

Navigation Securities, 10961 72; Blind Asylum, 1000 00; Agriculture, 7800 00; Commissioners of Poor, 13377 66

ROAD SERVICE: To Cash paid for Road Advances, 51776 38; Annapolis, 9927 73; Antigonish, 8122 69; Cape Breton, 4563 75; Colchester, 7688 95; Cumberland, 9766 46; Digby, 9049 17; Guysborough, 11684 62; Halifax, 11958 80; Hants, 10870 67; Inverness, 6932 00; Kings, 10765 41; Lunenburg, 11790 75; Pictou, 8175 73; Queen's, 8143 10; Richmond, 8070 97; Shelburne, 9566 75; Victoria, 5787 93; Yarmouth, 9219 96; Road Compensation, 711 45

\$609526 74; To Balance in the Treasury, 64970 14; \$674496 88

It appears that the Education and Agricultural Expenses were in excess of the estimates. The Returns were referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

The balance in the Treasury is \$64970.14; nearly 10 per cent of the whole amount of the revenue.

The adjourned debate on the bill for the trial of Controverted Elections was resumed. Mr. Morrison spoke for some time, expressing the opinion that the Judges would be unable to divest themselves of party political leanings in trying such cases.

Mr. Smith argued that the Judges had already quite enough to do in the matters coming before the Supreme Court.

THURSDAY, Feb. 23rd.

A number of petitions were presented by Hon. Attorney General and Provincial Secretary, and Messrs McDonald and Brown. The latter was from King's County for an amendment to the Education Act.

The Provincial Secretary submitted the annual Report of the Commissioners of Crown Lands for 1870. Also a bill to authorize the sale of Digby Common.

The adjourned debate on the bill to provide for the trial of controverted elections was resumed.

Mr. Landers opposed the transfer of the right to decide disputed elections. Believing that the Judges would be influenced by political considerations.

Mr. DesBrisay thought the principle of the measure had not been tried long enough elsewhere to justify us in adopting it.

Mr. Purdy was of opinion that its operation would have a reforming influence upon the politics of the country. A similar measure was on the statute book of New Brunswick, and in that province the measure had worked well and was highly approved of.

In view of the coming contest it was desirable that some legislation should be had on the subject. The proposed bill would have the effect of doing away with the system of open houses at election time, and moreover provide an efficient check to the practice of bribery. He hoped the bill would receive the support of the House.

Dr. Murray thought the principle of the bill sound and healthy. In view of what had transpired in the past he considered it highly desirable that the trial of controverted elections should be removed from the House of Assembly to some other tribunal. Such a measure as the one proposed had worked well in Great Britain, and had the principle not been sound the House of Commons would never have adopted it.

All contested elections in England were now decided by a Judge of the Supreme Court; and he had heard of no dissatisfaction with the system which had also worked well in New Brunswick. The English Act provided that a Reporter should accompany the Judge when he went to try a contested election, as no Judge dare give an unfair decision when he knew that all the evidence of the case would be published. He should vote for the bill because he believed its operation would have the effect of restraining corrupt influences at elections, and prevent fraud. The evil effects of the scrutiny now progressing were apparent as the time of the House was occupied with it to a considerable extent, and the business of the Country retarded without the prospect of any good result. He believed that after the passage of such a bill there would be but very few, if any, disputed elections, as it would remove the causes from which controversies originated. He was most decidedly of opinion that such a bill combined with the ballot would effectually prevent fraud, bribery, and corruption at elections, and he saw no reason why its adoption should be opposed.

Mr. Kidston and Mr. Young, spoke in opposition to the bill. Mr. Hill expressed gratification at Dr. Murray's observations, as they breathed a spirit of justice and impartiality with which he would like to see the whole House regard his bill, the adoption of which he was confident would largely promote the interests of justice and political morality, as such had been the experience elsewhere. The Attorney General had said that in Great Britain Parliament had control over the Judges, while we would be powerless, but the last assertion was not correct. Nova Scotia had representatives in the Dominion Parliament, and he was confident that if any clear case of corruption should be preferred against a Judge it would receive just as much consideration there as would a like case in the British House of Commons. The bill would exert a powerful influence in removing the causes

