

In Memoriam.

MR. WALTER WELTON, SENR., was born in Annapolis County, Feb. 14, 1809. About 45 years ago he obtained what his subsequent Christian deportment evinced to be, a "good hope through grace." He united with the Baptist Church in Lower Aylesford, where he resided for a number of years. Grace happily led him to engage in works of beneficence. At the close of a Sabbath school in the autumn of the year 1844, a vote is recorded, "That the thanks of the school in Kingston Village be tendered to Mr. Walter Welton, the Superintendent, for the energy and zeal which he had devoted to its interests."

Our brother highly valued the Christian Messenger. Doubtless he took it from the first; and it is certain that he continued to take it to the close of his life. On the 4th day of Feb., 1845, he forwarded the names of two new subscribers; and his letter of this date contains a strong commendation of it. He was accustomed to remit the payment for his paper in advance. The last time that the writer saw him, Jan. 17th, he appeared pleased with the opportunity afforded to forward the payment for the current year.

Of the property obtained by diligence and frugality, he was evidently a "cheerful giver." Besides other donations, on behalf of Acadia College, he became a scholarship-holder, by the payment of \$400.

While Bro. Welton remained in Lower Aylesford after the commencement of the writer's pastorate there, his Christian demeanor was highly satisfactory. On his removal to Farmington he and his wife very properly removed their membership to the Pine Grove Church. As the brethren resident in the neighborhood where he lived were accustomed to keep up weekly prayer-meetings in their houses, he cordially united with them in this, and afforded material aid. His practice of constant family prayer, and giving thanks at his meals, was exemplary and commendable.

Our brother's last illness was brief. On the 9th day of Feb., 1879, he quietly passed to his rest, at the age of 70 years—less 5 days.

Leaving no children, he bequeathed \$200 to his nephew, Walter Welton, Junr., and \$400 to aid feeble churches of the Baptist denomination; also to his widow the interest on his remaining property while she lives, and more if needed; and the residue after her decease, to be devoted, by his Executors, to benevolent objects.

At his burial a discourse was delivered by Rev. W. J. Bleakney. May the bereaved widow be graciously sustained.—Com. by Rev. C. Trupper.

Parliamentary.

Dominion Parliament.

In the House of Commons on Monday of last week an interesting discussion took place on the practice of mackerel seining in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the necessity for some restrictions being made to prevent the destruction of fish now carried on there. Several of the Nova Scotia members took part in the debate.

On TUESDAY the following resolution was introduced by Mr. Mosseau:—"That the dismissal by the Lieut.-Governor of Quebec of his Ministers on the 2nd day of March, 1878, was, under the circumstances, unwise and subversive of the position accorded to the advisers of the Crown since the concession of the principle of responsible government to the British North American colonies."

The debate on this motion continued till Thursday night or Friday morning at 4.55, when the vote was taken 136 to 51.

THE ESTIMATES.

The following is a summary of the estimated expenditure of the Dominion of Canada for the financial year ending 30th June, 1880:—

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Public debt, Civil Government, Administration of Justice, Penitentiaries, Arts, Agriculture and Statistics, Immigration & quarantine, Pensions, Militia, Public Works and buildings, Lighthouse & coast service, Fisheries, Scientific Institutions, Marine Hospitals and sick and distressed seamen, Steamboat inspection.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Inspection of insurance companies, Subsidies, Geological Survey, Indians, N. West Mounted Police, Miscellaneous, Collection of Revenues and Customs, Excise, Culling timber, Weights and measures, Inspection of staples, Adulteration of food, Public works, Post Office, Dominion lands, Minor revenues.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Total Consolidated Fund, Redemption of debt, Public works and buildings chargeable to capital, Total capital.

Grand total... \$39,616,139 94. The decrease in the various departments amounted to \$607,833.66 and the increase to \$366,641.97, showing a total decrease of \$242,191.27 in the expenditure for the consolidated fund.

On THURSDAY Mr. Killam introduced a bill to incorporate the Yarmouth Dyking Company.

Mr. Methot a bill to regulate the rate of interest and prohibit usury proposes to make six per cent. a legal rate of interest throughout the Dominion, but eight per cent. may be stipulated, retained or recovered. If more is stipulated, then the whole amount of interest shall be forfeited, and persons paying more than these rates may sue for and recover the whole amount of interest.

