

work of God's Spirit distilling on every heart with mighty power producing its heavenly fruit, making all present feel that we were sitting in heavenly places. A goodly number are expected to come to the light and put on Christ. Already some are happy in his love. Let us rejoice in the Lord.

ONE OF THE MEMBERS. Lower Economy, 1st March, 1880.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

HALIFAX, GRANVILLE STREET.—Rev. Isaiah Wallace, passing through the city on a visit to his son at St. Margaret's Bay, on Wednesday last, attended the Prayer meeting in the Baptist Vestry, Spring Garden Road, in the evening and gave a highly interesting account of his recent visit to Westport and Freeport, and the revival that had taken place there. He went on his way next morning, and it was hoped that he would meet with the church again in its Conference on Friday but was prevented, probably by the storm.

NORTH CHURCH.—Rev. J. W. Manning has administered the ordinance of Christian Baptism on two past Lord's Days. The peculiar circumstances under which one of the candidates—a master-mariner—came before the church on the 29th, inst., and was received and baptized, with his wife—he having sailed two or three days before, but was driven back by the storm—rendered the case one of a very interesting and impressive character. The baptism on Sunday last too was evidence that there are still cases in which it is necessary to follow Christ in the face of opposition from those who should rejoice with the converts rather than put obstacles in their way.

MELVERN SQUARE, WILMOT.—Rev. W. E. Hall, writes:—DEAR BRO.—God is still giving us additions to the church and we have great cause for thankfulness. Yesterday was a very rainy day with us, but we visited the baptismal waters in the morning, and eight followed Christ in the ordinance. Four others who were received the day before were not present.

We were privileged yesterday to reap some the fruit of the discussion started here last Spring by the Rev. A. S. Tuttle on the question of Baptism. One dear Brother who had been brought up a Pedobaptist listened to the discussion on both sides, became convinced, and yesterday obeyed his Lord.

We would advise our pedo. friends never to start a discussion on the question of Infant Baptism till they can find one passage in the Word of God where Christ or the Apostles, either performed the act or commanded it. Till then they are sure to injure themselves and help the cause of truth.

Yours &c., Wm. E. HALL. March 1, 1880.

TEMPLE CHURCH, YARMOUTH.—Readers of the Messenger will be pleased to learn that the Lord has been visiting His people in this place. For some weeks past we have been holding meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. These meetings have been attended with a large measure of blessings. Wanderers have returned to the fold, and in addition to the baptism already reported, six believers on the Lord Jesus were baptized on the 15th ult., five on the 22nd, and nine on the 29th. We are hoping that others will shortly follow. Our prayer is that God would revive His work throughout the land.

J. CLARK.

We are pleased to hear that several of the other churches in Yarmouth—Milton, Hebron, &c., have had a revived state of things during the past two or three weeks. We shall be hoping soon to hear from the brethren there.

NEWPORT.—Dear Bro. Selden.—Seven more were baptized at Scotch Village Feb. 29th, making in all fourteen since the meetings began.

Others who have experienced religion during our series of revival meetings, have been anxious to be baptized and become identified with us, but have been prevented by their parents. May the time speedily arrive when liberty of opinion and action will be permitted and enjoyed in religious matters, in this fair land of ours.

Truly much good has been done during the past few weeks in Newport! To God be all the praise. March 2, 1880. A. F. DYKEMAN.

WOLFVILLE.—We are pleased to learn from Mr. A. Coldwell that the ordinance of believers' baptism was administered—we presume by the pastor Rev. S. W. DeBois—on Sunday last, and that five persons were thus received into the fellowship of the church.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—We learn from a friend that the Baptist Church at Charlottetown has during the past week had a series of meetings, which under the preaching of a Rev. Mr. Hinson, an Englishman, had grown to such an extent that the congregation removed from the spacious basement room to the large audience room, filling it to its utmost capacity and it is said hundreds sought for admittance but were unable to get in. There had been quite a revival, and large additions were expected.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

On Monday, March 1st, the House met and proceeded to Government House to present the address.