which gave rise to controverted elections. It had been alleged that the Judges were fully engaged by their court duties and could not, without sacrificing the interests of suitors, attend to the trial of controverted elections. In reply to this he would remark that since the appointment of the two new Judges, great efforts, attended with successful results, had been made to clear off the docket of the Supreme Court, so that argument was not of any force. It was only once in four years that controverted elections were likely to occur, and these would be so few that they could not materially interfere with the duties of the other Judges. Mr. Hill vindicated the honor and impartiality of the Judges of the Supreme Court. The Bench, he said, was composed of men to whom persons might commit their most sacred rights with confidence and he was astonished that any member of the House should have assurance to refer to them in terms of approbrium and reproach. He (Mr. H.) had watched the progress of the English bill, and without consulting any person, had adopted its provisions and embodied them in the measure now before the House, and until he moved it, neither the Judges nor any Dominion statesmen were aware of his intention to do so. He referred to the scrutiny now progressing as illustrating the necessity for a material change in the law. There were four members of the Government on the Committee as one member held an office of emolument and it, and those men exerted all their influence to prevent his election, and yet they sat as judges in the case of charges preferred against him. A Judge of the Supreme Court would rather cut off his right hand than sit in judgment on a case, respecting which he had expressed an opinion or been interested in, and this was the sense of justice that ought to prevail with an election committee.

If the bill did not pass now, he was sure the day was not far distant when the Legislature of the country, would be compelled to adopt such a measure.

On the vote being taken the motion to defer passed: For, Messrs Ferguson, Eisenbaur, Freeman, Dickie, Ryerson, Doucette, Landers, Hooper, Kidston, Campbell, Wyldie, Kirk, Morrison, Wilkins, Robertson, Jas. McDonald, Vail, Lawrence, Young, DesBrisay, H. McDonald, Brown, Ross, Johnston Balmou, Against, Messrs. Purdy, Hill, Pineo, Murray.

FRIDAY, Feb. 24th.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill to enable the city of Halifax to erect a City Hall, Police Office and Station.

The House in committee on bills passed the following:—To provide for building a bridge across the Sydney River in Cape Breton; To incorporate the Trustees of Prince Street Baptist Church in the town of Truro; To amend the Act incorporating Rothay Lodge of Freemasons in Bridgetown, Annapolis, Co; Respecting the Presbyterian Church at Cornwallis; To amend Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes of County Assessments, so far as relates to the county of Pictou.

The House resumed and ordered said bills to be engrossed and sent to the Legislative Council.

Hon. Prov. Secretary asked attention to the returns respecting the New Provincial Building, and the resolution recommending that it be held in possession until the amount expended upon it since July 1867 be paid by the Dominion government.

Mr. Pineo said the misunderstanding existing respecting the Building was entirely the fault of the Local Government, who were responsible for the loss and expense occasioned by retaining it in possession—The Local Government should have handed it over at once; and thereby put themselves in a position to insist upon an equitable adjustment of our claims. The twelve thousand dollars a year it cost ought to be appropriated to the Road and Bridge service of the country.

Mr. P. moved an amendment affirming the legal right of the Dominion to the building, and that its retention entailed a heavy loss upon the province, and occasioned much inconvenience to the public; and that the sum due to Nova Scotia on account of the building, would be the subject of future adjustment, and it was the opinion of the House that the Local Government should hand it over to the Dominion Public Works Department immediately.

Mr. Desbriay was opposed to surrendering the building, but advised the Government to amend and improve their resolution.

Mr. Ryerson agreed with the member for Lunenburg that the government resolutions were unintelligible, and he wished them amended so as to render them comprehensible and consistent. The amendment moved by Mr. Pineo was seconded by Mr. Hill. The debate was then adjourned til Monday.

MONDAY, Feb. 27th.

Several bills having passed were ordered to be sent to the Legislative Council. A number of petitions on various subjects were presented by several members.

An intimation was given by the Prov. Secretary, that he would shortly bring in a resolution on the proposed assimilation of the currency of the Dominion.

The Reports of the Poor's Asylum and City Hospital were laid on the table.

The reply of Earl Kimberley to the Anticonfederate resolutions of last session was read and called forth remarks from Dr. Murray, on the delay in transmitting the resolution to Ottawa; to which the Hon. Prov. Secretary replied.

Mr. Kidston (by way of a joke the Chronicle intimates) gave notice of his intention to move a resolution asking Her Majesty to cede this province to the United States in part payment of the Alabama claims.

The adjourned debate on the New Provincial Building was taken up. Mr. Hill spoke at some length on the loss and inconvenience which had been occasioned by the retention of the building.

Hon. Prov. Secretary, Mr. Kidston and Mr. Landers spoke in favor of the resolutions, expressing their unwillingness to trust to the justice or generosity of the Dominion government to adjust the payment after obtaining possession.

