

Dominion and Foreign News.

PARLIAMENTARY.—It is expected that the Dominion Parliament will close about the middle of June.

House of Commons.—The bill to make the 1st of July a public Holiday, was after a lengthy debate withdrawn.

On Wednesday a long discussion arose on the Insolvency Act. It was finally read a second time and referred to a Committee, on which were several of the Nova Scotia members.

In the Senate the Act respecting Vagrants passed through the committee.

The Government Banking scheme proposes to renew charters for ten years; to absorb bank circulation gradually between 1871 and 1876, issuing Government Guarantee Notes to each Bank for cash or Government Securities. The Banks will receive interest on bonds held by Government for security on circulation.

RECIPROCITY.—A despatch from Ottawa to the *Morning Chronicle* states that on Friday Mr. Dorion moved that an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General setting forth that the late Reciprocity Treaty between the United States and the Dominion had been beneficial in its operation, to the industrial and commercial interests of both countries, and that its renewal with such alteration and extension as would best secure coasting and internal trade, registration, interchange on equal terms of manufactured articles, &c., would be beneficial to both peoples.

Dr. Tupper replied, showing the substantial progress that the country was making, and controverting the theory that the amount of a country's imports was any test of its financial position. The former treaty had not been of great benefit to Canada but the people of the maritime provinces felt that they had been unfairly dealt with, and he trusted that they would be better cared for if the treaty should be renewed. He regretted the abandonment of the duty on flour. Though Nova Scotia imported and Ontario exported flour, as a Nova Scotian he advocated impost of that duty. He was also prepared to ask imposition of a duty on coal of fifty cents per ton. The debate was adjourned till Tuesday next.

On Thursday night on a motion being made respecting the Governor General's salary, Mr. McKenzie moved the following amendment:

“Resolved, That it is the undisputed privilege of this Parliament to fix and determine all salaries and expenditures chargeable on the public funds of the Dominion, the Governor-General's salary included.”

After considerable discussion Mr. McKenzie's amendment was carried—yeas 137, nays 1—being Mr. Smith of New Brunswick.

Dr. Tupper moved for correspondence relative to the death of Dr. Hogan on the Nova Scotia Railway, with a view to compensation to the relatives of deceased. Hon. Wm. McDougall stated the matter was under consideration. The motion was carried.

MONTREAL.—In the Episcopal Synod on Friday last, the additional names of Rev. Dr. Monsoll, Vicar of Egham, and the Rev. Joseph Henry Thomson, Vicar of Dacheve, were taken down and voted on without resulting in an election. Afterwards the name of the Rev. Ashton Oxendon, Rector of Pluckley, Kent, was sent down and elected by acclamation. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed.

The body of Ensign Whittaker, killed by young Challoner, was embalmed and sent home to England in the *Nestor*.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.—There is a rumor going the rounds to the effect that Mr. John Blackie, of Nova Scotia, is to take charge as Engineer of the Eastern District of this Railway. This, if true, will surely disappoint some of the present expectants in Canada.—*Montreal Star*.

NOVA SCOTIA PETITIONS IN THE SENATE.—In the Dominion Senate on the 10th inst., Mr. Dickey presented the petition of H. G. Pineo and others, praying for aid for a ship canal between the Bay of Fundy and Bay Verte; also of George W. Hill, praying for the rejection of a bill entitled an Act to enable the Bishops and clergy in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to be represented in the Provincial Synods of the said church in Canada, if any such bill should be again introduced into the Legislature of the Dominion.—*Chron*.

N. S. CURRENCY.—Hon. Finance Minister stated in the House of Commons that as there is a probability of the English sovereign being adopted as the gold standard, the Nova Scotia currency may have to be adapted throughout the Dominion.

OTTAWA, May 17.—Henry J. Friel, Esq., Mayor of Ottawa, died yesterday morning, after a brief illness.

New Brunswick.

A few days ago, a young man 20 years of age, named Harris, fell from a loaded wagon in Sackville, N. B., and was killed by a wheel passing over his head.

On Saturday week at St. John, a drayman, Thos. Wilson, was rescued from drowning by a young man named Regan. Wilson had precipitated himself from Hon. John Robertson's wharf, while in a state of delirium tremens.

A fine short horn Durham bull was exhibited in St. John last week. His girth was seven feet seven inches, and weight about a ton.

A new ship of about 900 tons was launched from the yard of R. Titus, Esq., Rothsay. She is called the *Angeline*, and was built for Messrs. Robertson & Son, of St. John.