The Budget was brought down on Friday by Hon. Mr. Tilley. Princess Louise was accommodated with a seat on the right of the Speaker during the delivery of the Speech, which continued till forty minutes after two on Saturday morning. There is a great change in the duties, giving, generally, a higher duty to such articles as may be manufactured in the Dominion. Cotton goods, mostly such as formerly paid 17 1/2 per cent, are to be 20 per cent, silks and velvets from 25 to 30 per cent. Boots and shoes, &c., 25 per cent; coal of all descriptions, 50 cents per ton. Breadstuffs, corn, rye, wheat, &c., 10 cents per bushel. Corn meal 40 cents per barrel. Flour 50 cents. Furniture 35 per cent. Pig iron, &c., 2 pence per ton. Bar iron 17 1/2 per cent. Tea and Coffee, somewhat diminished—2 and 3 cents per pound an addition of 10 per cent, when imported from the United States. Raw Sugars are less, whilst refined sugars are increased to encourage refining in the Dominion. These are a few of the items. Others are about in the same proportion—all are somewhat increased from former duties.

Nova Scotia Legislature.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Each day of the past week brought forth a host of petitions for aid to roads, bridges, wharves and numerous other objects in various parts of the country.

On MONDAY Hon. C. J. MacDonald presented a number of City Bills. Various papers and reports were, by command, laid upon the table of the House. A discussion arose on the matter of County Maps and information sought as to how much had been paid Mr. Church for the same.

On TUESDAY the appropriation of the Fishery Award was made the subject of enquiry. Hon. Provincial Secretary stated that although there had been no correspondence with the Dominion Government on the subject, there may have been with some of the Departments of the Dominion Government in reference to its appropriation. After some time had been spent on this matter Hon. Prov. Secretary laid on the table a resolution for

ABOLISHING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL as follows:

Whereas, By the Act of Union the subjects assigned to the control of the Local Legislature are largely curtailed, and the necessity for a Legislative Council is therefore proportionately diminished;

And whereas, The maintenance of the Legislative Council is attend with great expense, and the revenues of the Province are limited in extent and insufficient to meet the requirements of the public service;

And whereas, There are strong grounds, for believing, and in the case of one Province, experience has demonstrated that Local Legislation can be efficiently transacted by one Legislative Chamber;

Therefore Resolved, That in the opinion of this house the time has arrived when it is expedient to abolish the Legislative Council of this Province, and that with this view measures be forthwith adopted to that end, by conference between this House and the Legislative Council, to be followed by such other steps as may be deemed most advisable.

It was ordered to let the resolution lie on the table to be taken up again at a future day.

On WEDNESDAY after the presentation of a number of petitions the Hon. Prov. Secretary laid on the table the

FINANCIAL RETURNS

of the Expenditure of the Province for the year ending on the 31st of December, 1878, and RECEIPTS of which the following is a summary:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes To Deficit from 1877, To Cash paid Agriculture, per Abstract, Do. Blind Asylum, Do. Contingencies, Do. Criminal Prosecutions, Do. Crown Land Department, Do. Deaf & Dumb Asylum, Do. Hospital for Insane, Do. Education, Do. Immigration, Do. Ineb. Asylum, Do. Interest, Do. Legislative Expenses, Do. Local Works, Do. Mines, Do. Medical College, Do. Miscellaneous Expenses, Do. Normal School Special, Do. Navigation Securities, Do. Prov. and City Hospital, Do. Poors' Asylum, Do. Public Printing, Do. Special, Do. Salaries of officers Govt., Do. Steam boats, Packets and Ferries, Do. Transient Poor, Do. Railway, Windsor & Annapolis Indemnity Act, Do. Road Advances, Do. Road Compensation.

ROAD SERVICE.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Includes Tocash, Annapolis, Antigonish, Cape Breton, Colchester, Cumberland, Digby, Guysboro', Halifax, Hants, Inverness, Kings, Lunenburg, Pictou, Queens, Richmond, Shelburne, Victoria, Yarmouth.

