

Hon. Mr. Annand said there had been during the past year a demand for Crown Lands far exceeding the demand in any previous year, and although the Government had acted in the matter in strict accordance with the law there appeared now to be a necessity for some legislative action.

Hon. Mr. Creelman did not expect the papers to be submitted just now, or any detailed information to be given, but there were rumors afloat that very large grants of land had been made during the past year. He (Mr. C.) knew that a surveyor of Crown Lands had been engaged on a tract of land not six miles from his (Mr. C's) own residence. This tract was very valuable as the railway ran through it, and also the main highway from Stewiacke into Pictou County. He had heard that this tract had been allowed by an order in Council to be granted to a very few individuals. These individuals had taken up, not the whole block, but certain portions marked here and there on the plan by blue lines, being the most valuable part, leaving the bogs and swamps enclosed by yellow lines. This land had been heretofore laid off in blocks of one square mile. A square mile contains as is well known 640 acres, but these blocks had been allotted to these individuals as containing 600 acres. He (Mr. C.) made these statements as rumours, and if incorrect, it would be well for the Government to contradict them at once, and for that reason he had asked for the information which the Government did not seem willing to give. It was quite evident that this tract of land must have been bought for the purpose of speculation. It was reported to contain 30,000 acres.

Hon. Treasurer remarked that it was not the business of this House to deal with rumours, but with facts. When all the papers were brought down, he (Treas.) believed that he could throw himself on the House to sustain the action of the Government.

Hon. Mr. Creelman remarked that he thought it would be discovered hereafter that the difficulty with regard to the settlement of the question relating to the New Provincial Building had arisen from the action of the Local Government. If the recommendation contained in the report of a committee of this House, made in 1869, had been carried out, the building would long since have been sold to the Dominion Government, and the money in our treasury. The Local Government either would not or could not understand the proposition made in that report. The plan proposed was a very simple one, and parties who understood the Dominion Act much better than he (Mr. C.) are of that opinion.

Hon. Treasurer would simply say that when papers were laid on the table he believed that he would be able to appeal to the hon. member himself, and to all the members of this House, as to whether the members of the Local Government had not shown themselves faithful stewards of the public property, and the Dominion Government had been put entirely in the wrong. The remaining clauses were then read, and passed without discussion. The Council then adjourned. The Council met on Monday and at 3 o'clock proceeded in a body to the residence of His Excellency with the Address and received his reply thereto. After returning to the Council chamber, the House adjourned till Tuesday at 2 1/2 p. m.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The Speaker was elected by a vote of 30 against 2.

On the return of the members from the Council Chamber. P. C. Hill, Esq., for Halifax, and W. H. Wyde, Esq., for Guysboro were sworn in as Members of the House.

Dr. Brown presented the bill pro forma. Mr. Luckie read and moved the Address in reply to the opening Speech thanking His Excellency for all his promises, and promising in return to attend to all the matters suggested for their consideration. Mr. Campbell seconded the Address.

Mr. Pineo suggested a postponement of consideration of the Address; which was agreed to by the Attorney General and adopted by the House.

On Friday the House met at 3 o'clock. Mr. Dickie spoke at some length on the several particulars in the Address. After which it was taken up for consideration clause by clause.

On the 3rd clause being taken up Mr. Purdy spoke on several particulars which he thought should have appeared in the Opening Speech, especially in regard to the aid the Mother country had given in the protection of our Fisheries. He was willing to wait till the papers were brought down before entering on the discussion of the various matters contained in the Address.

On the fourth clause respecting Crown Lands being read, Dr. Murray spoke strongly in condemnation of the action of last session; and of the government for making large grants—about 250 miles—to speculators.

Hon. Attorney General stated that the government were unable to prevent parties taking up lands, provided they paid the price fixed by law.

Mr. Kidston said numbers of poor people in Victoria county lodged their money, years and years ago, in the Crown Lands Office and had not yet received their grants. He charged the government with making "fish of one and flesh of another." He would be prepared to discuss the question when the bill referred to is brought down. Several other clauses of the Address were then read and passed.

Dr. Murray enquired what kind of encouragement the Government intended

giving to the extension of railways east and west.

Hon. Attorney General explained that the meaning of the Speech on this subject, was that the government desires the Legislature to do all in its power to advance these public works.