After their return the Hon. Atty. General, reported the following STANDING COMMITTEE.

Privileges and Rules of the House.—Hon. Atty. General, Messrs. Gayton, McKay, Robicheau, and A. Campbell.

Education.—Hon. Prov. Sec., Messrs. Ford and D. J. Campbell, Hon. Mr. McDougall, Messrs. T. B. Smith and Harrington, and Hon. Mr. Macdonald.

Public Accounts.—Hon. Mr. Macdonald Messrs. McKay, LeBlanc, Blair, T. B. Smith, McGray, and Pugh.

Crown Lands.—Mr. Ford, Hon. Atty. General, Messrs. Shaffner, Patterson, McCuish, A. Campbell, Robicheau, A. N. McDonald and McCurdy.

Humane Institutions.—Messrs. Gayton and D. J. Campbell, Hon. Mr. White, Messrs. McCurdy, Pugh, Bill, and Bartling.

Trade and Manufactures.—Messrs. Kinney, McCurdy, D. J. Campbell, Hon. Mr. Macdonald, Messrs. Pugh, C. A. Smith, and Spence.

Navigation Securities.—Messrs. Hadley, Vickery, Kinney, Bartling and VanBlarcom.

Temperance.—Mr. Gayton, Hon. Mr. White, Messrs. Bell, McGillivray, C. A. Smith, A. N. McDonald and T. B. Smith.

Mines and Minerals.—Mr. Bell, Hon. Mr. McDougall, Messrs. A. Campbell, Vickery, C. A. Smith, LeBlanc, and Gayton.

Railways.—Hon. Mr. Macdonald, Messrs. McGillivray, Shaffner, VanBlarcom, A. Campbell, C. A. Smith, T. B. Smith, McKay and LeBlanc.

Agriculture.—Messrs. Blair, Shaffner, McGillivray, Spence, Ford, Bell, Bill Morrison and LeBlanc.

Land Damages.—Messrs. Bartling, VanBlarcom, LeBlanc, James, Robicheau, Shaffner, and Hadley.

Law Amendments.—Hon. Atty. General, Hon. Mr. Townshend, Messrs. McGillivray and Ford, Hon. Mr. White, Messrs. D. J. Campbell and Kinney.

Reports and Printing.—Hon. Mr. White, Messrs. Robicheau, Bell, Vickery, McGray, Patterson, and Harrington.

Private and Local Bills.—Hon. Mr. White, Mr. Ford, Hon. Mr. Townshend, Mr. T. B. Smith, Hon. Mr. Stairs, Messrs. McGillivray, and Kinney.

Contingencies.—Hon. Prov. Secretary, Messrs. Pugh, Bartling, James, Hon. Mr. Macdonald, Messrs. Dr. J. Campbell, and Gayton.

Mr. F. B. Smith gave notice that at a future day he would move the following:

Resolved, That, in view of the great distress at the present time generally prevalent in Ireland and the cheerful contributions of other portions of the Dominion, it is the opinion of this House that the Government should in some way or other, assist in the relief of the starving population of Ireland.

He thought as the matter was not mentioned in the Governor's speech that it would be proper to bring it before the House at this early day.

His Honor the Speaker said if the public money was involved in the notice in any way, then it was not in order.

The Hon. Atty. General said the hon. member for Hants must be perfectly well aware of the existence of the rule which prevented his doing anything more than achieving a little popularity by a motion which was never meant to come to anything. When the hon. member for Hants was in a position to announce to the House that he had a message from His Honor the Lieut. Governor, he (A. G.) was sure that the House would be uncovered and ready to receive it.

Hon. Atty. General, by command, laid on the table of the House the report of the Crown Land Department for the year 1879.

Hon. Prov. Secretary by command of His Honor the Lieut. Governor laid on the table of the House, the Report of the Queen's Printer for the past year.