By cash received from Crown Land Dept., Do. Hosp for Insane, Do. Mines, Do. Miscellaneous, Do. Railway, Windsor and Annapolis Indemnity Act, Do. Railway Damages, Digby Co, Do. Normal School Special, Do. Marriage Licenses, Do. Subsidy, Dominion Canada, Do. Private Bills, Do. Fees, &c, Prov. Sec'y Office, Do. Antigonish Co. Refund, Do. Halifax Co. Road Service, Do. Gazette Office, Do. Dominion of Canada Light House and Railway Stores, Do. Dominion of Canada, Cape Breton Roads, Do. Interest, Bank of Nova Scotia, Do. Hants Co. Road Service, Do. Railway damages Yarmouth, Do. Refund Legislative Expenses, Do. Dominion of Canada, Refund Railway Advances, Do. Loan from Provincial Railway Account, Do. Searches Crown Land Office.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Balance, Balance above, Advances from Subsidy, 1879, Loan from Prov. Railway Act, Total deficit, 1878.

On THURSDAY several city and other bills were discussed and passed.

Mr. Kinney presented a petition from certain inhabitants of the county of Yarmouth, praying for an act of incorporation for the Home Mission Board of Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, together with the draft of an act of incorporation.

Subsequently Mr. Kinney introduced a bill in accordance with the above petition. Papers relating to the claims of the laborers in connection with the Eastern Railway Extension were laid on the table.

The report of the examination of the Western Counties Railway was also laid on the table. These showed that the cost of completing the road from Yarmouth to Digby would be \$259,760. The other portion—from Digby to Annapolis—although much shorter would according to Mr. O'Dell's estimate cost \$457,610 to complete it.

Hon. Prov. Secretary by command then laid on the table the Financial Report previously referred to. This had been prepared after a thorough examination of the affairs of the Province by Mr. J. C. Mackintosh, a competent accountant recommended by the Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia. This had also been verified by another very competent accountant Mr. Smith of the firm of Burns & Murray. This being a subject which must shortly occupy the attention of the House, he had taken an early opportunity of laying the facts before them that they might be well considered and fully informed.

On FRIDAY a bill was introduced authorizing the Dartmouth Town Council to establish a Ferry.

The locality of the terminus of the Eastern Railway Extension at Strait of Canso was a subject of some remark. It was stated that the Government had not yet determined where it should be.

Mr. Ford called attention to the amounts paid to Mr. Church for the county maps. Mr. C. was entitled to \$300 for the map of each county when 25 copies were delivered to the Government, which would amount, when all were done, to \$10,800, whereas he had already received \$13,384, being \$2,584 more than he was entitled to when all the maps were completed, and six counties had not yet been done.

Mr. Gayton did not understand how this could be, and quite agreed with Mr. Ford that a Committee of enquiry should be appointed, before which Mr. Church should be required to appear and give full explanation.

Hon. Prov. Secretary, by command, laid on the table the subsidy and debt account for the past year and a memorial from the N. S. Historical Society.

On MONDAY the costs of the trial of Woodworth versus members of the House of Assembly were brought forward by a letter from Judge Weatherbe denying that he had received any portion of the \$2,500 paid to an order drawn in his favor.

Mr. Gayton asked for more consideration to the Asylum for the Blind.

Legislative Council.

On TUESDAY a short time was expended on whether the Disabilities Act should prevent the Commissioner of Mines from sitting in the Council.

Hon. Mr. Cochran asked whether any steps had been taken by the late Government or by the present Government, in connection with the report of the Committee of this house last year on the subject of Vital Statistics? A good deal of interest had been taken in the subject last year and an able report drawn up in reference to it. It had been strongly urged that some action should be taken. Perhaps the Government were in a position to state what the Dominion Government were prepared to do.

Hon. Mr. Creelman was not aware of there having been any correspondence on the subject.

Hon. J. B. Dickie asked if the Government were in a position to give any information respecting the Normal School at Truro. There had been great complaints made public and it demanded investigation.

Hon. Mr. Creelman said there had been earnest consideration given to this matter, and action would be shortly taken such as would restore public confidence in the institution.

ABOLITION OF THE COUNCIL.

Hon. Mr. Creelman then introduced by way of notice, the following resolution in reference to the future existence of this body, which he would move at a future day.

