

Parliamentary.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

On MONDAY 30th ult., the Hon. Atty General brought forth his bill for establishing County or District Courts, and made a long speech in explanation of its provisions and in advocacy of its enactment. It proposes to make seven Districts as follows:—

District No. 1.—To be composed of the County of Halifax. District No. 2.—Of the Counties of Lunenburg, Queens, and Shelburne. District No. 3.—Of the Counties of Annapolis, Digby and Yarmouth. District No. 4.—Of the Counties of Kings, Hants, and Colchester. District No. 5.—Of the Counties of Pictou and Cumberland. District No. 6.—Of the Counties of Inverness, Antigonish and Guysborough. District No. 7.—Of the Counties of Cape Breton, Victoria and Richmond.

For each of these districts there is to be one judge appointed, who shall be a barrister of not less than seven years standing, and who shall hold office during good behaviour. A clerk to be appointed for each Court by the Governor in Council, whose duty shall be similar to those performed by the Prothonotary in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Woodworth presented a long petition from Peter McNab, praying to be released from the Asylum for the Insane. He affirms that he is not insane, but is detained in the Asylum for political purposes, and asks for an enquiry to be made into his case. The Chronicle in referring to the petition says:—

“Most of the statements made in the so-called petition of Peter McNab, presented in the House of Assembly, on Monday are, as we have said, false, and appear so on their face, and as the work of an insane man the petition is not entitled to any attention. We may say, however, that there is one partially true statement in it, and that is that Mr. McNab received \$200 in advance from Mr. Anand. Unfortunately for Mr. Anand, that is a fact.”

The Hon. Prov. Secretary moved that the hon. member have leave to withdraw the petition. The matter was debated at considerable length and on division carried by 22 to 5.

The House then adjourned. WEDNESDAY was occupied with financial matters.

Hon. Provincial Secretary laid on the table the Estimates, and made explanations of them. The following is an abstract:—

ESTIMATE OF THE EXPENDITURE OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA FOR THE YEAR 1874. ASSETS TO 1st JANUARY, 1874. Balance from 1873 per Treasurer's account \$30193.16 Less—Due on Immigration Grant of 1872 and 1873 9025.25

Advances for Roads and Bridges, 1873 65042.76 LESS LIABILITIES TO DATE. Undrawn road moneys of 1873 \$5704.63 Navigation Securities 2995.00

PROBABLE REVENUE FOR 1874. Subsidy \$51000.00 Department of Mine 5000.00 Hospital for Insane 25000.00 Crown Lands 20000.00 Marriage Licenses and other Fees, Provincial Secretary Office 4500.00

HEADS OF SERVICE. Agriculture \$8000.00 Do. for Exhibition 4000.00 Contingencies 900.00 Crown Lands 20000.00 Criminal Prosecutions 1500.00 Coroners Inquests 2000.00 Education 180000.00 Immigration 8000.00 Legislative Expenses 40000.00 Local Works 650.00 Mines 11000.00 Miscellaneous, s. & c. & c. 17000.00 Navigation Securities 13000.00 Public Printing 8000.00 Poor's Asylum 20000.00 Provincial and City Hospital 4000.00 Roads and Bridges 170000.00 Special 30000.00 Road Compensation 500.00 Salaries 22500.00 Steamboats, Packets and Ferries 14250.00 Transient Poor 1500.00 Lunatic Asylum (Construction) 55000.00

Balance \$89225.03 The House was occupied the remainder of the day in Committee on Bills.

On THURSDAY after some routine business the Hon. Attorney General brought in a bill relating to the Halifax Grammar School, the object of which we believe is to appropriate the Halifax Grammar School Funds towards the establishment of a Public High School.

Mr. Freeman reported from the Committee on Temperance a bill refusing licences to coal mining districts, and to bring the City of Halifax under the general law of the Province respecting the sale of intoxicating beverages. In course of the debate that followed the report of the delegation to the United States in reference to Inebriate Asylums was spoken to by several members as unsatisfactory. Mr. Gayton

thought another delegation should be sent. The bill was read a first time.

