

Hon. Attorney General defended the principle of the bill.

Mr Killam argued that it would be injudicious for the present House to remodel the constitution of the country.

Mr Annand opposed the bill, as a measure of expediency, imperfect in principle and unjust in detail.

The Provincial Secretary answered the objections raised.

Mr Blanchard thought that the proposed distribution of seats was just, and that the representation would be as fair as it was possible to make it under existing circumstances.

Mr Archibald thought the bill open to objections, but suited to the circumstances of the country under Confederation; the Local Legislature of the Province would have the power to increase or diminish the number of members, and adjust the representation as they thought proper.

Hon Financial Secretary considered the bill just and equitable. Pictou was entitled to the additional representation accorded to it.

Dr Brown thought the bill unfair.

Hon Mr McFarlane said there could be no more favorable time than the present to deal with the question of representation in the Local Legislature. The bill would have the effect of materially reducing the expenses of the Province.

Dr Hamilton would vote for the measure. He thought the scheme was as good as one as could be devised under existing circumstances.

Mr Hatfield argued that the scheme of representation was neither fair nor just. He denounced the scheme for confederating the British Provinces. The bill passed the second reading without division. The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 30th.

Mr. Pryor, reported from the Committee on Private and Local Bills. The House in committee took up the bill relating to the Local Parliament under Confederation.

Mr. Stewart Campbell did not think the proposed representation just and equitable.

The Prov. Secretary argued that it was not the first session of a new House, but the last of an expiring one, which should make changes in the representation of the country in general assembly.

Mr. Annand inferred from the remarks of the Provincial Secretary, that the Government was afraid of the voice of the people, and hence their desire to defer the measure until after the forthcoming election. In course of his remarks he declared himself in favor of the proposition to abolish the Legislative Council and stated his intention of moving an amendment to the bill. He moved that Halifax county have four members, two of whom should be elected by the city, and two by the electors outside.

Mr. Tobin did not consider representation by population to be a good and sound principle, and by way of illustration instanced the system in operation in England. He showed that were the system established in that country, the city of London, with its population of three millions would, in Parliament, on any important measure, swamp the rest of the Empire. He did not think it advisable to alter the principle of the bill, which he thought was founded upon a good and sound basis.

Hon. Attorney General replied to Mr. Annand.—He did not consider that the principle of representation by population, was sound, the country would be justly represented, both in the Local Parliament and General Government.

Hon. Mr. Shannon contended that the measure was a just one. He argued that it would be unfair to the other counties to give Halifax a larger representation than that proposed by the bill.

The Prov. Secretary opposed the proposition to abolish the Legislative Council upon constitutional grounds, and showed that the Assembly had not the authority to dissolve that body.

Mr. Annand replied and expressed doubts if any pecuniary advantages would flow from the construction of the Intercolonial Railway.

Mr. Kaulback believed that the bill was both just and practical.

Mr. Killam was opposed to the bill and to the provisions of the Confederation scheme.

Mr. Hatfield thought the representation provided in the bill unjust.

Mr. Annand's amendment was lost.

Mr. Annand then moved that the bill should not come into operation until after the next general election.

The amendment was lost, and the bill passed.

Mr. Shannon introduced a bill relative to the liquor license law, and presented several petitions in support of the measure, the object of which was to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks in Grocery Stores.

Hon. Attorney General introduced a bill to authorize the Government to issue debentures to facilitate the construction of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway. The House then adjourned.

MONDAY, April 1st.

Mr. Bourinot introduced a bill to amend the act to regulate the terms of the Supreme Court in the Island of Cape Breton.

Mr. Annand requested to be relieved from duty of serving as a member of the Committee on Humane Institutions.

The Provincial Secretary requested Mr. Annand to remain on the committee, but he declined.

The third reading of the bill relating to representation in, and duration of, the Local Parliament was moved, whereupon Mr. Annand moved an amendment giving Halifax four members.

The bill was read a third time.

The Bill relating to the appointment of officers under the Local Government was read a third time.

The Financial Secy. introduced a new Bill to incorporate the Consumer's Gas Company.

Mr. Annand asked the Government to lay upon the table a return of all the fines and forfeitures made to the Board of Revenue from 1862 to 1866. The House then adjourned.

LATEST FROM UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Letters have been received here from Havana dated 20th inst., stating that Spanish soldiers are being enlisted by the Imperial Mexican Consul there for Maximilian's Army to defend Vera Cruz.—About 300

men had been enlisted and were to sail on the 22nd in the Spanish steamer Paras.

March 30.—Congress adjourned to-day, to 1st Wednesday in July. The President has communicated to the Senate a Treaty with Russia, by which that Power surrenders to the United States its Sovereignty over all Russian America and the adjacent Islands, thus excluding British America from the Pacific Ocean. The Treaty will be taken up next week. There is great excitement among the British Diplomats.