Mr. Hill spoke of the mild character of the Speech, prepared for His Excellency, as indicating that it was the dying speech of the Administration. He referred to the Crown Land question, and to the New Provincial Building, and expressed the opinion that if it had been given up three years since, the province would be in a better position than now, besides that the public would have had the benefit of it for the purposes for which it was built. He then referred to the Fisheries, and charged the organ of the government with doing all in its power to damage the rights of the people of this province to those fisheries.

The Speaker here called Mr. H. to order, saying there was nothing in the address on the Fisheries. Mr. Hill replied that the clause referring to the prosperity which has attended our harvests and fisheries certainly did so, but he would reserve his remarks for another occasion.

Hon. Prov. Secretary contended that the government had performed their duty in administering the laws provided in each of these matters.

Mr. Desbrisay asked the Hon. Prov. Secretary when the order was given to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, to stay proceedings in connection with a certain grant of land, whether it was since last Session.

Hon. Prov. Secretary said it was Mr. Desbrisay said the Government might have done the same thing long ago. He had himself given in the information, and he thought the fact of the measure passing in the Assembly should have led the members of government to adopt a different course of proceeding.

Mr. Purdy read from the Provincial Statutes the authority there given to the government and the checks they might apply to parties of speculators taking up large tracts of Crown Lands. Mr. P. stated that the government have sometimes stopped grants and they were empowered to do so when the public interests required it.

Mr. Desbrisay said the government had exercised even greater powers than would be required to prevent these extensive grants—they have taken the public money out of the treasury without a vote of the Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Robertson said when the papers were laid on the table he would be prepared to sustain any grant that had been made. Dr. Murray complained that an application from Victoria had not been attended to.

It subsequently appeared that the necessary payment had not been made. On the last clause being put to the House, Mr. Kidston offered a resolution having for its object the abolition of the Legislative Council. This was seconded by Mr. Joseph McDonald. After speeches from Messrs. Smith, Morrison, Attorney General, Mr. Hill and Dr. Murray, Mr. Kidston withdrew his motion, and the Address passed.

Hon. Attorney General called the attention of the House to the death of the late Speaker and moved that a suitable record of his public services be made on the journals of the House.

Hon. Mr. Pineo seconded the motion, and it passed. Mr. Balcorn presented a petition from Wm. Garvie, Esq., against the return of Mr. Hill as Member for Halifax.

Wednesday, this day, was appointed for drawing the Committee to try the case. A Committee was appointed to nominate the Standing Committees.

Mr. Desbrisay asked for a return of the Crown Lands granted during the past twelve months. After which the House adjourned to Monday.

On Monday the House met at 3 o'clock, and immediately proceeded to Government House with the Address to His Excellency.

An reassembling the Hon. Prov. Secretary reported the nomination of Standing Committees. Some changes were made resulting in the adoption of the following list:—

Law Amendments.—Messrs. Smith, D. McDonald, White, Hill, Morrison, Kirk, Townsend.

Contingencies.—Atty. General, Messrs. Townsend, Landers, Brown, Campbell.

Agriculture.—Purdy, Landers, Young, Dickie, Ross, Joseph McDonald, Copeland.

Land Damages.—Hon. Mr. Flynn, Doucette, Young, H. McDonald, Hon. Mr. Ferguson, Ryerson, Kidston.

Private and Local Bills.—Mr. Desbrisay, Hon. Mr. Flynn, Hon. Mr. Robertson, Hill, Kidston, Lawrence, Purdy.

Reporting and Printing.—Provincial Secretary, Atty. General, Messrs. Balcorn, Pineo, Ross, J. McDonald, Wyde.

Navigation Securities.—Mr. Johnston, Ryerson, D. McDonald, Eisenhour, Copeland, Doucette, Campbell.

Mines and Minerals.—Mr. Campbell, Morrison, Hon. Mr. Ferguson, Smith, Kirk, Copeland, Dickie.

Public Accounts.—Dickey, Pineo, Freeman, Johnston, Ryerson.

Crown Lands.—D. McDonald, Robertson, Desbrisay, Dr. Brown, Wyde, Freeman, Ryerson, Lawrence, Campbell, White.

Trade and Manufactures.—Hon. Mr. Cochran, Mr. Chambers, Townsend, Purdy, Balcorn, Hooper, Ross.

Human Institutions.—Dr. Brown, Dr. Murray, Hon. Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Desbrisay, Hill, Landers, Hooper, Eisenhour, H. McDonald.

Privileges.—Atty. General, Mr. Smith, Townsend, Dr. Murray, Chambers.

