

Some fifty-four years ago sister Smith made a profession of religion under the ministry of the late Elder Nathan Cleaveland, by whom she was baptized into the fellowship of the Onslow Baptist Church.

Being fully aware that the hour of her departure had arrived, she exhorted her children to be faithful unto death, that they may receive the crown of life that fades not away.

Her mortal remains were interred in the burying-ground at Anon Chapel, there to slumber until the resurrection of the just.

P. S.—Illness, and the press of duties in holding special meetings, which have been deeply interesting, prevented an earlier preparation of the above article.

B. Scott.

Onslow, March 21, 1871.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

THE WORK AT YARMOU' and DIGBY COUNTIES.

YARMOU', 29th March, 1871.

Dear Brother,—

I am here according to the urgent request of Rev. Dr. Day and his people, assisting, for a few days, in the promotion of a precious work of grace.

I expect to return to my own field next week, and hope to be permitted soon to report gracious results from special services there.

It is a very gracious time for many of our churches in those Western counties. Rev. J. C. Morse, at Digby Neck, I am told, is in the midst of a blessed revival.

Thus King Jesus is riding forth in majesty and grace. May his conquests still multiply!

Yours truly, ISA WALLACE.

SHELburne COUNTY.

Dear Brother,—

The prosperity of God's cause and the salvation of sinners is always welcome news to you and your numerous readers.

At the commencement of the church was in a cold state, many of its members had backslidden from God, but notwithstanding there were some waiting in humble prayer expecting to see the salvation of the Lord.

During our meetings Rev. J. H. Saunders came to our assistance and did us much good by his powerful address to the people.

Your Brother in Christ, J. F. McKENNE.

East Ragged Island, March 21st, 1871.

WOLFVILLE.—Rev. Dr. Cramp informs us that the Rev. S. W. DeBlois, the pastor of the Wolfville Baptist Church, baptized four persons on Lord's Day last.

FRENCH INFIDELITY.—Dr. McCrie, in a communication published in the Weekly Review, writes:—

"Nothing has struck us with more grief in the history of this miserable war than the almost total insensibility betrayed by the public men of France to the hand that has smitten them.

DESPERATION.—There has been a pilgrimage to the Blessed Sacrament of the Miracle at Brussels. The pilgrims, who arrived from all parts of Belgium—but chiefly from the neighbouring town of Ghent, Tournay, and from Hainault—sang litanies as they marched along the streets in procession, with flags and music, to the church of St. Gudule.

SPAIN.—We learn from a Spanish newspaper that an evangelical church has been built and opened at Jerez de la Frontera (Xeres), a town of 35,000 inhabitants.

The Baptist denomination in the United States, embracing all its shades and forms of opinion, numbers 1,563,630 communicants, over whom are placed 9,553 ministers, connected with 783 Associations.

The Methodists have 13,373 churches, and 9,192 ministers, which is a larger proportion of ministers to churches among the Methodists than among the Baptists.

The Presbyterian Church of the United States has 4,626 churches to 4,238 ministers, the two being nearly equal in numbers.

The Protestant Episcopal Church of that country has 39 dioceses, 51 bishops, 2,512 parishes, 2,782 clergymen, and 200,000 communicants.

CEYLON.—The Annual Convocation of missionaries and native Christians, under the care of the American Board, at Oudouville last October, is described as "a meeting of unusual interest."

WEST AFRICA.—A missionary in Liberia, speaks of the reception of "an old heathen queen" to the church in November last. Her husband in his life-time was one of the most powerful of chiefs.

ECCLESIASTICAL ARCHITECTURE EXTRAORDINARY.—There is a papier mache church (Wesleyan) actually existing near Bergen, Germany, which can contain nearly 1,000 persons.

"GOOD NEWS FOR CURATES."—The Times thus grimly jests with the announcement of the Ritualist clergymen in the metropolis of their intention to resign rather than conform to the decision of the Privy Council.

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, March, 28th.

The vote of the previous day respecting the Commissioner of Crown Lands, in which it was decided, by the casting vote of the chairman, against making that officer one of the members of the Assembly was reconsidered.

