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Halifax, March 1, 1880.

The next meeting of the Colchester and Cumberland Ministerial Conference will be held in the Baptist Church at Pugwash on March 22nd 1880.
 Rev. J. E. Goucher will preach the usual sermon on Monday 7 o'clock P. M.

C. H. MARTELL, Sec'y.

DIGBY COUNTY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

According to previous arrangement a very interesting meeting was held in Digby, Feb. 10 inst. Other engagements prevented most of the minister's in the County from attending. There were present Revs. J. A. McLean, W. L. Parker, J. A. Durkee, and J. H. Sanders. Quite full reports of the condition of the churches represented were given. A free conversation was had on the best methods of conducting revival services, and meeting the prominent errors of our times. Interesting sermons were preached by Rev. A. McLean on Monday evening and by Rev. W. L. Parker, on Tuesday evening.

The next meeting of this body will be held at Bear River on Tuesday, March 9th, at 10 A. M. Preaching on Monday evening by Rev. W. L. Parker. All the ministers of the county are particularly invited to attend.

J. H. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED.

Bridgetown Church per Rev. W. L. Parker.....\$24 70
 H. Warren..... 4 00
 Chegogin Church, 2nd payment..... 2 00
 Mrs. H. Wyman, Yarmouth..... 4 00
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 Musquodoboit Ch., 1st instalment..... 7 00
 Great Village Church, " "..... 5 00

Yarmouth, Feb. 28th, 1880.

Donation Visits.

PUGWASH.—Dear Editor,—I feel that the best expression of gratitude is renewed, affectionate and devoted labor; but I would not be negligent in recording the goodness of God and the kindness of my people. During the year just past I have received several donations amounting to \$160. The Pugwash people met at the pastor's house on Jan. 29th, and the Wallace donation was held last Thursday at Bro. Andrew Colter's.

H. BOOL.

AGREEABLE SURPRISES.—A few weeks ago, at the close of our weekly prayer meeting, a young man of the congregation requested the company to resume their seats, after which he stepped forward and surprised us by presenting me with a purse of money, in behalf of the congregation. Again a few evenings since, we were much surprised by the presence of a goodly number of the ladies, accompanied by their male friends, bringing baskets &c., the contents of which were matters of real interest to the company during the evening, and not less real but more permanent to the inmates of the parsonage. After spending the evening socially one of the sisters, in behalf of the ladies of the congregation, presented a purse of money to "the other I." Gladness filled "both I's." When the sisters strive to excel, they will.

Thus from time to time do we receive tangible expressions of sympathy and regard. Our prayer is that we may be enabled to minister the richest spiritual blessings to the people.

WM. SPENCER,
 Hammond's Plains, Feb. 25th 1880.

Moneys Received.

S. L. Lavers, \$2.50; Joseph Ham, \$2. F. Cook, \$2; J. Miller, \$4; B. L. Douglas, \$2. J. M. Parker, Esq., \$8; A. S. Chase, \$5; J. Greenough, junr., \$2.50; W. Lent, \$2; W. C. Hankinson, \$2; M. Kinsman, \$4; Mrs. T. Ryer, \$2; J. B. McNutt, \$2; A. Rood, \$4.50; Rev. W. E. Hall.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

THE PROVINCIAL PALLIAMENT WAS opened on Thursday last with the usual formalities—the attendance of guards of honor of the 101st Regt., and the Halifax V. B. R., with their bands of music and the firing of guns by the Halifax Field Battery on the Grand Parade. His Honor Lieutenant Governor Archibald read the following

OPENING SPEECH:

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:
 Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I have great pleasure in meeting you again in General Assembly.
 I am happy to be able to congratulate you on the fair measure of prosperity which prevails in the Province.
 A harvest more than usually plentiful and distinguished by the abundant growth of a crop which, for many years, had been cultivated under great disad-

vantages and with little success, has given encouragement and comfort to that large class of our people who derive their living from agricultural pursuits. Our fisheries have been moderately successful, and the business in coal, lumber and shipping has begun to be favorably affected by the revival of trade which has been to so large an extent experienced in the neighboring countries. Our population as a whole, have reason to be thankful for the share of the blessings of life which has fallen to their lot.

During the recess my Government availed itself of the powers given by the Legislature at its last session to guarantee the debentures of the Western Counties Railway Company to an amount which was deemed sufficient to complete the line of railway between Digby and Yarmouth, with steam ferry accommodation to Annapolis. The interests of the province were protected by carefully considered provisions in the contract under which the works were executed, and by such securities being taken as will doubtless save the country from loss under the guarantee. The documents and correspondence relating to this important subject will be laid before you without delay. I regret to have to say that after the road had been placed in fair working order its operation was suspended, in consequence of new complications having arisen. I am not without hopes, however, that arrangements will be effected by which the new railway between Yarmouth and Digby will be re-opened, and the completion and efficient operation of the whole line between Halifax and Yarmouth secured on a more satisfactory basis than has hitherto existed.