Education.—Hon. Prov. Secretary, Hon. Mr. Cochran, Desbrisay, Hill, White, Dickie, Johnson, Kirk, Dr. Murray.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill to amend the law relating to election petitions, and explained its provisions, its object being to transfer the trying of contested Elections, as now in England, to the Supreme Court. The bill was received and read a first time.

The Provincial Secretary announced that on Tuesday he should submit important correspondence relative to the new Provincial Building.

The Attorney General introduced a bill to amend the Act consolidating the law relating to Mines and Minerals: also one to extend the operation of the Act relating to County Assessment, and one to amend the Act respecting Justices of the Peace.—The House then adjourned.

News of the Week.

ACCIDENT.—On Friday evening last the wife of a soldier of the 61st Regt., slipped on the ice in Brunswick Street, and falling broke one of her legs.

THE UNION PRAYER MEETING at the Brunswick St. Church on Monday evening was well attended. Rev. G. M. Grant presided, and after the opening exercises made some remarks urging the appropriateness of "self-consecration" as the motto of each individual Christian. Prayer was offered by the chairman, Rev. Mr. Rogers, and a number of others.

OXEN KILLED.—On Saturday 28th ult., Mr. Daniel North, of Middletown, Annapolis County, lost a yoke of oxen upon the Railway. They were upon the track and the snow plow came in contact with them, or they came in contact with the plow, ending in a result fatal to the oxen.

WINDSOR.—A house, situated near the Parish Church, owned by Miss Fanny Cochran, was burned down on Thursday last.

Edward McDonald, son of Jeremiah McDonald of St. Croix, Hants County, fell from the roof of a house upon which he was working in Boston, recently and was killed.

BRIDGEWATER.—The Times reports that on Monday last Mr. Emmanuel Hebb, while loading a sled had his collar bone broken by a log rolling upon him. He was also severely bruised in other parts of the body.

ACADIA MINES.—A brakeman named McBean fell from a coal train near the Mines on Thursday night, and a car passing over him broke both his legs, rendering amputation necessary.

RAILWAY TO YARMOUTH. We learn from the Herald that within the past few days, nearly eighty thousand dollars has been subscribed in that town to promote railway extension to the place.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.—On Monday 23rd inst, while Reuben Ford, aged ten years, son of Mr. Ellis Ford, of Milton, Queen's County, was on the ice with another little boy, a cousin, when he fell through. His cousin obtained a pole and reached it to him, but could not draw him out. He was killed by the cold while he held on to the pole.

THE FATAL QUARREL reported last week resulting in the death of John C. O'Neill was investigated by a jury under coronor Farrell on Tuesday the 31st ult. After hearing the evidence the jury returned the following verdict:—"Death was caused by the struggle and excitement of a quarrel with James Kennedy, the said James Kennedy having assaulted him and struck him a severe blow. This first blow, the jury believe, to have been the indirect cause of his death." Kennedy was sent to jail to await the action of the authorities.

THE NEW CHAPEL at OXFORD.—This neat structure, lately completed, was opened for Divine service on the 22nd ult.

The house is 48 feet by 34 feet wide, with 18 feet posts, and contains 44 pews, besides choir-seats. It is neatly finished in Gothic style, is well lighted by a handsome American chandelier and side-light, nicely carpeted, and has in the pulpit an elegant sofa.

The building committee, contractors, and architect.—Mr. A. Colbourne—deserve credit for the prompt manner with which the work progressed.

The enterprise of the people, which has only been equalled by their liberality in contributing the \$1250 which the building cost, furnishes one among the many proofs of the spirit which prevades our Oxonian friends.

The dedication services were as follows:—In the morning, service was conducted by Rev. D. A. Steele, A. M., who preached from Matthew i. 21.—"And thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." The pastor, Rev. E. C. Corey, preached in the afternoon, his subject being, "Rest not on a sandy foundation." In the evening a sermon was preached by Rev. D. A. Steele, from Acts viii. 35. During the services the house was crowded to overflowing.

On Monday, the pews, excepting ten which were reserved for funerals and occasional hearers, were sold at auction, and realized sufficient to cover the entire cost of the house, thus placing it at once out of debt.

Although built for the use of the Baptist denomination, the trustees tender a cordial invitation to ministers of any evangelical denomination to preach in the house when not occupied by their own regular worship.—Amherst Gazette.