A sailor, belonging to a Prussian barque, was drowned last week by falling between the vessel and wharf while in a state of intoxication.

Trade in St. John is generally good. The lumber business is improving, and prospects for the season altogether encouraging.

Mr. Carwell, the great Canadian Temperance orator, delivered his first lecture in the Mechanics' Institute, on Wednesday last. He has been induced to make a tour of the Province, under the auspices of a joint Committee of Templars and Sons of Temperance. He is to return again and lecture in St. John on the 8th of June.

On Wednesday last, Nova Scotia Salmon were sold in St. John at \$6 each.

Newfoundland.

The Steamer, “City of Halifax,” Capt. Jamieson, arrived on Sunday from St. John's.—Among the passengers were Hon. F. B. T. Carter, Attorney General; Hon. John Kent, Receiver General; Hon. P. G. Tessier, M. L. C., President of the Chamber of Commerce; Hon. Nicholas Stabb, M. L. C.; Hon. W. V. White-way, Speaker of the Assembly. The four gentlemen first named are the delegates appointed to proceed to Ottawa, to confer with the Canadian Government, respecting the terms on which Newfoundland will be admitted into the Confederation.

The “Daily News” of the 11th inst., says:—“We observe that notices have been issued for the hire of a steamer capable of taking off to some port in Nova Scotia, six hundred men, as workmen upon one of the sections of the Inter-colonial railway. The tenders are advertised for by Hon. A. Shea, with whom arrangements have been made by the authorities in Canada.”

The Governor has received a telegram from Prince Arthur, in which His Royal Highness announces that it is his intention to visit Newfoundland during the ensuing autumn.

The Harbor Grace “Standard” says:—“News has reached here of the loss of some twenty women at Twillingate and neighborhood, and some men, who were drowned in attempting to land from the ice on which they were in quest of seals.”

A letter from King's Cove, Bonavista Bay, reports the loss of seven men, caused by the great sea among the ice.

The brigantine *Spray*, Capt. Furze, of and for St. John's, from Alicante, struck on the Northern Head, Torbay, during a gale on the night of the 30th., and sank immediately. Sad to relate, all on board, nine men, were drowned.

The United States.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The completion of the Pacific Railroad was celebrated yesterday in various parts of the country with public rejoicings. The Murray Silk Mills in Patterson, New Jersey were destroyed by fire last night. Loss a quarter of a million.

May 12.—A despatch from Washington says, that the condition of affairs in Cuba, and the manner in which American residents are treated by the Spanish, are such, that our Navy Department has decided to send two more war vessels to Admiral Hoff.

May 13.—Six steamboats, several of them with cargoes, were destroyed by fire at Cincinnati yesterday. Loss, quarter of a million dollars.

May 14.—The Jewelry establishment of R. Hull, Lanandaigua, New York, was robbed this morning of fifty thousand dollars worth of ornaments, watches and jewellery.

May 17.—President Grant has issued a proclamation, appointing the 6th of July for the election in Virginia. Gold 141½.

West Indies.

CUBA, May, 14.—A desperate battle was fought at Leos Mines, in Cuba, May 3rd, in which the Rebels, under Quesado, defeated the Spaniards, under General Lecsy, and afterwards took and burned the town of San Mignell.

ST. THOMAS, May 14.—General Raasloff, the Danish Minister of War, has expressed his confidence in the ratification of the St. Thomas treaty by the United States Senate.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.—*London,* May 10.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Fortescue, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in reply to an inquiry of Lord John Manners, said Her Majesty's Ministers were already considering the best means of increasing the powers of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland for the more effectual repression of outrages in that country.

May 11.—The “Standard” to-day has a leading article on the Alabama question and Senator Sumner's speech, in which the writer reviews the relative position of the United States and Great Britain, and asserts that the raids and other outrages perpetrated by American Fenians in Canada during the past few years more than overbalanced the depredations committed by the Alabama on American commerce. The Government of Great Britain, in consenting to submit the mutual international grievances to arbitration did more than could be fairly demanded, and to yield further would be an act of cowardice and irreparable degradation.

The Mayor of Cork has resigned, and the proceedings in Parliament in relation to his case, have in consequence been postponed.

May 13.—In the House of Lords to-night, the present condition of Ireland, and the undeveloped policy of the Government in relation thereto, were the subject of a lively debate.

The House of Lords has adjourned till May 27.

