FEBRUARY 20, 1884.

CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

have completed their work, and their report will be laid before you for approval.

12. The attention of the Government has been directed to the need of a more simple and efficient system of pleadings and practice in the Pro vincial courts. A measure intended to effect reform in this direction, similar in character to that now in force in the mother country, will be submitted for your consideration.

13. You will also be asked to consider a bill designed, to secure more fully to married women the benefits and profits arising from their earnings and property.

14. The experience of each succeeding year strengthens the conviction that the allowances to Nova Scotia from the inadequate, and that they should be increased Your attention will be directed to this very important subject with a view to the adoption of such measures as may be calculated to most effectively present the claims of the Province.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

15. The accounts of the revenue and expenditure for the past year will be laid before you. You will be pleased to find that the revenue exceeded the estimate, and that by prudent management, the expenditure has been kept within the sum appropriated, thus leaving a surplus on the year's operations

The estimates for the current 16. year will also be submitted to you, and the sacrifice of Gen. Hicks Pasha. I trust you will find that they have been prepared with due regard to economy and the efficiency of the Public Service. Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr: Speaker and Gentlemen of the House

Aews of the World.

In the House of Lords on Tuesday last the Marquis of Salisbury moved a vote of censure on the government as follows:

"That in the opinion of this House the lamentable events in the Soudan were largely due to the vacillating policy of the Government."

In the discussion of this matter Earl Granville, Foreign Secretary, protested against the idea that because a foreign army solicited English officers, England was thereby made responsible for that army's success. It would be no econofederal treasury for local purposes are my of blood of English soldiers to send them to hold the Soudan. The Government had no intention of annexing Egypt. They would remain there simply long enough to secure stable government. The only thing that could be done would be to appoint a first rate man to represent England in Egypt, and then recommend efficient men to civil and military positions, and give them English support.

The Marquis of Salisbury's motion was carried by a vote of 181 to 81.

In the House of Commons on the same day Sir Stafford Northcote made a motion of censure similar to that made | magazine, filled their pouches to the in the House of Lords by the Marquis of Salisbury. He strongly denounced

Mr. Gladstone, on rising to reply, was greeted with loud and prolonged cheers. He denied that there had been any vacillation or inconsistency in the Government's Egyptian policy. They had tried to keep peace in the interest of

and this Russia can now guarantee. out to sea. All the fishermen are believed to have been drowned.

While a wedding party was crossing | houses are out of the water. the river Thesis, near Domrad, in Austria the ice broke and thirty five members of the party were drowned. The a wreck, and Shiloh is worse than party occupied seven carriages and were Neville. Half of Higginsport is in returning from a wedding. When half the water. Levonna is badly subacross the river the vehicles followed merged. Ripley is in a terrible coneach other too closely and the ice gave dition. The misery, destruction and way, engulfing the whole party.

Affairs in Egypt are far from encouraging. The London Standard's correspondent at Suakim telegraphs as follows: At last the heroic garrison of Sinkat has been butchered. For a fortnight they had eaten roots and tree leaves. It was an enfeebled band indeed which sortied to die amidst rebel hordes. Tewfik Bey had harangued his men, saying that by fighting they might save themselves, but by remaining must die from hunger in a few days. Flight was impossible. The men thus animated with Tewfik Bey's spirit, destroyed the military stores, exploded the utmost with cartridges, and issued forth six hundred strong against the rebels. Osman Degma's hordes rushed to attack Tewfik Bey, and the men tought nobly for a long time. They repulsed every attempt to break their ranks, but finally superior numbers prevailed, and with a rush, the rebels broke through one of the sides of the Egyptian

vinces if only their rear is covered, are wrecks. The water is running behind Augusta, making an island of it. It is reported that a mass of ice near | Dover, Ky, is in 12 feet of water in the Caspian Sea, upon which fifty the shallowest part. New Palestine. fishermen were at work, was carried Obio, is ruined. New Richmond is still worse off. In Point Pleasant, General Grant's birth place, only two

> Moscow is in a bad condition, many houses having disappeared. Neville is distress cannot be overdrawn.