[The parties at Washington who compile the telegrams, had better acquaint themselves with the extent of British Territory, and they will be saved from making such egregious blunders as the above. British Columbia has a frontage of about 700 miles on the Pacific coast.—Ed. C. M.]

MURDER BY AN INSANE MAN.—George Rolfe, an inoffensive man, was brutally murdered near College Corner in Falmouth by Eben Williams, 21 years of age, who shot him through the heart with a rifle, and then cut off his head with an axe. Williams is an imbecile and under guardianship, but being supposed harmless was allowed to occupy the house with Rolfe who was a pauper, as his servant. Williams went to the house of his guardian in the afternoon and stated cheerfully what he had done. The body was found as laid out for burial and the head in a pail of water.

Two car loads of U. S. troops have arrived at St. Alban's in which vicinity Fenians arms are a gain said to have been deposited.

It is said that there are more people out of employment in Boston than for many years past. There is consequently much suffering amongst the poor.

DESTITUTION IN NORTH CAROLINA.—Colonel Comford, Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau for the State of North Carolina, states that there are at least six thousand persons in North Carolina suffering from want of food, of which number two-thirds are whites. Three thousand bushels of corn were distributed during the month, sent by the Southern Relief Commission of New York city. The distribution by the Bureau of government rations was as follows:—To hospitals, 6,483; orphans asylums, 1,715; destitute whites, 10,958; destitute blacks, 12,401.

THE ALEXANDRIA ELECTIONS.—A joint resolution has been offered to annul the late election in Alexandria, in which the negro vote was thrown out by the Commissioners. The people of the city have asked Congress to delay action, in order to give them an opportunity to present their view of the case.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.—It is believed in Washington that the Judiciary Committee will report in favor of Senator Wilson's resolution, and that Mr. Davis will shortly be released.

The Legislature of Mississippi has appropriated \$20,000 for the defence of Jeff. Davis.

An enterprising citizen of Alford, Me., who wished to know promptly what the world is doing, has built at his own expense a telegraph line to Biddelford.

The Massachusetts State constables, it is said, have seized a quarter of a million dollars' worth of liquors since they commenced operations.

In consequence of the stringency of the License Law, which forbids the sale of any liquor on Sunday, notices are posted in the principal hotels of New York, requesting guests who wish wine with their Sunday dinners to order it on Saturday.

VIRGINIANS have long felt a deep interest in direct trade with Europe, and they are now enjoying it through the facility afforded them by a line of steamers from Baltimore to England. Since January 1st, 30,685 bales of cotton have been received at Norfolk.

NEBRASCA.—This state has just been admitted into the Union on condition of universal suffrage. An election has just been held in Omaha, in one of the wards of which city a party of men decided universal suffrage to be unconstitutional in the following way: A large body of them, armed, stood at the polls, and when a negro approached to vote, they drew their revolvers on him and drove him away.

Mr. PEABODY.—The following is believed to be a correct list of the donations made by this benevolent millionaire during the last few years:

Table listing donations: The London Poor \$1,800,000; Baltimore, for Institute 1,000,000; Baltimore Historical Society 20,000; Boston Historical Society 20,000; South Danvers 160,000; Danvers 50,000; Newburyport 15,000; Georgetown (Mass.) for church and library 50,000; Georgetown (D. C.) 20,000; Library in Vermont 15,000; Yale College 150,000; Harvard College 150,000; Kenyon College 25,000; Phillips' Academy 25,000; Salem East India Company, Lecture Room and Museum 140,000; Grinnel Expedition 10,000; Recent donation to the South, which may be increased by the Mississippi bonds 1,800,000; His family connexions in trust 1,500,000; Total \$6,135,000

The Grinnel Expedition was the memorable voyage of Dr. Kane to the Arctic Sea, for which Mr. Grinnel, of New York, furnished the vessel, and Mr. Peabody contributed \$10,000 towards the expenses. The donation to the poor of London is converted at the current rate of exchange at the time it was made into Ame-

rican currency. The value of the Mississippi bonds given to the South is not here set down but their par value with annual interest, is \$1,000,000. The total of the donation in the above list is \$6,135,000 which the Mississippi bonds may increase to \$7,285,000. Of this sum all but \$1,500,000 has been contributed for public purposes. It is understood, that Mr. Peabody has provided for every relation of his now living; the most distant receiving \$50,000 and those nearer \$150,000 each; and we think it can be safely said that there is not on record an instance of greater public and private benevolence by any private citizen of any country in the world than that furnished in the princely gifts of George Peabody. The word "princely" has hitherto been used to distinguish large gifts, but what in fact have been the donations of princes compared with those of Mr. Peabody?