In the House of Commons, the Irish Church Bill was reported and committed, and it was decided that the vote on passing it to a third reading should take place on the 31st inst.

Mr. Reverdy Johnson took formal leave of Queen Victoria to-day.

May 14.—The *London Times* has an editorial on the rejected Alabama treaty, wherein it is asserted that the Government of Great Britain, in submitting to an arbitration of the question at all, conceded everything that was originally demanded or expected by the American people, and everything that it was possible to concede.

Sir John Crampton, the British Minister to Spain, has asked to be recalled.

The remains of Daniel O'Connell were re-interred yesterday beneath a splendid mausoleum, near Dublin, with imposing ceremonies.

The Bavarian Government has invited the great powers, to a Conference at Munich on Church questions.

May 17.—The critical state of affairs in Paris is variously commented on by the press here. It seems to be the general impression, however, that the French Government has fomented this discontent, and adopted repressive measures to stay the disorders arising, with a view to some ulterior design.

FRANCE.—May 12.—There is much agitation at Paris in consequence of the general elections. Four meetings in different parts of the city have been dispersed by the police. News has been received from Tepran that a desperate conflict recently took place in the streets between two religious sects, both sides armed, and it is reported that 300 men were killed.—The troops were called out, and dispersed the combatants.

SPAIN.—May 11.—It is reported that initial steps have been taken for an alliance, offensive and defensive, between France and Spain, against the United States, for the rejection of the Alabama treaty, the tone of Mr. Sumner's speech, the alleged filibustering tendencies of General Grant's administration, and the reported connivance at expeditions from the United States against Cuba being made the pretext for a necessity for such an alliance.

May 13.—In the Spanish Cortes yesterday, the Republicans proposed an amendment to the Constitution, to the effect that all powers emanate from the nation, and that all persons to whom they are entrusted must be elected and held responsible to the people. General Prim, approves of the proposition for the Regency, under Marshall Serrano.

May 17.—The Spanish Cortes, after a long debate, rejected the proposition for the establishment of a triennial directory. It is now confidentially believed that a regency will be created, with Marshall Serrano at its head.

Trouble has arisen with the volunteers in Cuba, in consequence of the nonpayment of the bounties.

PORTUGAL.—May 13.—Despatches from Lisbon show that the political discontent in Portugal has culminated in serious disorders in the capital. A plot against the Government is on foot. It has been discovered that conspirators have been tampering with the garrison of Lisbon.

MISCELLANEOUS

December seems Mr. Gladstone's peculiar month. Born December, 1809; entering the House of Commons, December, 1832; becoming Secretary of State for the first time, December, 1845; Chancellor of the Exchequer, December, 1852; and recently Prime Minister, December, 1868.

The foundation stone of a new synagogue intended for the future service of the Jewish community in the west end of London was laid on Thursday afternoon by Baron L. de Rothschild, M. P. The building will cost about £24,000.

Ta-o-pi, one of the principal chiefs of the Dakotas, and a faithful Christian, was buried at Faribault, Minnesota, on the 21st ult., with Episcopal rites.

The *Examiner* says, rather ambiguously, “Churches of Christ, covet the privilege of burying your pastor. Do all you can to secure that privilege. If you are really in earnest, you will probably succeed.”

Two monitors of 800 tons each, built in France for the Sultan, have touched at Malta, on their way to Constantinople.

Many of the islands on the eastern shore of the Adriatic are blessed with a climate little, if at all, inferior to Madeira. Lacroma, which lies opposite to Ragusa, is eminently gifted in this respect, and in vegetation and picturesque beauty is perfectly tropical. A company is now being formed to establish there a sanatorium for persons affected with chest diseases.

ROME.—A communication from Rome says:—“The outrages committed here are becoming more and more alarming. A few days ago, at 9 in the evening, Major Ficchi, of the Pontifical artillery, author of a ‘Life of Jesus Christ,’ and a devoted partisan of the Pope, was stabbed by an assassin on the stairs of his own house in the Piazza Fiametta. Death was instantaneous, and the assassin escaped, but suspicion has fallen on the major's brother-in-law, Signor Albanasi, and the police have taken him into custody.”

WITTY.—When Chief Baron Lyndhurst, on the Home Circuit at Croydon, was trying a man for coining, the principal witness was a gardener. On cross-examination the counsel for the defence said to the witness, “So you went to sow the seeds of this prosecution?” “No,” said his lordship, “he went to find the mould.”

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