. C. Harvey; bark Halifax, O'Brien, Boston 3 days, Lawson, Harrington & Co and others—16 passengers.

Saturday, 12th.—Schr. Hero, Crowell, Barrington 1 1/2 days—to Master; Victor, Bourrot, Arichat—coal, to do; Comet, Lang, Boston 8 ds—Young and Hart; Agility, Pye, Marie Joseph.

Sunday, 13th.—Bigs Reinder, Griffin, Clenfuogos—to W. B. Hamilton; Rover, Ryan, do.—to G. Mitchell; Schr. Mary Jane, do.—to R. Hart.

Cleared.

Monday, 7th.—Brigs Mary, (new) Murphy, Kingston, Jam.; Sophia, Cochran, B. W. Indies; schr. Village Queen, Banks, do.

Tuesday, 8th.—Bark Eliza Bars, Frith, Bermuda; schr. Azilia, Dols an, Shelburne; Kate, Churchill, Yarmouth; schr. Atlanta, (Am.) Blackburn, Eastport.

Thursday, 10th.—Schr. Hiram, Smith, Porto Rico; Durham, Chadsey, Ragged Islands.

Friday, 11th.—Bridg Boston, McGregor, Boston; schrs. Spay, McPherson, Porto Rico—by G. C. Harvey; Geo. McKean, Hammet, B. W. Indies—by E. C. Twining; Spray, Frost, New York—by Young & Hart.

Saturday, 12th.—Steamer Chesapeake, Willet, Portland, Me.—by Wm. Hare; brig Veteran, Gamage, Liverpool, N. S.—by Young & Hart.

Monday, 14th.—Schr. Mary E. Banks, Banks, B. W. Indies—by W. B. Hamilton & Co.; John Nulton, Nulton, New York—by R. Noble & Sons and others.

Memoranda.

Boston, March 2nd.—Arr. schr. Comet, Halifax; 5th.—eld. brig Lydia, Collins, Clenfuogos. New York, March 2nd.—Arr. bark Return, Rochelle; brig Polly Jones, Leut. Matamoros; eld. S. G. Troop, McLellan, Havre 8th.—arr. barque Venus, Parker, Cardiff; schr. Onward, Nason, Cornwallis; eld. ship British Queen, Aylward, Glasgow, 5th.—arr. brigs Advent, Crow, Matamoros; Nile, Whittier, Mayaguez; Agile, Smith, Aux Cayes; Apus, McFee, Cardenas; eld. barque Romaine, Card, Marselles; brigs Adelaide, Matamoros; Union, Munroe, Cornwallis.

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