Several members, amongst whom were the Attorney General, Prov. Secretary, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Desbrisay, contended that it would be unjust to pass such resolution without making provision for Mr. Fairbanks.

Amongst the Bills which came up for consideration was one spoken of as, "a bill relating to Trustees of lands granted for religious purposes."

(This was the bill prepared by the Committee appointed by the N. S. Central Baptist Association at its last session, as appears by the following Minute:—

"It was moved, that a Committee be appointed to apply to the Legislature for an Act to enable Baptist Churches to perpetuate the Trustees of their property by duly appointing them. Motion carried.

Moved, that the Revs. E. M. Saunders, J. E. Goucher, and Brethren J. McCully and B. H. Eaton, be said committee. Carried.")

Another bill was passed which provides that any Magistrate convicted of selling intoxicating liquors shall forfeit his commission.

Hon. Provincial Secretary from the committee on Education submitted a report

with reference to the efficient condition of the Colleges and Academies receiving provincial aid. In doing this he embraced the opportunity to refer to the Minute of Council respecting the granting of Licences to Teachers without examination and endeavored to justify the course of the Council in this matter.

Mr. Smith, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Mr. Oldright, for remuneration for reporting the decisions of the Supreme Court, reported in favor of paying his claim. The report was adopted.

The Provincial Secretary presented the petition of F. W. Fishwick, Esq., for a subsidy in aid of a steamer to ply between Halifax and Yarmouth. The petition was referred to a select committee.

A resolution, moved by Mr. Pineo, providing for a survey by the Government of a line of railway from Pugwash to River Philip, and thence to the Spring Hill coal mines, was adopted.

As was also a resolution moved by Mr. White authorizing the government to cause a survey to be made of a canal to connect the head waters of Sydney River with the Bras d'Or Lake.

WEDNESDAY, March 29th

Mr. Morrison asked attention to the Bill passed on the previous day, respecting the shortening of the time required for Law Students, and moved that it be recommitted, which was carried.

The bill to amend the Act of 1870 establishing Voting by Ballot was taken up and several changes made in the details; one of these requires the Sheriff to preserve the ballots, in case he should be requested by any candidate to do so.

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Hon. Prov. Secretary submitted a despatch from the Hon. Secretary of State in relation to Vaccination; and one relating to the establishment of a School of Mines at Montreal.

THURSDAY, March 30th.

The Bill to amend vote by ballot was read a third time, Mr. Chambers, chairman of the Committee on Trade and manufactures, presented their Report, which was adopted.

Mr. Desbrisay moved for a survey to be made for a line of Railway from Bridgewater to Windsor, which, after some discussion, was carried by 20 to 6; the names are as follows:—

For.—Townsend, Freeman, Eisenhaur, Ferguson, Cochran, Campbell, White, Wyde, Morrison, Atty. Gen. J. McDonald, Copeland, Ryerson, Young, Desbrisay, H. McDonald, Dr. Murray. Prov. Secretary, Robertson, Johnson. Against.—Kidston, Ross, Chambers, Landers, Dr. Brown, Flynn.

Mr. Hugh McDonald moved for a survey for a line of railway from Wyocumah to some port on the gulf of St. Lawrence, which after debate was also carried; names as follows:—

For.—Eisenhaur, Freeman, Smith, Cochran, Ferguson, Ryerson, Kirk, Campbell, Morrison, Wyde, J. McDonald, H. McDonald, Desbrisay, Prov. Sec. Atty. Gen., Dr. Murray—16. Against.—Kidston, Balcom, Dickie, Chambers, Copeland, Ross, Dr. Brown, Flynn, Landers—9.

Mr. Dickie then moved, and Dr. Brown seconded, that the Government grant a sum not to exceed \$400, for a survey of a branch line of railway from Canning, in Kings County, to the main line of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, which resolution was lost by a vote of 8 to 12, and the names being taken appeared as follows:—For.—Purdy, Murray, Ryerson, Morrison, Campbell, Dickie, Desbrisay, Brown. Against.—Chambers, Freeman, Smith, Ross, Kidston, Wyde, Ferguson, Kirk, Landers, Copeland, Young, J. McDonald.

FRIDAY, March 31st.