Whereas, By the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, in reference to the Legislative powers of the Parliament of Canada and the Provincial Legislatures, the principal and most important legislation was assigned to the Parliament of Canada, and the minor and less important to the Provincial Legislatures;

And Whereas, Railway subsidies and other expenditures have nearly, and will in a short time more than exhaust the balance of debt in favor of Nova Scotia and thus cause a decrease in the Provincial Revenue, to the extent of interest formerly received on the balance, amounting to \$100,000,00 annually;

And Whereas, for some years past, the expenditure of the Province has so

largely exceeded its revenue, that retrenchment is now indispensably necessary;

Therefore Resolved, That in order to reduce the Legislative expenses of the Province, in the opinion of this House it has become necessary to dispense with the Legislative Council as a branch of the Provincial Legislature.

The resolution was then laid upon the table of the house.

On WEDNESDAY after several other matters had been briefly noticed by Reports being laid on the table

Hon. Dr. Parker called attention to an alteration that had been made in an Act of last session, after it had been passed upon by the two branches of the Legislature. He wished to know on whom the responsibility of such alteration rested. A resolution was adopted "That a committee be appointed to ascertain if possible how such alteration came to be made."

The motion for the abolition of the Council was made the order of the day for Friday.

On THURSDAY the Financial Returns and Reports were laid before the Council by Hon. Mr. Creelman questions were asked and explanations given.

The discussion on the abolition of the Council did not take place, as was expected, and it was agreed to defer it to Tuesday.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

CHEGOGGIN, YARMOUTH, N. S., March 5th, 1879.—Rev. H. N. Parry writes:—"We have held some extra meetings this winter, and though no general awakening has occurred, we have not been without tokens of good. I baptized one last Sabbath. Others have professed conversion and we hope will soon follow their Master in His ordinances."

TABERNAACLE NOTES.—We are glad to note the increased interest in the congregation and church, the attendance at all the meetings is such as to warrant the expectation that we shall soon see greater things than these mere externals of prosperity.

Last Sabbath four others were baptised, the meetings continued through the week. On Sunday evenings, we are pressed for seats. Who will send the price of a chair, or chairs? We need a few more "chairs of welcome" for strangers.

J. F. AVERY.

News.

A terrible disaster has occurred at Szegedin in Hungary. The water broke through a dam and covered the town so as to drive out the inhabitants to the number of over 80,000. Some of the buildings were 15 feet under water. Many of the large buildings are thrown down. Terrible sufferings have been experienced.

Six steamers and twenty tugs left Pesth for Szegedin on Thursday last. The Government authorities report 300 persons drowned up to noon on Thursday. People are yet on the roofs of houses and in trees. Some persons died from exposure to cold. 6,000 persons are surrounded by water. Conrag and Szentes are also threatened by the flood. The State Railway carried gratuitously 10,000 fugitives on Wednesday.

Both ends of the direct cable have been buoyed, and are ready for final splice which will be made.

The defect was found about five miles from the shore at Tor Bay and was caused by the outer covering and protection of the cable chafing on the rocks until the conductor was reached and damaged so much that electric signal could not be transmitted.

Johnson's Anodyne Linctum is richly worth \$10 a bottle in certain cases. For instance, in cases of diphtheria, croup and asthma when the sufferer is almost dead for want of breath and something is required to act instantly. It costs only 35 cents.

Veterinary surgeons all over the country are fiercely denouncing parties who put up extra large packs of worthless trash and sell it for condition powders. They say that Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders are the only kind now known that are worth carrying home.

UNITED STATES.—Wm. H. Devlin was executed on Thursday morning in the yard of East Cambridge Jail, for the murder of his wife in Dec., 1877.

An accident occurred at Gilmore's Garden New York on Wednesday last. Nearly 10,000 people were in the building. A long section of the upper gallery in the south of the building suddenly sank. A panic ensued, and a rush was made for the door and a cry of fire rang out. Many persons were out and bruised severely. When order was restored it was discovered that about eleven persons were injured.

A wind storm passed over the Southern part of Macoupin County, Ill., on Tuesday last destroyed houses, barns and other property. Several deaths are reported. The storm was about a quarter of a mile wide and from the Northwest.