Mr. Woodworth brought forward a resolution on the case of Peter McNab as follows:—

“Whereas, It has been charged and there are grave reasons for believing that one Peter McNab received from the Treasurer of this Province the sum of two hundred dollars, under circumstances which have awakened the suspicions of a large number of the people of this province as to the propriety of the transaction; and

Therefore resolved, That a Committee of this House be appointed, to consist of not less than five, or more than seven persons, to investigate and enquire into the mode, time, and all circumstances connected with the said transaction—for what purpose it was paid, what receipts were given—and what vouchers were produced

And that the same Committee be empowered to hear testimony upon oath, and have power to send for all persons and papers asked for by any persons interested in said payment in any way, and to be empowered to punish for contempt.”

After a lengthy debate the Hon. Prov. Secretary moved the following by way of amendment:—

“Whereas, The Honorable member for King s., on the authority of one Peter McNab, now confined in the Provincial Hospital for the Insane, charged the Honorable the Treasurer with misconduct relative to the payment of the sum of \$200 to the said Peter McNab, and has moved for a committee to enquire respecting the same; and

Therefore resolved, That a committee of three members of this House be appointed to examine the public records, and report for the information of this House.

The discussion, as may be supposed, was a pretty warm one, and was continued through the evening, and about 11 o'clock the division was taken, as follows:—

For the Amendment.—Hons. Atty. General, Com. Works and Mines, Prov. Secretary, Messrs. Freeman, Ross, Frencheville, Wyde, Landers, Archibald, Flynn, Taylor, Smith, DeBrisay, Eisenhour, Gayton, Boudrot, Doucette, Johnston, J. McDonald, Hon. Messrs. Ferguson and Robertson.

Against.—Messrs. Blanchard, Campbell, Rettie, Cameron, McKay, Holmes, Woodworth, Vickery, and Pines. Messrs. Freeman, Wyde and McKay were appointed as the committee.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—To be a member of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax—John Silver, Esquire, in the place of the Rev. Dean Bullock, deceased. To be Provincial Engineer—Alexander McNab, Esquire.

THE CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS COURT was opened on Tuesday the 31st ult., before—Hon. W. A. Henry, Q. C., Alex. James, Q. C., J. W. Johnston, Q. C.

The list of petitions presented were: Hugh Cameron vs Samuel McDonnell; for petitioner, Norman Ritchie; for respondent, O. S. Weeks, and R. L. Weatherbe.

Robert Doull vs J. W. Carmichael; for petitioner, James McDonald, Q. C.; for respondent, O. S. Weeks and R. L. Weatherbe.

Pearsons vs McKay; for petitioner, R. L. Weatherbe.

Hibbard vs Tupper; for petitioner, O. S. Weeks and R. L. Weatherbe.

Woodworth vs Birken; D. B. Woodworth, for petitioner; R. L. Weatherbe for respondent.

Ailison vs Goad, e; for petitioner, D. B. Woodworth; for respondent, O. S. Weeks.

MELANCHOLY AFFAIR.—On Wednesday last a dreadful case happened in one of the houses of the barracks. A man named Mary Slattery had her clothes set on fire by a man named John Keiley. The woman suffered greatly and died the next day. It appears that both parties and other residents of the house had frequently been to Rockhead prison for various misdemeanors, and the man has the worst possible character.

An inquest sat on the case on Friday, when the following verdict was rendered: “That the deceased, Mary Slattery, came to her death by her dress being set on fire, with the intention of doing bodily harm, by John Keiley, in a house in City Street, on Wednesday, 1st April, 1874.

That deceased died in the Provincial and City Hospital on Thursday, the 2nd of April, 1874, from the result of burns caused by the burning dress referred to above.”

DARTMOUTH.—\$140 was missed from the store of N. Russell & Co. on Wednesday last. Two colored boys named Andrew Beals and Alex. Davis were arrested on suspicion. Detective Hunt and Sergeant Power searched the house in which the boys lived, in Grafton street; and found in a pile of ashes in the yard a glove containing \$92 of the missing money, Mary Jane Beals the aunt of the boy was also arrested and on Monday they were tried before J. Y. Paynter, Esq., the Stipendiary magistrate, and resulted in the commitment of the woman and imprisonment of the boy, Beals for the evidence he should give.

PUOWASH.—The store of Mr. Angus McDonnell, was entered one night recently and a watch and a quantity of clothing worth about \$50, were stolen.—Amherst Gazette.

