

proved tastes of the day, the facilities of educational advantages, have not caused him to change his opinion or alter his estimate of the mental calibre of William Burton. Peace be to his memory.

Men may fail and measures may fail, but principles are immortal.

WM. HALL.

Windsor, May 1st, 1867.

TANCOOK.—Dear Brother.—I have been made glad by the good news of souls being converted in various parts of our county. I also had the pleasure of Baptizing eight rejoicing disciples on the island of Tancook, and expect to administer the sacred rite next Lord's day.—We are looking and praying for more refreshing showers. The Lord hasten it in all our churches.

Yours truly, AUGUSTUS SHIELDS.

UPPER AYLESFORD.—Rev. James L. Read writes:—Last Sabbath was a good day in this place. I baptised 22 happy believers, 4 of whom were baptized in the Plains the other 18 on the South Mountain."

May 2nd, 1867.

SWEDEN.—Whole families brought to Christ.—Mr. Wiberg, of the Mission to Sweden under date of Dec. 8, 1866, records the proofs of the advancing work of the gospel in Sweden, and then quotes from a letter of one of the Swedish preachers as follows:—

"I am now on a preaching tour in the south part of Skane (Scania). The Lord is with us. We have had a gracious visitation from the Lord. I have been at Illestorp, parish of Wram, six days, and there were twenty-three born again, who now confess Jesus with their mouth, and many more have been awakened. Even some backsliders have been renewed into the faith of the Son of God and restored to the church.—There was a happy season. I have scarcely experienced such a season in my life. There were whole houses and families brought to believe in Christ."

CHINA.—In a village in China, 140 miles from Tientsin, a city near Peking, a remarkable work of grace has recently sprung up in connection with the labors of the English Methodists. Seventeen families united to make a bonfire of their idols. Daily prayer-meetings were held though it was harvest season. On Saturdays for miles around the people assemble together to keep the coming Sabbath, bringing bedding and provisions to last them until Monday.

EPISCOPAL.—It is proposed to erect in the church of Stioke Pogis a memorial window in honour of Thomas Gray, the poet, who lies buried in the "Country Churchyard," hard by, which he immortalised in his verse.

The Bishop of Lincoln having been recently accused of "jobbing away benefices and dignities," or bestowing them on relations, school-fellows, or clergymen who had been dissenting ministers, an address, signed by three archdeacons of the diocese; the Chancellor of Lincoln, and fifty-one rural deans, has been presented to the right rev. prelate, expressing confidence in him and appreciation of his unworldly and unselfish life, and of his firm adherence to the principles of revealed truth. The Bishop in acknowledging the address says:—"In the fourteen years of my episcopate I have had to colate forty four times to benefices and thirty-four times to cathedral dignities, mostly of course unanointed. Of these seventy-nine occasions of exercising patronage, in four cases only have the recipients been even in a remote degree relatives."

The "Litany of the Holy Face" is recommended by the Church News to the Anglican devout. This form of prayer consists in the contemplation, adoration, and invocation of the separate parts of the earthly figure of Jesus Christ; the hands, the feet, the wounded side, the heart, and the face.

A gentleman, who does not permit his name to be published, has placed £10,000 in the hands of the Bishop of Worcester to be devoted to the building of new churches in Birmingham.

WESLEYAN.—The new ship, John Wesley, was successfully launched at Aberdeen on April 1st. This vessel is much larger than her predecessor, and is specially constructed for the service of the Missions in Polynesia. She is to make the voyage to London with a cargo of Aberdeen granite; and, after her arrival, is to complete her preparations for final departure before the middle of May.

For the Christian Messenger.

DONATION VISIT.

Dear Brother,—

I desire to acknowledge through the Christian Messenger, the kindness of those members of my church and congregation, who on the 20th of March, made me and my family a Donation Visit. Very pleasant and interesting speeches were given by Revs. Jacob Whitman, (congregationalist,) H. Angell, W. G. Goucher.