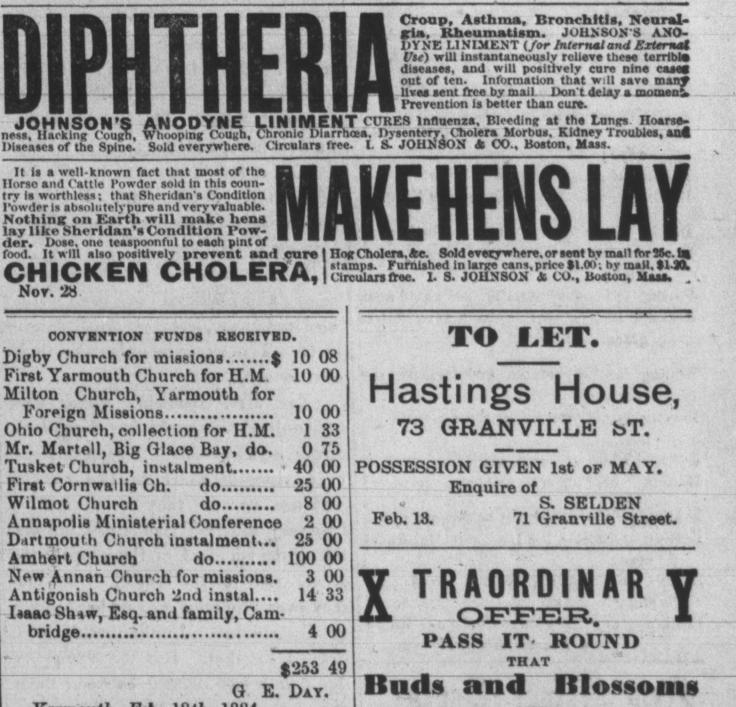
The Ohio River will continue to rise at Cincinnati and points below the Cumberland, Arkansas. The Central and Lower Mississippi and Red Rivers will continue to rise.

Twenty houses floated away from Newport, Ky, on the 14th, and every street in the flooded part is blockaded. On Thursday it was reported from Jeffersonville nearly every street had disappeared. If the water continues to rise at the present rate by noon Friday there will not be a dry spot in the town. The sights are most appall ing and distressing. Many houses have caved in and hundreds have perished huddled together in the same building. Many remain in the second stories, shivering and suffering from dampness and cold, and in many cases from hunger.

Utica, Ind., is almost out of sight. The inhabitants have fled to the hills. Clarksville, Ind., is entirely depopulated. Relief is coming in very slowly. A telegram from Leonport said 200



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17. The measures which I have mentioned will, I doubt not, receive with others that may be brought before you, your careful consideration; and I the present Government created. It now commend to you for the exercise of your legislative wisdom, the affiirs of our Province, confident in your intelligent regard for its welfare, and resting assured that-your deliberations will be productive of advantage to the important interests committed to your care.

In the Council Cnamber after the members of the Assembly had retired the Speech was again read by the Clerk-Hon. Mr. McCurdy then moved the Address in reply thereto. This was

The Committees or Laws and Privileges of the House and on reporting the Debates having been appointed, the House adjourned till 3 p. m. on Friday.

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of returning, the Opening Speech was read by IIis Hon. the Speaker atter which a bill pro forma was moved by Dr. Haley.

Mr. Munroe then moved the Address in reply to the Opening Speech and made some very suitable remarks in reference to several of the subjects noticed. On the railway question he said he hal hoped last year that the taking of the Eastern Extension Railway would put the Province in a position of financial improvement. He believed, however, that the arrangement made with regard to our eastern railways was the best that could be made under the circumstances He trusted that arrangements would be made by the Dominion Government, in co-operation with the Local Government, to provide for filling in the gap between Digby and Annapolis, so that we would possess one continuous line of railway from Halifax to Yarmouth.

It was equally a matter of satisfaction to know that work had been resumed upon the Nictaux and Atlantic Railway, with every assurance of being carried on to completion.

An increased subsidy was necessary in order that our public works might he carried on more efficiently, and he considered that the Province had a fair claim to a more liberal allowance. He trusted that the Dominion Government would meet that claim in a spirit of generosity.