EDUCATIONAL.—A recent number of the Montreal Gazette contains a telegram from Halifax in which some extraordinary statements are made regarding Education and politics in Nova Scotia. The telegram states that, "one Rand" was dismissed some time ago from the office of Superintendent of Education for lack of courtesy to Sisters of Charity,—that the Archbishop and Clergy of the Roman Catholic Church will support the Local Government in consequence of the attacks made upon them by some Confederate paper, and that therefore the Local Government will be sure of winning at the next general election. We quote only the substance of what the correspondent of the Gazette declares. We refer to it as it seems to speak semi-officially for the Roman Catholic Clergy, while it confirms what we had good authority for stating last year, that Mr. Rand was sacrificed to please the advocates of Separate Schools. The illegal Minute of Council is another indication for evil. What will the House of Assembly—what will grave Legislative Councillors say this winter?—Witness.

"A correspondent writing from Naples to the London Tablet states that the miraculous blood of St. Januarius does not liquefy as usual. The absence of the accustomed effect is causing great consternation at Naples, where it is regarded as the pre-escape of approaching public calamity."

So says the Boston Pilot, the leading Roman Catholic organ in the United States. These people still believe, or pretend to believe, in the liquefaction of the blood of St. Januarius once a year! Every chemist understands the "miracle" and is able to reproduce it.—lb.

CHILD FROZEN TO DEATH.—A correspondent at Aylesford informs us that on the 23rd ult., during the cold snap, a child four years old, named McNeilly, whose parents reside on the North Mountain, near Morde Bay, was frozen to death. The child left its home to visit its grandmother, who resided at some distance, and accomplished about a quarter of a mile of the journey, when it must have become benumbed, and sat down and perished. Our correspondent states that the cold on that day was the most intense experienced for many years.—lb.

EKRA CHURCHILL, Esq., has been gazetted to the senatorship vacant by the death of Hon. J. H. Anderson.

SMALL POX.—There are four cases of Small Pox in the hospital at Rockhead.

SEIZURE.—The Officers of the Inland Revenue Department seized a Whisky Still in the vicinity of the North West Arm, the other day which had been in operation for some time back.

YARMOUTH.—The Tribune says:—There is not a cord of hardwood in Yarmouth to be had for love or money, and has not been for a fortnight past. Reason—people in the country are too busy hauling ship-timber to "bother" with cordwood. Another indication of ruin and decay.

CURRENT NEWS.—Among the many advantages of the present times is cheap reading, and there is none so cheap as the newspaper. As an instance of this we may mention that the new proprietors of the Citizen have reduced the price of their weekly edition to one dollar in advance, and it contains full particulars of news occurring from day to day, having more reading matter than any other city weekly. Its telegrams are late and reliable, its correspondence racy and readable, its editorials well written and sensible, its stories for the ladies well selected and interesting, its legislative reports and Ottawa correspondence succinct and comprehensive, and its shipping news and commercial intelligence correct and complete. In fact nothing is neglected, and yet the charge is only \$1 per annum. Who would be without a paper on these terms? Tri-weekly \$2 50, or, postage paid, \$3 10 per annum.—During the sessions of the Dominion and Local Legislatures, the Tri-weekly will be sent to any address for three months postage paid on receipt of 80 cents. Letters to be addressed to E. N. Sharp & Co., Box 34, Halifax.

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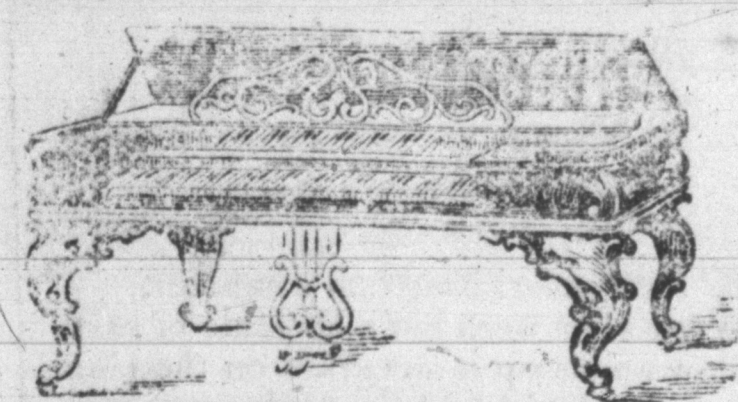
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WM. M. KNOLLIN, Minister of Free Baptist Conference of N. S. SHELBURNE, April 26, 1870.

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