PARRSBORO.—The Halifax Banking Company is about to establish an agency here. It will be represented by Dr. Townshend. Ten new vessels are building this spring on the shore below Mill Village. Lumbering operations have been carried on this winter with unusual vigour.

The Messrs Eaton will manufacture about five million feet of lumber, and employ in the shipyard and steam mill 160 men.

Parrsboro' is beginning to reap the benefits of her railways already; Vickery Davison of Mill Village sold 25 acres of land to the Railway Company the other day for \$4000.00.—Great activity already exists amongst tradesmen and speculators. Dwellings, stores, saloons, slaughter houses, &c., are daily going up.

LETTERS RECEIVED. B. C. Robbins, 1 sub, \$1. Rev. J. L. Read, E. H. Webb, \$2. Rev. J. W. Willmarth, W. R. Doty, \$6. S. Brown, Esq. A. J. Stevens, J. H. Hall, N. Miller, \$6. A. A. Pineo, Esq. C. W. Bent, Rev. C. Randall, \$4.25. Rev. Isa. Wallace, 1 sub, J. F. Covey, Rev. J. W. Manning, \$1. Mrs. F. McPhee, Rev. P. R. Foster, 2 subs., \$6.50. J. M. Parker, Esq., \$27.00. W. Smith, \$4. Rev. H. Achilles, Rev. John Shaw, W. C. Hill, 1 sub, \$2. J. A. McLean, L. M. Weeks, P. H. out of print, W. Kedy, Rev. G. B. Titus, \$1. Rev. J. Bancroft, \$0.40 cts. M. Sandford, \$2. Rev. E. O. Read, T. Patillo, J. E. Rand, 1 sub, \$2. Rev. G. F. Miles, J. B. McNutt, Esq., \$2. I. Shaw.

A TEACHER WANTED. A GRADE A TEACHER for Queen's County Academy, will be wanted at the beginning of next term. Apply to J. NEWTON FREEMAN, Trustee Sec'y. Liverpool, Feb. 28, 1874. March 11.

BRITISH AMERICAN BOOK AND TRACT DEPOSITORY, (Removed to) 133 GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX, N. S.

Cheap Religious Periodicals for Sunday Schools and Families. Sunday at Home. Sunday Magazine. Family Treasury. Christian Treasury, &c., each per Annum \$1.75.

Not less than five papers sent to one address at these rates. All may be different. Circulars with list and prices in full sent on application to A. McBEAN, Secretary. Dec. 24.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY. An order in Council having passed assimilating (“as near as may be”) the Passenger and Freight Tariffs between HALIFAX AND WINDSOR, to the Passenger and Freight Tariffs now in force upon the other portions of the Intercolonial Railway.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the rates for Passengers and Freight hereafter to be charged between HALIFAX AND WINDSOR and Intermediate Stations, shall be the rates given in the Tariffs of the Nova Scotia Railway.

LEWIS CARVELL, General Superintendent. Railway Office, Moncton, N. B., January 14th, 1874. } Jan 28.

SUTCLIFFE'S CHEAP STORE. GOOD CONGOU TEA. BEST CONGOU TEA. Best Coffee. IN THE CITY. ALL PRICES. Corner Barrington and Buckingham Sts., Feb. 25.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Post Master General, and marked “Tenders for Mail Service,” will be received at OTTAWA, until 12 o'clock, noon, on FRIDAY, the 27th of March, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, six times per week, each way, between HALIFAX AND SHELburne, and on the Branch Routes Between Lunenburg and Mahone Bay, and between Lunenburg and Bridgewater,

on and from the 1st July next. The conveyance to be made on the Main and Branch Routes by Wagon, drawn by not less than two horses.

The route pursued in the conveyance of this Mail to be as above. The computed distance between Halifax and Shelburne—including the Branch Routes is one hundred and fifty-seven miles.

The Rate of Travel to be not less than six miles per hour, including stoppages for all purposes.

The days and hours of Arrival and Departure to be as follows, subject to a right of the Postmaster-General to alter the same, should he consider it advisable so to do.

MAIN ROUTES: Leave Halifax, Daily at 6 A. M. Arrive at Bridgewater on same day at 6 P. M.

BRANCH ROUTES: Leave Lunenburg Daily at 6.15 A.M. Arrive at Mahone Bay at 7.30 A.M. to connect with Mail for Halifax.

