

might not be untrue, but if none but highly educated men should debate the question or talk upon the subject, the discussion here would be left to empty seats, chandeliers and the Speaker's chair. This, to say the least, would be awkward for the Sergeant-at-Arms and Usher of the Black Rod.

In the Legislative Council on Friday last the Hon. James S. Macdonald, in referring to the need of curtailing the expenses of the government, said:

"Another clause in the Address might be touched upon. I refer to the regret expressed that from economic necessity some important provincial services have suffered. A remedy should be looked for. I believe it can be found in a thorough investigation and reorganization of our Civil Service. I also believe that the majority of the electors of Nova Scotia feel convinced from a very slight examination of the case, that the machinery of Government in this small province is excessive and should be contracted to suit our resources without delay. As a step in this direction I believe that the public business would not suffer were our local legislature, instead of meeting every year, to meet every second year. In fully half of the States of the neighboring Republic they have discontinued annual sessions, and now meet for business every second year. It has been found that no public department has suffered by the change, and if adopted here would save legislative expenses, which amount annually to over \$40,000, which large sum would greatly benefit our roads and bridge services, which, if not relieved by larger appropriations, must suffer. Reduced representation for the different counties has been proposed, but has many objectionable features; an important one might be mentioned, that a small legislature is easily manipulated. But biennial sessions with full representation would, as shown, largely reduce the present cost of legislation, and would be a preparatory step to sweeping out our local legislature, and giving us the representation as at present possessed by the mother country, who, with her immense interests, finds them well looked after by a House of Commons and an Upper House, a copy of which we now have in the Commons and Senate at Ottawa. It is coming to it, and the sooner the better. Our best men make it their aim to get to the capital of the Dominion, our most important interests are now confined to the government at Ottawa. Our older and more experienced legislators are in favor of the change. It would save trouble. The amount saved would keep the roads and bridges in magnificent condition. The Province is at present groaning under an infliction of governmental machinery, and a preparatory step towards the great improvement we hope for would be the institution of biennial sessions of our local legislature, which will be found quite as effective in looking after the affairs of the Province as the present annual assemblies; and Nova Scotia would at once feel the benefit of the change in the large sum saved for other services, that at present is paid away for no fair equivalent."

According to this view of the proper course of proceeding, our Missionary Board have laid the foundation for work wisely and judiciously expended money in the buildings purchased and erected at Chicacoac, Bimbitam, and Bobbilly.

At the close of the debate in the House of Lords on Friday last, on the question of the retention or abandonment of Candahar, an amusing incident occurred. After the division, in which the Government was beaten by 89 votes, an unexpectedly large majority, as the Conservative majority in the Peers is only 63, Lord Beaconsfield, apparently in a dreamy fit of abstraction, walked slowly up to the Treasury bench as if he were about to resume the front seat he occupied when Prime Minister. On reaching it, and finding Earl Granville in occupation, he smiled to himself, quickly turned round, and crossed the House to the Opposition benches. At this there was a general laugh, Lord Beaconsfield himself joining in the hilarity, a thing never seen before by mortal man.

Rev. C. H. Carpenter "On the wing homewards," writes to the *Examiner & Chronicle* letters of what he sees. Of his visit to the American Baptist Mission at Madras, he says:—

Whenever missionary operations are finally determined upon in any town or district, a permanent home, a centre wisely chosen, becomes of the first importance. Unfortunately, your Mission to the large Telugu population of Madras is not yet anchored. A grand start has been made. The bow of your veterans, Dr. and Mrs. Jewett, still abides in strength, and they are engaged with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, in an earnest, loving, hand-to-hand, heart-to-heart grapple with heathenism in half a dozen different centres in this great city. But they are obliged to rent the best premises they can get for their purpose, in a somewhat out-of-the-way quarter. They have no suitable chapel. The little room that serves for the purpose was crowded to discomfort on both occasions that we met with them for public worship. Five thousand dollars, probably, would give them ample accommodations in a locality more central to their work than this. Is there not some one, or a score or two, among the myriad friends of the Telugu work, who will see that this great want is supplied? Mind, the money asked for will not be eaten up, or loaned on doubtful security. It will be a permanent investment in ground and bricks and mortar for the Master's use in preaching the gospel and translating his word for the fifteen and a half millions of Telugus.

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Notices.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Mrs. A. J. Leadbetter, North Brookfield.....\$1 00
M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer.
Halifax, March 8, 1881.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED.
Port William Sabbath School.....\$8 00
Miss Sophia A. Bishop, Pt. Williams 1 00
Rev. H. P. Cogswell, Salem, Mass. 5 00
New Glasgow Church, instalment. 5 00
G. E. DAY.