Also, April 9th, our Methodist friends showed their good feeling towards us by making us a donation. May Heaven's richest blessings, spiri-

tual and temporal, be the reward of these kind and thoughtful people. The donations amounted in all about \$50.

W. L. PARKER.

Arcadia, Yarmouth Co., April 30, 1867.

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, April 30th.

The Legislative Council informed the house that they had agreed to the bill for the furtherance of Education without any amendment.

Mr. Archibald from the committee on Law amendments reported against a bill relating to the medical profession. He said that this bill proposed a penalty of \$20 for every day on which a person, not having passed an examination before the college of physicians to be established, should practice.

Hon. Prov. Sec. said that this was further than he would be disposed to go. The bill which he had introduced in the first session in which he had a seat, provided that to be a legal practitioner a physician should register his credentials in the office of the Provincial Secretary, thus giving the public an opportunity of knowing who were qualified according to law.

The bill was deferred for three months. Mr. Pryor, from the committee on local bills, reported a Telegraph Co. bill, and a bill to amend the act in reference to the Miitita, read a first and second time.

Hon. Attorney General introduced a bill to incorporate a Copper Mining Company. He also introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the support of the poor.

Hon. Attorney General introduced a bill to amend the act to regulate the election of members to serve in the general Assembly.

The House in committee on bills passed the following:—To provide for the payment of the cost of public works, &c. To further amend the act incorporating the Roman Catholic Bishop of Halifax. To provide for certain roads in the county of Pictou. To provide for holding a Provincial Exhibition in Halifax in 1868. To provide for a polling district in the county of Guysboro.—To amend the act to incorporate the Acadia Coal Company.—Relating to rag and junk shops in the city of Halifax: To provide for the inspection of Petroleum, Coal Oil, and Burning Fluid, in the city of Halifax;—To amend chap. 157 of the Revised Statutes relative to articles or stores belonging to Her Majesty's Army and Navy; To provide for the appointment of a Chief Inspector of Inland Fisheries throughout the Province. The Inspector is to have a salary of \$2000 per annum.

To amend the act relating to the preservation of game.—The amendment renders the law much more stringent than it is now. The penalty for killing Moose or Cariboo, out of season, is very severe. To amend the act in relation to the Militia, and the acts in amendment thereof. To incorporate the Union Copper Mining Company. After which the House resumed.

The Legislative Council informed the House that they had agreed to the bill providing for making certain alterations in the City Market House.

Hon. Atty. Gen. introduced a bill for the appointment of Commissioners to provide for a station for the Windsor and Annapolis Railway at Windsor.

Mr. More laid upon the table the road scale for the county of Kings.

Mr. Lawrence laid upon the table the road scale of the county of Hants, and Mr. McLellan that of the county of Cochester.

The House then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 1st.

Bills passed in committee on the previous day were read a third time and sent to the Legislative Council.

Mr. Bourinot from the Post Office Committee submitted their report recommending the establishment of some additional mail routes and way offices, and suggesting that a few of the existing routes be changed, in order that the public generally in the localities concerned may be better accommodated. The report was laid on the table for further consideration.

Mr. Jost, chairman of the committee on Public Accounts, submitted their report and moved that it be adopted.

A long discussion took place respecting the finances of the Province.

Mr. McLellan made a speech of considerable length complaining that the public accounts were in an unsatisfactory condition. He asked the Government to lay upon the table certain information, and explanations respecting the same. He concluded by asking the Government to show the invoices of the goods and articles furnished the Government steamer Druid, by Mr. John Pugh, a member of the Board of Works. He also asked for an invoice of all the articles furnished the Quarantine station by that gentleman.