Mr. Desbrisay by special leave, introduced a bill to impose a tax of two cents an acre on all lots of granted lands, over five hundred acres, not used for farming or lumbering purposes.

The report of the committee on Crown Lands was read and adopted. In the course of the debate, Mr. Desbrisay stated that the Chairman had not called the committee together.

The Committee on Mr. Fishwick's claim for remuneration occasioned by running the "M. A. Starr" to Yarmouth, reported against the claim. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Agriculture reported. The report was laid on the table.

The House went into committee on the General State of the Province, and Mr. Morrison, at some length, went into an explanation of the Colchester election in reply to Mr. Chambers on a previous day.

Mr. Dickie spoke at some length on the financial state of the Province previous to and under Confederation.

SATURDAY, April 6th.

Dr. Murray submitted a resolution respecting the late Minute of Council providing for re-examination of Teachers, declaring said Minute illegal, and that it should not be acted on.

Hon. Prov. Secretary said such a motion was equivalent to a vote of want of confidence in the Government, and that it was unfair to bring up such a matter so late in the Session.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson, Ryerson, Ross, Kidston, Hooper, Campbell, Hon. Mr. Robertson, Joseph McDonald, Hon. Mr. Flynn, Copeland, Lawrence, Young, Hugh McDonald, Dickie, Townsend, Balcom, Landers, Hon. Prov. Secretary, Hon. Attorney General—19. Against.—Dr. Murray, Chambers, Purdy, Eisenhaur and Desbrisay.

Mr. Dickie resumed his speech of the previous day, and advocated the Independence of the Dominion as the only means of escaping from Confederation.

Hon. Mr. Troop spoke on the advantages secured for the Province by the present Legislature.

Hon. Attorney General spoke for some time in defence of his course. He stated that he was senior to both the gentlemen appointed to be Judges, and had a better claim to that office than either, and because of his faithfulness to the cause of the country he had been driven from his profession.

Mr. Kidston spoke on the increase of taxation.

Mr. Desbrisay laid on the table a resolution in amendment to Mr. Dickie's, that it is not expedient to appoint a Commission to settle the financial matters between the Dominion and Nova Scotia, but that Nova Scotia demand from Canada as its right the payment of our claims. Adjourned to Monday.

MONDAY, April 3rd.

The Strait of Canso Steam Ferry is to receive a grant of \$100 per month, and be allowed a portion of certain days every week for towage.

Dr. Brown read the report on Humane Institutions. Although both the Insane Asylum and that for the Deaf and Dumb need enlargement, it was not recommended at present.

Hon. Prov. Secretary submitted a supplementary estimate, and after a brief discussion Dr. Murray moved that the sum of \$1000 be granted to assist in rebuilding New Glasgow Bridge.

Dr. Murray moved that the Government be requested to lay upon the table copies of all Teachers examination papers in the term of September 1870.

He also reviewed the policy of the Government on Confederation and in keeping back the repeal resolutions for about four months.

He complained of mismanagement and neglect in the Education Office. And moved that the existing Government does not deserve the confidence of the House of Assembly and the Anti Confederate party.

In the afternoon session the Committee on Agriculture presented their report, recommending \$8,000 for that service.

Mr. Desbrisay moved that the amount granted should be subdivided among all the counties, leaving each county to appropriate its share in any way it might deem advisable. The report was laid on the table.

Hon. Provincial Secretary made some explanation in regard to the examination of Teachers, referred to in the morning by Dr. Murray, and the papers which were missing from the Education Office.

Hon. Atty. General asserted that the papers asked for were of no importance whatever.

The House went into Committee on the General State of the Province, and Mr. Morrison spoke for some time. Hon. Attorney General followed, and predicted that before the expiration of many years the Dominion would be independent of Great Britain.

Provincial Secretary moved the adoption of Mr. Dickie's resolution providing for the appointment of a Joint Commission to examine the financial relations of the Province to the Dominion.

Further consideration was adjourned till Tuesday morning. The Legislature Session was expected to close yesterday afternoon. We was obliged to prepare for going to press too early to give a report of the proceedings.

IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL on Saturday last, we learn from the Chronicle, a number of bills were amended and sent to the as-