P. S.—The \$20.00 which was credited a week or two since to Hillgrove Church should have been put to the credit of "A Member of Hillgrove Church."
G. E. D.
Yarmouth, March 4, 1881.

ACADIA COLLEGE.
There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors in the College Building on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M.
STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS.
Wolfville, March 5, 1881.

The Home Mission Board of Hants County will meet at South Raydon on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev. E. Whitman is expected to preach in the evening.
Secretary.

Acknowledgments.
DONATION VISIT AT WESTPORT.—A large number of the friends of the pastor gathered at the parsonage on the evening of Feb. 10th, and after spending the evening in social conversation, presented the pastor with a donation of goods and cash amounting in all to the sum of \$45, as a token of their esteem for him, and their sympathy with him in his work. May the Lord abundantly bless the donors is the prayer of their pastor,
A. E. INGRAM.

I desire to express my most hearty thanks to our many friends of Bedeque and Esactown for their generous donations to the amount of \$90 in cash and useful articles. Never have I received more kindness than from my people

here. May the grace of God continue to make us a blessing to them.
E. N. ARCHIBALD.
Bedeque, P. E. I., Feb. 23, 1881.

Having been laid aside from pastoral work for the past six weeks, by illness from which I am now recovering, I desire to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and kindness, rendered in words and works, in this and other sections of my field of labor. I would especially record a friendly surprise on the 25th inst., by the deacons and a number of the members of my former charge, in connection with the 2nd Margaret's Bay Church, cheering our hearts by their presence and sympathetic expressions, and making us the recipients of \$25 in cash or its value. May they all share the blessedness of those represented in Matt. xxv. 34-40, is the prayer of
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Mr. Patrick Power, who died last week, leaves a property which he has willed to his wife, the dwelling and furniture and \$1600 per year; to his son Senator Power the annual income of \$40,000; to one daughter \$25,000, and another \$12,000, to the Pope \$1000, for the Roman Catholic poor of Halifax the interest of \$10,000, and several small bequests. The residue of the estate is to be applied to the establishing of an orphanage and reformatory for Catholic Boys in this city, and to aid in the introduction of the Jesuit Fathers into Halifax.

The Sugar Refinery is completed, and operations are to commence next week. There are three buildings: The Main building, of brick, granite and sandstone, is ten stories—118 feet high, 170 feet long, by 68 feet deep. The boiler-house built of brick, one story high, 57x71, is located between the main building and the sugar house; it contains an engine of 700 horse power, and three immense boilers. The raw sugar shed, built of wood, partly over water is 200 feet long by 80 feet wide, and will store from 2,500 to 3,000 hogheads of sugar, weighing from 1,500 to 2,500 pounds each. There are two wharves, one a 100 feet long, and 106 ft. wide; another somewhat smaller. The building is said to have cost \$120,000 and the machinery is valued at \$200,000. The capacity of the refinery is estimated at 500 bbis. per day, and it is expected that 150 men will be employed.

A young Miss Smith died at the residence of her grandfather in Liverpool, on Monday of last week, from the effects of falling into a tub of boiling water.

In some parts of Cape Breton there was last week eleven feet of snow.

The N. Y. and Acadia coal mine in this county, Col. Bennet, Manager, has been sold for \$46,000 to Mr. Molnis, of Hamilton. A company will be formed which will open extensive operations in the spring.—*Amherst Gazette*.

There was a heavy freshet in the Annapolis Valley last week. The Annapolis river rose to within six inches of the sills of the Nictaux bridge. The intervals were covered with from four to eight feet of water, and the Nictaux road, fifty rods south of the bridge was impassable; water to the depth of four or five feet was running across it like a mill race.

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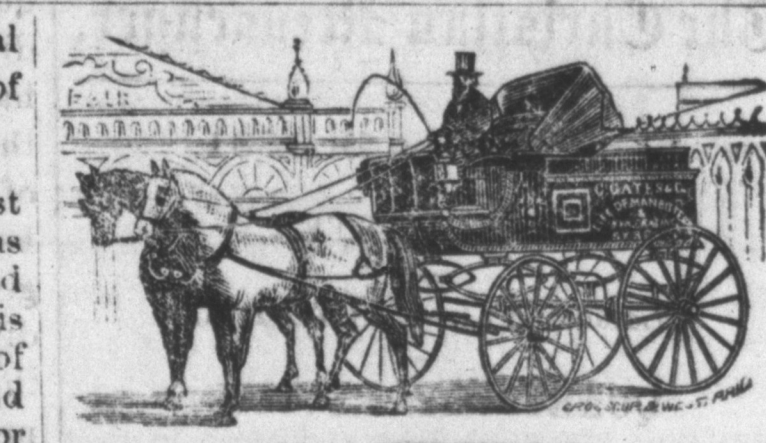
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