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the three hundred millions who composed the British Empire. The situa tion in Egypt was not a situation which was one which they had found. He said four thousand men had been ordered to Suakim, and that General Gordon had a plan of his own for ex-

tricating the garrison and restoring the

country to its former pacific condition. Papers have been presented to Parliament regarding General Gordon's mission in the Soudan. Among them are Sir Evelyn Baring's instructions to General Gordon with respect to the evacution of the Soudan. General seconded by the Hon. Mr. Franchville. Gordon is given the fullest liberty to use his own discretion in the premises. £100,000 have been placed to his credit and additional funds will be granted if necessary. General Gordon believes that the bulk of El Mahdi's troops at El Obeid will refuse to cros; the Nile. He thinks only 4,000, chiefly blacks, will cross, and that the latter will desert El Mahdi if offered fair terms. He

considers it to be an iniquity to reconquer the Soudan for the Khedive, as it would be a useless possession on account of its deadly climate.

Great activity prevails at Woolwich. It is understood that a battery of artillery will be sent to Suakim forthwith.

Four million cartridges are being shipped to Egypt.

The London Times says : " The first stroke of the whip has fallen and all England tingles with the pain of the blow. If no change shall be announced in the Ministerial policy the gathering dissatisfaction of the country will have a serious and perhaps decisive effect on the division in the House of Commons upon Sir Stafford Northcote's motion of censure."

A meeting, at'ended by fifteen thousand, was held at Sheffield on Wednesday. A resolution was adopted denouncing the Egyptian policy of the Government as a sacrifice of national honor and prestige.

Mr. Bradlaugh has applied for the Chiltern Hundreds. This is a resignation of his seat in Parliament by the acceptance of a nominal office at salary of 20 shillings a year.

square.

A general massacre ensued and not a soul escaped. According to the latest reports only four sick men, unable to take part in the sortie, Cadi of Sinkat and thirty women were spared by the away and the people are living on the rebels. Before the sortie the rebel Sheikh approached Sinkat and summoned Tewfik Bey to surrender, saying his life would be spared. The garrison answered defiantly reviling the rebels. During the sortie the

women and children followed in the rear of the soldiers. Large numbers of rebels were killed.

The rebels fired on the forts at Suakim, but soon retired. Some of the shots reached the military headquarters. Baker Pasha had a narrow escape.

A despatch from Cairo on Sunday says General Gordon has reached The snow on Big Summit is ten feet Khartoum. He has had a proclamation deep posted recogniz ng El Mahdi as the Sultan of Khardotan, remitting half the taxes and placing no restrictions on the slave trade. The Arabs of Khartoum express great satisfaction.

The Black Watch regiment was to start for Suez on Saturday morning. Medical inspection of the men was made drowned. and only three per cent of them were rejected. Many of the latter wept with vexation.

Sir Evelyn Baring, British Minister at Cairo is ill with chills and lever.

The council of war at Cairo decided and ordered the Black Watch, the Gordon Highlanders, 16 h Rifles, 18th Hussars (mounted infantry), a battalion of Egyptian troops with English officers and an Egyptian camel battery, manned by British artillerymen, to Suakim, they are expected to reach there within a week.

The news of the despatch of British forces is spreading rapidly, and the rebels were in consequence dispersing. Gen. Gordon telegraphs Feb. 15 I have formed a committee of detense with well-to-do families of Berber. Precipitate action may have thrown them into the arms of the enemy. tion. Patience alone is requi-ite." He asks the authorities at Cairo to send arms and ammunition for the Berberines.

Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood has declared

ple are under water and suffering. At Point Pleasant, a town of 3,000 inhabitants, there is not a foot of ground not six feet under water

Fully 100 houses have been washed decks of barges, in the court house and in fact wherever they can get

shelter. These are but samples of the con dition of the towns all along the banks of the great rivers.

Forty passengers were injured and a child killed by an accident to the Chicago train near Green, Ohio, on the morning of the 13th.

A stage coach loaded with passen. gers which left Croville, Utab, over two weeks ago, has not been heard from since, and is undoubtedly buried in a nowbank and the passengers all killed.

A mixed train on the Central South-

ern Railroad dropped through a bridge into the Seneca River, at Weedsport. Wednesday afternoon. The bridge had been weakened by the flood. Burridge way, engineer, John Straight, fireman,

and Timothy Danaher, brakeman, were

Roffices.

The quarterly session of this Conven tion will be held on the 11th of next month (March), at half past 2 o'clock. P. M., in the Baptist Meeting House at Acadia Mines, Londonderry We have a full programme for afternoon and evening.

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