Mr. Peabody gave a grand banquet in New York on the 22nd, to General Grant and the trustees of the educational fund. Mr. Peabody, at the close of his speech, expressed the hope that Her Majesty Queen Victoria would long live to rule over the country in which, under Providence, he and others had prospered. He gave as a concluding toast, "The country in which I have long lived and prospered, and its beloved Queen."

The Trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund held a meeting in New York on the 25th inst., and determined upon a plan for carrying into effect the munificent gift of Mr. Peabody for the education of the South. Messrs. D. Appleton & Co., Publishers, of New York, have presented the trustees with one hundred thousand volumes of books, to assist them in the work.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.—London, March 25.—A despatch from Constantinople states that the Turkish Government denies that the European have made any proposition for the cession of the Island of Candia to Greece. Further it is stated that the Porte will never consent to give up that Island to Greece.

March 26.—The English Government has decided not to persist claiming the return of Lamirande who was taken illegally it is claimed from Canada under the extradition treaty, but reserves the right to do so should it hereafter decide otherwise.

March 27.—The North German Parliament has accepted a constitution, the provisions of which was mainly in accordance with the plan proposed by Bismark.

A despatch states that the Crown Prince is about to leave on a visit to Constantinople to the Sultan. Advices from Athens report that there has been no fighting in Candia for two months past.

Ship Indomitable, from Liverpool 15th inst., for St. John, N. B., was stranded on the 18th.

In the House of Commons last evening the Reform Bill passed the second reading without a dissenting voice; debate on question has been fixed for 8th April. April 4 has been named the day of debate on Budget.

March 28.—Ex Governor Eyre of Jamaica, has been arrested and is now under examination.

The market for American Securities is firm. The Grecian Government has asked the leading powers of Europe to interfere for the prevention of further bloodshed in Candia.

March 29.—In the House of Commons last night, the proposition of the Government to guarantee the Canadian Railroad loan was agreed to.

March 31.—Ex Government Eyre of Jamaica, recently arrested, was acquitted after a short examination.

Liverpool, March 28.—Ship Ellen Hood, Captain Pannel, from Liverpool, bound to New York has put back to Queenstown looking.

The bark Wild Horse, Captain Parr, from New York, bound to Liverpool is reported to have been lost in Trmore Bay on the Irish Coast.

The steamship Great Eastern sailed from this port at noon for New York, which port she will leave on the 16th of April on her first voyage to Brest. As the Great Eastern was about leaving the steam captain accidentally slipped, killing two men and wounding several others.

March 28.—The Brokers Circular reports the exports and imports of cotton for the past week to have been 205,000 bales. Stock on hand 644,000 bales, being 2000 above the estimate.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.—We regret to say we have reason to believe that some of the recent overtures of Sir Frederick Bruce on behalf of his government, in the matter of arbitration in the Alabama Claims, have not been received in a conciliatory spirit by Mr. Seward. We do not understand that the offers of the British representative have been directly refused but at two interviews the subject has been evaded.—Pall Mall Gazette.

FRANCE.—The French poet Lamartine has long been in embarrassed circumstances. It is proposed to relieve him by subscribing for him 400,000 francs (£16,000). The idea is stated to have originated with the Emperor.

M. Euvie de Girardin was lately convicted of an offence against the press laws, with "extenuating circumstances," and was fined £200. M de Girardin has appealed against this decision.

ITALY.—Turin, March 25th.—Gen. Kossuth, now residing in this city, has written a letter, protesting against the arrangement made between Hungary and the Emperor of Austria.

A new embarrassment appears to be in store for the Pope. There are in Italy about 12,000

Roman refugees. They propose to enter the Roman States, as if to go to their homes. The plan is said to have the approval of Garibaldi. What will the Pope do? 12,000 people are rather too many to arrest or to watch, but the Papal authorities will feel it to be dangerous to leave them to their own devices. The difficulty promises to be an awkward one.

AUSTRIA.—Vesth, March 29.—The coronation of Francis Joseph, as King of Hungary, will take place in July next.

PRUSSIA.—Berlin, March 23.—King William has succeeded in effecting an offensive and defensive treaty with the King of Wurtemberg. It is understood, that one of the features of the treaty is, that in the times of war, Prussia is to command the consolidated armies of both countries.

Brussels — March 23.—It is officially announced, that King Leopold will not enter the proposed Confederation with France, Holland and Switzerland.

It appears that the Emperor of the French has bestowed on the Queen of England as a gift the statues of Henry II., Richard Cœur de Lion, Eleanor of Guienne, and Isabelle of Angouleme now at Fontevrault.

Marriages.

- At the North Range, Digby County, by Rev. L. B. Gates, Mr. Anthony Augustus Ferry, to Miss Orinda, eldest daughter of William H. Haines, Esq., of that place.

At Lakeville, March 7th, by Rev. James Parker, Mr. Edward M. Stedman, to Miss Lizzie M., daughter of Mr. Stephen North.