Hon. Financial Secretary spoke at length in reply, contending that the public accounts were in a satisfactory state, and that the Government were not chargeable with mismanagement of the Provincial funds, and that under all the circumstances connected with the Provincial service the disbursements were upon an economical scale. He also explained the reasons why Mr. Delaney, collector at Amherst was not dismissed soon after his defalcation was discovered. It appears that with the promise and hope that the money would be paid back, the officer was allowed to retain his post but upon the return from England of the Provincial Secretary, and the other Government delegates, (it being found that no portion of the deficiency had been paid) Mr. Delaney was summarily dismissed.

ed. He stated that the Provincial Secretary was not chargeable with having retained the officer, as he (Provincial Secretary) was in England on public business during the greater part of last summer. He further said that if censure for neglect could justly attach to any member of the Government in this matter it was to himself and not the Provincial Secretary. The Financial Secretary also referred to a statement which appeared in the Morning Chronicle of late date purporting to give some statistics in relation to the condition of the public finances, founded upon a return which had been laid upon the table, which statement was untrue.

Mr. Annand explained that the error occurred through inadvertence.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, the object being to reduce the numbers of the City Council to twelve, and to authorize the payment of the Board to the extent of \$2000.

The bill was read a first time.

Hon. Prov. Sec'y. laid on the table a copy of the bill authorizing the guarantee for the Intercolonial Railway, as it passed the Imperial Parliament.

The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 2nd.

The House met at 11, a. m., and the debate on the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts was resumed.

The Provincial Secretary spoke for upwards of two hours in defence of the financial policy of the government.

Mr. Annand replied in the afternoon.

Some remarks were made by Mr. Longley and the Attorney General, after which the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 3rd.

The Report of the Committee on Crown Lands was read and adopted.

The House in Committee on Bills, passed the following:—To provide for the building of a bridge over Salmon River, in the county of Guysboro. To provide for an additional polling place in the county of Guysboro. To provide for a railway station at Windsor, for the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company. To repeal a clause of the Statutes of 1859, relative to general elections. To amend the act concerning the construction of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway. To legalize the electoral lists throughout the Province.

The House then resumed.

In the afternoon session the bills passed in committee of the whole were read a third time, and sent to the Legislative Council.

A message from the Legislative Council informed the House that they did not agree to the Gas Bill as returned by the House of Assembly.

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 4th.

Hon. Attorney General introduced a bill to improve certain roads in the county of Antigonishe.

On motion of Mr. Bourinot the House took up the report of the Post Office Committee.

Mr. Kaulback advocated the establishment of a daily mail to and from Lunenburg, and moved that the offer of the Messrs. King to convey a daily mail between Halifax Liverpool and Lunenburg be accepted.

Some discussion arose on this motion in which Messrs. Bourinot, Annand, Longley, Coffin, Jost, Kaulback and the Provincial Secretary took part.

The motion to amend the report by adopting the offer of Messrs. King, was put and lost by a vote of 13 against 18.

Mr. Annand then moved that tenders be asked for the conveyance of a tri-weekly mail between Halifax, Liverpool and Shelburne. The motion was lost by a vote of 8 against 24.

The report was received and adopted.

The House in committee of the whole, passed a bill to abolish the extra July term of the Supreme Court in the County of Halifax. The bill for the better protection of useful birds and animals, also passed.

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, May 6th.

The bills passed in Committee of the whole on Saturday were read a third time and sent to the Legislative Council.

Mr. Pryor from Committee on Militia submitted their report. It recommends that the price of the Militia Uniforms now on hand be fixed at \$1 each. It speaks highly of the efficiency of the Naval Brigade. The report was adopted.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon submitted the report on Indian affairs, also adopted.

The House in Committee of the whole took up a resolution respecting the continuation of the railway from Annapolis to Digby, asking that the Government should survey and locate the road without unnecessary delay.

Hon. Speaker made some remarks in support of the resolution, showing that it would be a great public accommodation to have the railway extended to Digby, the harbor of which town is open at all seasons of the year.

Mr. McDonnell characterized the resolution as absurd.

Hon. Provincial Secretary asked that a survey be made with the view of ascertaining the cost of continuing the line to Digby, he considered it a judicious and proper one.