Hon. Atty. General by command of His Honor the Lieut. Governor laid on the table of the House, applications for the grant of Lake Ainslie.

Mr. Gayton said one clause of the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant

Governor referred to the Courts of Justice of this Province in the following terms:—"In relation to the Courts of Justice of the Province you will be asked to adopt legislation to increase their efficiency, and to simplify their system of procedure."

He would request the following information, viz:—A return from the Prothonotaries and Clerks of the Supreme and County Courts for the various Counties, of the number of days and the hours in each, actually occupied by the respective Judges in each of the above Courts, from September 1878, to September, 1879; also, a return in the same way from January 1st to March 1st, 1880, and if no correct record has been kept, as near an approximation as possible.

The House then adjourned till 3 p. m. tomorrow.

TUESDAY.—Petitions of a local character were presented by Messrs. Bill, VanBlarcom, Blair and McKay. Prov. Sec. presented a petition from the inhabitants of the shores of Lake Ainslie against having the waters drained from said lake. He explained that the lake was 10 or 12 miles long and two or three wide, and the petitioners held that their interests would be injured by the work now in contemplation.

Mr. A. Campbell said he wished to make a few remarks upon this petition, as the locality was in the county that he had the honor to represent. The Margaree River, had its source in Lake Ainslie. The length of that river was about 22 miles, and over 300 families settled upon both sides of the river Margaree, which affords extraordinarily valuable fishing privileges. Salmon and trout were caught in great numbers, but the principal fishery was that of alewives. He had known a thousand barrels, yearly, of that fish to be caught and sent to market, out of the surplus of which the people could not make use themselves.

He thought, therefore, it would be an act of the greatest wrong on the part of any Government to allow any party to drain that lake.

A number of local Bills were introduced. After which Mr. Shaffner requested the Government to lay on the table of the House all papers in connection with the Nictaux and Atlantic Company railway from the year 1879 up to the present time.

Mr. McKay gave notice that he would at a future day move a resolution, asking the House to consider if the time had not arrived when the clauses in the School Act, providing for the appointment of inspectors, might be repealed without seriously affecting the efficiency of the public schools of the Province.

On WEDNESDAY Hon. Mr. Stairs introduced several Halifax bills. A number of other bills for incorporation and for improving burial grounds were introduced and referred to committees.

On THURSDAY a long discussion arose on the bill to amend the act to incorporate the Acadia Powder Company as to the matter of the liability of shareholders.

An amendment was adopted, changing the name of the company by inserting the word "limited," and the bill as amended passed.

The Subsidy Question was then taken up by a speech from the Provincial Secretary who closed by moving

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare an address to the Governor General of the Dominion to be submitted for the consideration of the House on the financial condition of the Province, and urging its claim to a share of the money awarded as compensation for the privilege of enjoying the right of fishing in the waters of the Dominion conceded to the United States under the Washington Treaty, and that the Legislative Council be asked to join in the preparation and presentation of such address.

The remainder of the day was occupied in the discussion of this resolution.

Messrs. Gayton, T. B. Smith, Dr. Campbell, Kinney, LeBlanc, McGray and the Hon. Attorney General spoke at length on the subject. After which the debate was adjourned.

FRIDAY, petitions were presented by Messrs. McDougall, A. N. McDonald, Dr. Campbell, Bell and Blair.

Several Bills were introduced and others read a second time. After which the adjourned debate was resumed and Messrs. McGillivray, C. A. Smith, A. Campbell, VanBlarcom, Dr. Campbell, Hon. Mr. White, Mr. Ford, Mr. Vickery, and others spoke at some length.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL was occupied on Wednesday with the appointment of a committee on the Public Accounts—the opposition claiming that they ought to have a majority seeing that they have a majority of the council, the government claiming that it was usual for the Government to name the chairman.

On Thursday Hon. Mr. Cochran asked the Government to lay on the table correspondence relative to the abolition of the Legislative Council.