The contract is satisfactorily executed, will continue in force for a term not exceeding four years, the Postmaster General reserving the right to terminate the agreement at any time previous to the expiration of the four years—should the public interest, in his opinion require it—upon giving the contractor three months notice of his intention.

Prepared forms of Tender and Guarantee may be obtained of the Post Office at Cheshire, Bridgewater, Liverpool, Lunenburg, Mahone Bay, Mills Village and Shelburne, or at the office of the sub-officer.

Post Office Inspector's Office, Halifax, 13th Feb. 1874. } March 4.

PREPARE FOR WINTER. THE largest and best assortment of STOVES in the Province is at RENT'S Stove & Kitchen Furnishing Depot, 29 & 31 BARRINGTON ST.

Also, Coal Vases, Coal Hods, Coal Shovels, Fire Irons, Fire Iron Stands, Spark Guards for Register Grates, Nursery Guards, Patent Sinder Sifters, Fuel Economizers, Hearth Brushes, Carpet Sweepers, Dish Covers, Toiletware, &c.

Particular attention paid to Furnace Work and Fitting up Stoves, &c. GEO. KEVY, Junr. Oct. 22.

WINDSOR & ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY. SPRING ARRANGEMENT. COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1874. HALIFAX TO ST. JOHN.

Table with columns: STATIONS, Exp. No., Pass. and Frgt., Pass. and Frgt. Miles. 0 Halifax—Leave 8.00 8.30 3.00

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N. E.—Trains Nos 1 and 6 run in connection with the Steamer “Scud,” and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday only. Steamer “Scud” leaves St. John on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, at 8 a. m., for Annapolis, and return same day, on arrival of 8 a. m. Express Train from Halifax.

International Steamers leave St. John, on Monday and Thursday, at 8 a. m., for Eastport, Portland, and Boston.

European and North American Railway Trains leave St. John, at 8 a. m. for Woodstock, Fredericton, St. Stephens, Bangor, Portland, Boston, and all parts of the United States and Canada.

Through Tickets at reduced fares by above routes to all parts of the United States and Canada may be obtained at the Company's Office, 126 Hollis Street, Halifax, at Richmond, and the principal Stations on the Railway.

Just published, crown 8vo., price 80c. cloth bound. PAUL and CHRIST: A PORTRAITURE AND AN ARGUMENT.

BY J. H. CRAMP, D. D. This small volume is rich in vigorous thought and in devout feeling. In ten short chapters he sketches the early life and the labours of the great Apostle, his views of Christ, of faith, of regeneration, and holiness, his letters and theology. The whole is at once a history and an argument, full of instructive lessons, and decisive as evidence of the truths of Christianity.

London: YATES & ALEXANDER, Halifax, N. S. St. St. DEN. Montreal: LAWSON BROTHERS. Jan 21. wes. wit.

PRIVATE BILLS.

PARTIES intending to make application to Parliament for Private Bills, either for granting exclusive privileges, or conferring corporate powers for commercial or other purposes of profit, or for doing anything tending to affect the rights of property of other parties, are hereby notified, that they are required by the Rules of the two Houses of Parliament, (which are published in full in the Canada Gazette) to give TWO MONTHS' NOTICE of the application (clearly and distinctly specifying its nature and object), in the Canada Gazette, and also, in a new paper published in the County or Union of Counties affected, sending copies of the Papers containing the first and last of such notices to the Private Bill Office of each House.

All Petitions for Private Bills must be presented within the first three weeks of the session.

ROBERT LEMOINE, Clerk of the Senate. ALFRED PATTICK, Clerk of the House of Commons. Jan 28.

A MAN OF A THOUSAND, A CONSUMPTIVE CURED.

WHEN death was hourly expected from CONSUMPTION, all remedies having failed, accident led to a discovery whereby Dr. H. James cured his only child with a preparation of Cannabis Indica. He now gives this recipe free on receipt of two stamps to pay expenses. There is not a single symptom of consumption that it does not dissipate.—Night Sweats, Irritation of the Nerves, Difficult Expectoration, Sharp Pains in the Lungs, Nausea at the Stomach, Inaction of the Bowels, and Wasting of the Muscles. Address CRADDOCK & CO., 1032 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa., giving name of this paper. Jan. 28.