Under the Acts of last session relating to Eastern Railway Extension, work was resumed by the Company engaged in that enterprise, and by the opening of the railway to Antigonish in course of last summer, very considerable facilities were given for travel and trade, although even on that part of the line the railway was not completed. Between Antigonish and the Strait of Cansau the progress made was not such as could have been desired. You will be asked to consider measures framed with a view to the adoption of a more vigorous policy in regard to that great public work, and one that will secure its completion in the course of the ensuing summer.

The addresses passed by the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly respectively on the finances of the Province, and of the share which was claimed by Nova Scotia of the Fishery Award, were duly transmitted by me to His Excellency the Governor General. The representations which were then made by both Houses on these subjects have been diligently seconded by the efforts of my ministers, who have lost no opportunity of pressing upon the Government of the Dominion the necessity which exists for some improvement in our financial condition. There is reason to believe that these exertions will not be without avail and in the meantime you will be asked to adopt such legislation as will enable the Government to discharge the obligations which have been incurred in the past.

I have forwarded to Her Majesty the addresses passed respectively by the Legislative Council and by the House of Assembly touching the proposal to alter the Provincial Constitution by abolishing the Upper Branch. Her Majesty's Government have not thought fit up to this time to sanction the proposal, but correspondence on the subject has not yet been brought to a close.

Since you met last, my Ministers have taken steps to set at rest the difficulties which had arisen in the Normal School at Truro, and which were impeding its usefulness. I am glad to be able to inform you that the reorganization which has been made in that institution has proved very successful, and that under the new arrangements the institution commands general approval, and is meeting with unprecedented success.

The Council of Public Instruction has also re-organized the system of School Inspection, which has for many years existed in the Province, effecting a re-trenchment in the outlay for that service while increasing the efficiency with which it was conducted.

During the recess, the Counties have entered upon the sphere of municipal action prepared for them by the Act of last session. So far, the system seems to have met with the general acceptance which might have been expected to attend a measure enlarging the powers and privileges of the people, by placing under their immediate control the management of County affairs.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The Public Accounts for the past year and also the Estimates for the current year, will be laid before you at an early day. You will find I trust, that the system of rigid economy introduced into the public service in the Estimates of last year has been adhered to as closely as possible.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:
 Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

Measures will be submitted to you for placing the railway system of the Province on a more satisfactory footing.

In relation to the Courts of Justice in the Province, you will be asked to adopt legislation to increase their efficiency and to simplify the system of procedure.

You will, likewise, be asked to extend, for another year, the Statute of last session relative to the price of Crown Lands in the island of Cape Breton. The provisions of that Act have been found effective in facilitating the completion of a considerable number of the long unsettled titles on the island, and are likely if continued, to be made available to a large extent in the present year.

You will likewise be invited to adopt a measure to amend and improve the Act for the incorporation of the Counties. I am quite sure you will give to the measures which will be submitted to you the careful attention and consideration which the people have a right to expect from gentlemen charged with the promotion and protection of their interests and welfare.

After the Speech had been read in the House of Assembly the Hon. John F. Stairs was introduced and took the customary oaths.

Mr. Pugh of Halifax moved the Address in reply to the Speech, and in doing so spoke on several of the topics referred to in that document. In some remarks on the Fisheries Award he claimed that Nova Scotia had a right to a large portion of the said award. He regarded the sum expended in the support of education as too large a proportion of the present revenue of the province. The subsidy received by Nova Scotia from the Dominion Government he held was very much less than it should be. Whilst New Brunswick received \$1.50 per head of its population. Prince Edward Island received \$1.65. Manitoba received \$7.50; and British Columbia received \$20.00. Nova Scotia had only received 30 cents per head. There must be some change soon in the revenues of the Province, or the credit of the Province would be gone, or else direct taxation would have to be resorted to.

Mr. Blair of Truro, seconded the Address and in doing so spoke of the necessity of caring for the agricultural interests of the country. He thought the educational condition was greatly improved, but we need some change so as to avoid so long a time being spent in obtaining a superior course of study. He thought we had too many courts and too much law in the province. He would approve of the total abolition of the County Courts.

Mr. Gayton spoke in approval of much that had been spoken by the two previous speakers, and thought there should be some considerable reduction in the costs of legislation either by abolishing one branch or largely diminishing the number of members. He spoke of the depression in shipping interests, and the suspension of the Western Counties Railway operations, leaving Yarmouth in a worse and more isolated condition than before the railway was commenced. He reserved further remarks on the several subjects till they should come up for fuller consideration in the House.

Mr. Smith (Hants) also spoke at some length on the Fishery Award, Western Counties Railway, County Incorporation and National Policy questions. The House then adjourned.

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