Hon. Mr. Creelman said the correspondence was incomplete and it was not usual to have correspondence in an unfinished state brought down. In the course of the discussion which followed, Hon. Dr. Parker, said "The abolition of this House is a government measure, and we might therefore fully expect that any correspondence that took place on their part would be unfavorable to the House."

On FRIDAY the adjourned discussion on the Committee of Public Accounts was resumed after the preliminary business, and continued till the time for adjournment.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—On Tuesday last in the House of Commons at Ottawa Sir John A. Macdonald, moved the consideration of an address to the Governor General of congratulation on the escape of Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise and of His Excellency from the serious danger threatened by the untoward accident which happened to them on the 14th of February.

Sir John said this motion had been delayed because at one time it was feared that fatal consequences would ensue. Afterwards serious consequences were anticipated, but he was glad to say these fears were dissipated and Her Royal Highness was in a fair way of recovery.

Mr. Mackenzie joined in the expressions of pleasure at the escape of His Excellency and Her Royal Highness. He dwelt in eloquent terms on the pride the people of this country felt in having Her Royal Highness living amongst them, and the heartfelt sorrow of all classes when news of the unfortunate accident went abroad.

Hon. Mr. Langevin and Mr. Casgrain followed in French, expressing similar sentiments. The Address was carried.

On Friday the following reply of His Excellency was received:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I much regret that the Princess is unable to receive, with me, in person, the joint Address you do me the honor to present to-day. The concern you express for the injuries she lately received when on her way to the Senate Chamber, the sympathy shown on hearing of the accident, and the satisfaction expressed on learning that the evil results are now fast disappearing, give to us a token of your kindness, which has been deeply felt by me. During the time she has been in Canada she has received from the people of this country constant marks of their chivalrous and generous affection. She bids me tell you what I know to be the simple truth, that she is very sensible of these, and feels herself happy in having come here and in being the occasion of a manifestation of the love of a loyal and united people for the Queen and the Empire. It will be her pride while in Canada to devote herself to the interests of the people who have before them so great a future, and in whose hearts it will be her earnest wish to find an abiding place.

LORNE. Government House, Ottawa, March 5.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association on Wednesday at Ottawa the Governor General was present and in reference to position submitted his earnest request that the Prize to be given in the name of the Princess and himself should not be shot for lying on the back. With regard to gentlemen who had to compete for prizes at the long ranges with the smooth bore, that was another question and they must please themselves.

Lieut. Col. Mackinlay was elected Vice President for Nova Scotia.

The ice on the river at Montreal is becoming very unsafe, several casualties being reported. A horse and team, valued at over two hundred dollars, went through.

A large gathering of honorary members of the Academy of Arts, took place on Saturday evening, inaugurating the institution. The Marquis of Lorne spoke in high terms of the success attending the effort.

The President of the Association of Artists announced that the Queen had expressed her intention to purchase a painting from among those exhibited, in order to show practically her interest in the effort to develop Canadian genius.

UNITED STATES.—There was a severe storm at Washington on Thursday night in which the velocity of the wind was 72 miles an hour. Immense damage was done and two policemen were killed.

They are having more trouble at Washington with the silver currency. Silver certificates are invariably preferred to coin.

A Committee of New York Sugar men are to go to Washington to press a change in the Sugar Tariff.

Candidates to be policeman are hereafter to be asked if they have promised or paid money for the appointment.

Potatoes in New York are freely offered at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bbl.

ENGLAND.—In the House of Commons, on Monday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer stated that the Queen had been advised to dissolve Parliament at Easter. He said that the new Parliament could meet at the beginning of May. He promised to introduce the Budget on Thursday.

In the House of Lords on Thursday the Irish Relief Bill passed through committee without amendment.

Mr. Grissell, who was arrested at the last session of Parliament for breach of privilege in having declared his ability to bribe a Parliamentary Committee, but who was discharged on the expiration of the session, was re-arrested and reprimanded, and in accordance with the mo-

tion agreed to on Tuesday, was brought to the bar of the House of Commons on Wednesday when he read a most humble apology. Sir Stafford Northcote, amidst cheers moved his committal to Newgate, and the motion was adopted without debate or division.