Mr. Annand was wholly opposed.

Mr. Townsend was sorry the resolution did not provide for locating the Railway to Yarmouth, and moved that it be amended so as to embrace the last named town.

The hon. Provincial Secretary opposed the amendment.

The resolution passed in the shape in which it was introduced.

Mr. Charles Campbell presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of a section of the county of Victoria in relation to Presbyterian Church property, and spoke at some length in support of the claims of the petitioners.

The House then adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 7th.

The House was occupied in the morning with various bills received from the Legislative Council, the bill for Preventing of cruelty to Animals, took up a considerable portion of the time. It was however deemed impracticable, and was deferred.

At 3 o'clock His Excellency Sir Fenwick W. Williams came to the Council Chamber, and, after summoning the House of Assembly, read to the combined houses the following

CLOSING SPEECH:

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

It affords me much pleasure to release you from further attendance during the present Session, which will doubtless be the last of the existing Parliament.

The numerous and valuable measures which you have passed will, I doubt not, largely contribute to the prosperity of the Province.

Under the operation of the laws effecting Constitutional changes in the Local Government and Parliament of Nova Scotia, the business of the country will, I believe, be efficiently conducted at a large saving of public expenditure.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I thank you for the supplies voted for the public service.

Mr. President, and Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I cannot close this Session without expressing the deep gratification with which I have witnessed the action of both Branches of the Legislature on the question of the Union of the two Canadas, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, under one Government and Parliament, as I firmly believe, that your adoption of that measure will not only greatly increase the general prosperity of British America, and elevate all these Provinces in the scale of Nations, but that the Union was imperatively demanded, in order to give stability to the Institutions you enjoy, and permanent security to this portion of Her Majesty's dominions as an integral portion of the Empire.

In the sincere hope that Almighty God will bless and prosper you all, and that the loyal people of this my native Province may be happy and prosperous, I now close this Session of the Legislature.

Commercial.

Farmer's Market.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Hay, Beef, Pork, Bacon, Mutton, Poultry, Ducks, Turkeys, Geese, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Oatmeal, Oats, Apples, and Potatoes.

Marriages.

At Mahone Bay, by Rev. Augustus Shields, on March 9th; Mr. Joshua Veinot, of Blockhouse, to Miss Mary Dauphney, of New Cornwall. On the 23rd April, 1867, at Aylesford, by the Rev. James L. Read, Mr. James S. Marshall, to Miss Sarah S. Welch, all of Wilmot. At Arcadia, on the 21st of March, by the Rev. W. L. Parker, Mr. William G. Earl, to Miss Eva Parry. Also, by the same, April the 6th, William Y. Healy, of Deerfield, to Miss Elizabeth Hannah, of Birmingham, England. Also, by the same, April the 8th, Mr. Edmund Hersey, to Miss Isabella Patten, both of East Chebourg. At Guysborough, on the 22nd ult., by the Rev. J. F. Murray, Mr. William Morgan, to Miss Mary Jane Kirby. At Hantsport, April 30th, by the Rev. E. O. Read, Capt. A. G. Durkee, of Yarmouth, to Miss Melissa, daughter of the late Capt. James Lawrence, of Hantsport.

Deaths.

On the Island of Tanook, on Tuesday, April 23rd, suddenly, Mrs. Sophia Huti, in the 65th year of her age. On Wednesday evening, Mary, the beloved wife of James Finlay, in the 28th year of her age. At Guysborough, on the 22nd inst., in the 18th year of his age, Alfred Henry, son of E. H. Franchville, Esq. On the 14th inst., at Rose Blanche, New Brunswick, George McBride Ingraham, in the 26th year of his age, eldest son of Jacob S. Ingraham, Esq., of Baddeck. On the 4th inst., William Kelly, in the 68th year of his age. At Falmouth, Hants Co., on the 29th ult., James Hanson, aged 82 years. At the Poores' Asylum, April 30, Alice Vasby, aged 30 years.