The debate was adjourned till Tuesday.

NOTICE.—We do not care to insert Marriages or Deaths in our columns unless sent within a week after they have taken place. Our space is required for News and matters of present interest.

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Marriages.

At Port Hawkesbury, Feb. 18th, by the Rev. J. B. McQuillin Mr. David J. McPherson of Hawkesbury, to Miss Catherine Hewitt of Pugwash.

At Windsor, February 14th by Rev. D. M. Welton, Mr. John T. Wilcox to Miss Rebecca Parr, both of Kemp.

At Guysborough, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. M. Tomkins, Mr. John Gallihar, Merchant, to Miss Kate Condon, all of Guysborough. On the 22nd inst., by the Rev. W. G. Forbes, Henry A. Forbes, Esq., to Sarah J. C. eldest daughter of James McKeen, Esq., all of Port Hastings, C. B.

On Tuesday, 7th instant, by the Rev. E. C. Sinney, Mr. Charles Peters to Rachael, fourth daughter of Mr. Thomas Marrant, all of Cow Bay C. B.

At the same time, by the same, Mr. Theodore Martell, of Round Island, C. B., to Martha, youngest daughter of Mr. Ormond Peters, of Cow Bay C. B.

Deaths.

In Perea Cornwallis Feb. 1st 1871, Benj. Tooker, aged 67. During the painful illness of which he died, he was wonderfully sustained, by the promises of God's word, passing before him, as in a moving panorama, p. in large letters, such as, "Fear not for I am with thee." These he had learned in his youth, and they came to his rescue in death.

At Amherst, on the 18th Feb., Eliza H. youngest daughter of the late William Sharp of Maccan.—Westeyan press copy.

On Thursday, Sarah Jane, youngest daughter of Wm. Gannon.

At Kingston, J. on December 24th, Thos. Repton Fullerton, M. D., late of Middleton, Wilmet, aged 27 years.

Suddenly, at Dartmouth, Feb. 23rd, George H. Webber, aged 36 years, leaving a disconsolate wife and one child to mourn their irreparable loss.

On the 21st inst., Jane, widow of the late Allan Joseph McCarthy, in the 62nd year of her age.

At Dartmouth, on the 12th inst., Dunbar Douglas Stewart, Esq., aged 78 years.

At Brooklyn, N. Y., of paralysis, Sarah Jane, fourth daughter of the late Donald McLennan.

At the Eastern Passage, 17th inst., Christopher Hines, in the 97th year of his age.

At Craigaid Cottage, Strachur, Scotland, on the 17th inst., Mary Augusta, wife of Lieut. Colonel Campbell, late Royal Canadian Rifles, and daughter of T. C. Kinmer, Esq., of this city.

At Pictou, Hants county, on Saturday Feb 14th, after a long illness, Wm. Swaw, aged 74 years. His end was peace.

SATURDAY, 25th.—Steamer City of Manchester, Enyon, New York.

SUNDAY, 26th.—Brigt. Spanish Main, McCulloch, Demerara; schr. P. Grant Bradshaw, New York.

MONDAY, 27th.—H. M. S. Raccoon, from the West Indies; Steamer Carlotta, Colby, Portland; brigs: Mirella, Carroll, Boston, 40 hours; Alice Abbott, Crowell, Baltimore; Regina, Rhodenziger, LaHave; schr. Hound Williams, Bermuda; Gladiator, Westhaver, Sydney.

CLEARED.

TUESDAY, February 21st.—Schr. Maggie, Long, Demerara; Aggie Davidson, Brady, Jamaica; Yvea, Hall, Cow Bay; Zebra, Davis, Port Medway.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd.—Steamers City of Baltimore, Delamo to, New York; Chase, Mulligan, Portland.

THURSDAY, 23rd.—Steamer City of Halifax, Jameson, Sui t John's, N. F.; schr. Messenger, Young, Lunenburg.

FRIDAY, 24th.—R.M.S. Alpha, Hunter, Bermuda and St. Thomas; brig. Matilda B. Lowry, B. W. Indies; schr. Stella-Maria, Costa, St. Pierre, Miq; My Cousin, Wensell, Cuba.

SATURDAY, 25th.—Steamer City of Manchester, Enyon, Liverpool C. B; brig. Kenneth, Stevens, Kingston, Ja; Seriole, Roberts, Barbadoes.

MONDAY, 27th.—Schr. W. H. Hatfield, Porto Rico; Maria, Biagdon, do.

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