

LOCAL MATTERS.

FORTY FOUR DAYS HAVE THE PEOPLE MOURNED HIM.

The Kindly Bains

Have replenished the wells, sadly diminished the snow, and put the snow melting business in several country places at an end.

Back to the Woods.

Several of the small parties who had to come out of the lumber woods in consequence of the deep snow, since the last rains have returned again, and resumed their chopping and hauling.

Our Streets.

Hard frost will make the sidewalks in most of the back streets in an impassable condition; and it is all due to the kind of zeal Mr. Commissioner Murray brings to his duties.

Personal.

We are pleased to learn that Senator Muirhead's condition continues to improve.

We have been told that our Deserter is homeward bound. But he is too late. The fight is fought and the battle is lost to the side he deserted. We learn Mr. Henry Muirhead is also homeward bound.

Sudden Death in the Woods.

Yesterday the body of a young man named Cl. Haynes, who lived in the lower end of the town, was brought home. Deceased was a young man not long married, and he had been employed with Mr. Graham in the lumber woods, near Red Pine station, I. C. R. Two days ago he took out his gun to hunt caribou, and not returning in the evening parties went and found him lying dead beside a tree. The poor fellow probably died of heart disease, of which he had been complaining. Our sympathies are extended to the bereaved wife and others.

The Season at an End.

Those who howled because the Government shortened the smelt fishing season four days, can now see the wisdom of the order. The very day before the order was to take effect, telegrams poured in from New York agents, Buy no more; the market will not be able to take them, and so on. Had the time been fixed at the 15th, at the next spring tides there would be very large hauls; these would be thrown upon the market, and they would perish there. They would sell, it is true for manure, at about a dollar a ton. Beyond this again shippers for the past month would have shipped all the fish they had instead of holding them back as they wisely have done, and the result would have been that the prices would have ruled so low, that the fishermen would not have made 60 per cent of what they have made. Inspector Venning, and Overseer Wyse, and the Department generally are to be congratulated on the success of their "order."

Hemlock Bark—A word to the Legislature.

THERE are huge piles of hemlock bark lying along the I. C. Railway at various points between here and Moncton. Much of this of course is intended for the Messrs. Miller proprietors of the extract factory at Derby. But a good deal of it is not intended for extract purposes, but for transportation in its raw condition. The STAR was the first paper to take up the hemlock question, and all the other papers are saying about the subject now, is a mere echo of what we have so often said. They are all prepared so far to say something must be done to preserve our hemlock, and even Mr. E. Jack has written over his name to some of the papers to the same effect; but neither Mr. Jack nor the papers have put in a curative clause in any of their reasonings. The question facing us now is, How are we to protect our hemlock, without working serious mischief to some of our important industries here? This is the question members of the Legislature ought to consider, and this is the point upon which the noisy St. John papers ought to express themselves. We have stated twenty times that if the destruction of our hemlock trees is to continue, there will soon be none of any value left; we have pointed out that the voracious Shaw Bros. are devouring our bark every year, while they allow their hemlock forests in Maine to stand. The Shaws export the raw bark, while the Messrs. Miller export the extract. Let us show the difference in profit to the country. The Shaws send away enough hemlock bark in one year, to keep an extract factory employed for ten years; but as they only give employment to those who cut and haul the bark, and to the railroads, the Millers who manufacture it here give as much employment for the tenth quantity they use, as Shaws do for ten times as much. What is sent out of the Province in one year, raw, would supply the factories for ten; let that be borne in mind. We understand the Messrs. Miller have taken steps for turning the peeled hemlock trees into boards; and to that end will erect mills in suitable places or at least one mill. We believe they also intend transferring their business from Quebec to this Province. One thing is clear, the Government can't stop the taking of bark for that would be to board their trees as the miser does his plate; but they can do the next best thing, and that is pass a statute of discrimination. Increase the stumpage to three fold on all bark cut for other than local tanning or extract purposes. That will preserve our forests, at the same time that it will continue employment to many of our people. We hope members of the Legislature will cut out this item.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

SECOND DAY OF MOURNING FOR ABSENT M. P. P.'S.

An abundance of green wood and hay in the market. Some boys have hired the room in the Dunn Building, just above the Bank of British North America, occupied winter before last by the notorious "Bipe Circle." All the neighbors are in fear and trembling as they know their wood piles will suffer and their slumber be disturbed.

Some ice broke off the Normal School roof yesterday afternoon and broke the top of Harvey's Coach. The coach however drives is no better than the Captain Wilmot's Ark.