On January the 13th, 1867, by Rev. H. Eagles, Mr. James Turner, to Miss Hannah Hewitt, both of Indian Harbour.

Also, by the same, Jan. 22nd, 1867, Mr. Joseph McKeen, to Miss Sarah McKeen, both of St. Mary's, Melrose.

Also, by the same, Jan. 24th, 1867, Mr. John Kink, of St. Mary's, to Miss Sarah E. Robertson, of Barney's River, Merigomish.

Also, by the same, Feby. 19th, 1867, Mr. John McNorton, to Miss Jane Cameron, both of Loch Harbour, Antigonish.

Also, by the same, March 13th, 1867, Mr. Robert Hewitt, of St. Mary's, to Miss Bethuma McConnell, of Indian Harbour.

Deaths.

At Lakeville, on the 31st of January, Thomas Lovet, Esq., aged 66 years.

At Lakeville, Cornwallis, March 23rd, aged 61 years, Mr. Henry B. Kinsman, leaving a wife and two children.

At Cornwallis, March 17th, aged 26 years, George J., youngest son of Mr. Henry Marchant. The deceased was a member of the Baptist Church, and died in peace.

At Hantsport, Feb. 13th, aged 16 months, Maud Lamout, daughter of Mr. Daniel and Sarah Ann Huntly.

At Wolfville, on Monday, 25th inst., aged 74, Ann Elizabeth, widow of the late James S. Wells, Esq.

On Sunday, the 24th inst. Sarah Ann, wife of T. C. Kinnear, in the 53rd year of her age.

On the 24th inst., Mr. Jas. A. Lyons, aged 51 years.

On the 24th inst., George Kenn, of England, aged 36 years.

On the 29th inst., at the residence of Mr. Stephen Bissett, Spring Hill Cottage, Cole Harbor Road, Joseph Hawkins, Esq., aged 88 years.

April 1st, Catherine Cowling, widow of the late George Cowling, aged 78 years.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, March 26.—Schns. Annie Jane, McIsaac, New York; (bound to St. Johns, Nfld.; Mary Ann, Sampson, Arichat.

Wednesday, 27.—No arrivals.

Thursday, 28.—S. S. Carlotta, McGuine, Portland; S. S. Commerce, Doane, Boston; brig. Alert, Crowell, New York.

Friday, 29.—R. M. S. Africa, Anderson, Boston; brig. Spartan, McPherson, Charleston; brig. Annie M. Carey, Demerara; Rainbow, Cienfuegos; schrs. Village Belle, Doyle, New York; Uranus, Carmichael, New York; Topaz, Hurst, Boston; Annie Leah, Ireland, Portland; T. F. Furney, Purney, Shelburne; Gold Finder, McBride, Shelburne; Foam, Dexter, Liverpool, N. S.; Mischief, Hopewell, Mayaguez.

Saturday, 30.—Brigt. Esquimaux, Affeck, Boston; schrs. Ben Bolt, Drake, St. George's, N. B.; Ocean, Parker, Cornwallis; Rival, Smith, Liverpool; Ospray, D'Entremont, Pobjaco.

Sunday, 31.—Brigs. Delta, Pendergrass, Cienfuegos; Aurora, Jollymore, Cienfuegos; schrs. Mayflower, Inns, Boston; Comet, Lang, Philadelphia; Pictor, Strum, Boston.

Monday, April 1.—H. M. S. Wolverine, Bermuda; Steamship Thames, Anthony, London; brig. Howard, Smith, Trinidad de Cuba, bound to England, (lost spars); W. W. Lord, McLeod, New York; schr. Quick, March, Banks, Cienfuegos.

Cleared.

Tuesday, March 26.—R. M. S. China, Hockley, Boston; brig. Esk, Patterson, Kinston, Ja.; schrs. Telegraph, Wood, Boston; Gladiator, Westaver, New York.

Wednesday, 27.—Brigt. Arthur, Nickerson, Cuba; schrs. Frank, Gallant, Boston; Secret, Lausburg, Tangier.

Thursday, 28.—R. M. S. Alpha, Hunter, Bermuda and St. Thomas; schrs. Truro, McDonald, New York; Burbeck, Kelly, Philadelphia; Blossom, Ross, Tangier.

Friday, 29.—R. M. S. Africa, Anderson, Liverpool, G. B.; steamers Carlotta, Maguire, Portland; Commerce, Doane, Boston.

Saturday, 30.—Schns. Volunteer, Pertas, Guadeloupe; Swan, Zwicker, Western Banks; Golden West, Gestin, do.; Jas. McKeen, Smith, do.

Monday, April 1.—Schns. Mischief, Hopewell, Porto Rico; Mary E. Banks, McKinnon, Yarmouth; Volant, Ellis, do.; Foam, Dexter, Liverpool.