It is anticipated that after Easter there will be an unusual rush of emigrants to America.

A new anti-slave trade convention has been concluded between Great Britain and Germany whereby co-operation between their war vessels in the suppression of the slave traffic is assured.

A boiler explosion occurred in Glasgow on Friday. Six persons were killed and 30 severely wounded.

In consequence of representations by the Russian Embassy in London a portion of the London Fire Brigade, engines horses and men, was held in readiness to proceed to St Petersburg but latest advices shew that no serious apprehensions are now felt.

FRANCE.—The new French Atlantic Company state that as soon as their English lines are completed their tariff will be two shillings a word.

The meeting of students on the 1st, at Paris, demanded the immediate release of Hartmann.

TURKEY.—The British Consul at Salonica has received a letter from Col. Synge. The Colonel and his wife are well treated. The chief of the brigands has disappeared, and negotiations for his release are consequently interrupted.

Heartrending accounts are received from Armenia. Fifty two persons have already died from starvation in Van alone. Thousands are endeavoring to emigrate to neighboring Persian Provinces, but the roads are covered deep with snow and many have perished on the journey.

RUSSIA.—On Tuesday last St. Petersburg, was gaily decorated and the day was observed as a general holiday in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Czar's accession. Vast crowds assembled before the Winter Palace. The troops were massed in the central quadrangle of the palace and immediate vicinity.

The Czar appeared on the balcony of the palace, where he remained 20 minutes saluting the multitude amid great enthusiasm.

After the morning's serenade the Czar held a reception at which the officers of the Imperial suit and higher grades of the army were present. At noon there was a solemn procession to the palace church, the Czar escorting the Czarina. After the *te Deum* the Czar received the diplomatic body in the throne room. It was a brilliant assembly. 4000 guests were present. A cantata composed by Prince Peter, of Oldenburg, was sung by 600 school children. The performance concluding with a national anthem, and the hymn "Long live the Czar." An immense crowd filled the street throughout the day.

In the evening the Imperial family, except the Czar, attended the theatre, where the national hymn was sung repeatedly in answer to enthusiastic applause. The Duchess of Edinburgh officiated for the Czarina at the assembly. The Duke of Edinburgh was present at all the ceremonies, wearing the uniform of the Duchess' regiment of Lancers.

Reports from the interior describe the festivities and rejoicing was general. There were no disturbances.

On Wednesday afternoon at St. Petersburg, Gen. Melikoff, chief of the new Supreme Executive Commission, was fired at by a young man, when alighting from his carriage. The General was not hurt. The culprit was seized by Cossacks. He is said to be a converted Jew named Modetsky, from Minsk, 430 miles southwest of St. Petersburg. He was tried and sentenced to be hanged. On Friday he was brought from the fortress to the place of execution strapped in a sitting posture, on a black vehicle, with his back to the horse. Placards bearing the words "State criminal," were attached to his breast. Just before being delivered to the hangman he said a few words to the priest and kissed the cross.

The execution took place in the presence of an immense concourse of people. The body remained hanging twenty minutes.

News.

Hon. Mr. Cutler, a member of our Legislative Council is ninety-six years old and has been a member of that body for forty-two years, and is still in attendance.

A boy 14 years of age, named James McGinnel, belonging to Halifax, enlisted in the 101st regiment and was sworn in before the Stipendiary Magistrate on Tuesday last.

The steamer Para sank two miles south of Cape Sable, in fourteen fathoms of water. She is in an upright position and her topmasts are visible. All hands saved, but vessel and cargo a total loss. She was bound to England from the United States.

On Friday last, while a man named McNeill was driving a horse and sled, with a puncheon of molasses, over the ice near Grand Narrows, C. B., the ice broke and all went through. The driver was drowned and the team and its load lost.

Gold has been discovered at Cambridge Station, Kings.