Captain Loggie commanded his first Guard of Honor yesterday at the opening of the House. He is far superior to Mr. Cropley as a Captain, as he gives the men peace while in the ranks. One of those pop-guns that are used at the opening of the House was disabled yesterday, so we had "minute guns." Did they foretell the death of the Government or the annihilation of the Loyal Opposition? Those guns now lie where they were used, and nobody seems to care for them.

Since Monday one of the classes of student teachers have had their lectures in the Reform Club Building, their quarters in the Normal School building being occupied by the Local Legislature.

One of the Barker House horses ran away from the new Parliament building this afternoon going up the front street to the stables. It made business lively for a few minutes.

Mr. Postmaster McPeake has an African employed clearing away the snow in front of the Post Office. He does not intend the office to be flooded as it has been in past years.

Our Methodist friends undertook to give the public a lecture course this winter. In two months they have had three. This is not very satisfactory to the patrons of the course.

The Supreme Court in bane is still in session.

The Attorney General entertains the Lawyers now in the city at Miss Kate McMichael's this evening.

Ex-Mayor Gregory will go to Ottawa on Friday to argue two appeal cases before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Logan's friends do not expect him to live until Saturday.

[Mr. Logan has since died. He had the name of being a good citizen. We knew nothing about him.—Ed.]

Feb. 9, 1880.

THE "CAPITAL" ON HON. M. ADAMS.

Some articles which the Fredericton Capital published sometime ago on Crown Land Matters were re-printed here, and introduced as criticisms of the administration of the Surveyor General. The articles were by no means fault finders; and these who think so should read the following from a late number of the Capital.

"A Chatham weekly newspaper recently contained a bitter attack on the Surveyor General, the plain object of which was to arouse the feelings of Mr. Adams' co-religionists against him. It is a matter of very little moment to the public whether the Surveyor General is, or is not, a Roman Catholic. In holding him to an account of his political stewardship, his relations to the church are a matter of the purest indifference. In such things we presume he is neither better nor worse than the average of men. What the public and his constituents have to do with, is how he has discharged his duties as a representative of the whole county, and as the head of a most important public department? If he has done them well, then his conduct should receive approval; if ill, then, though he be a thrice confirmed catholic, he should be condemned. The position of Surveyor General is truly one of great responsibility—of much greater responsibility than those who talk so flippantly about it imagine. The number of claims which have to be adjudicated upon annually is very large, and they are in many instances intricate and difficult of solution. It would be folly to say that the Surveyor General has in all cases given satisfaction. No man could do so. But we are sure that in all cases he has endeavored to do what is right. The reports which he has published contain very much that is valuable for present instructions and future reference. How he has conducted the local patronage of the county we do not know. We can only form an opinion from the fact that he is assailed from the "religious" standpoint, and this a long experience tells us indicates an extreme poverty of facts whereon to base an attack.

To Err is Human.

Without at all intending to rebuke the Advocate, or to say that it blundered in being rather previous in publishing its extracts from the Crown Land Report, or that its error is not one that the STAR or any other newspaper might have fallen into, we would simply remind it, that it is human to err; and that when another paper makes an incorrect statement even about a drove of "caribou," it ought to deal with the case mercifully. In the case of the Advocate we will not say there was a "hoaxer abroad."

Fishing Notes

The parties from Chatham fishing bass on the Northwest are doing fairly. On Friday and Saturday night of last week some of them made \$20 each. Bass bring 9cts per lb in local markets.

There are sixteen persons from Chatham fishing oysters down river—some at Bay du Vin and some at Oak Point, for parties in Chatham.

Off Again.

The Chatham Railway engine got "off the track" on Wednesday last, but was got on again by means of handspikes. It is said to have got into trouble since that again.

The Islands.

Towards the river's mouth are now partially bare of snow, and parties having bay there have gone to haul it home.

OUR LOCAL LEGISLATURE IN SESSION.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 9. (Special to STAR.)

[NOTE—This despatch was intended for last issue of the STAR, but did not reach the STAR office till 5.15, or after our paper had gone to press. We have enquired of the official reporter when he sent the despatch.—Ed. STAR.]

The following committee were appointed today on public accounts: Messrs. Lynott, Thompson, McLellan, Wood, Turner, and Sayre.

Law Procedure—Messrs. Hannington, Davidson, Ritchie, Barbarie, Hill, Morton. Agriculture, Messrs. Wedderburn, Turner, White, Lynott, Ryan, Johnson, Morton, Theriault, Gillespie, Butler, Barbarie, McLellan, Covert, Beveridge, Black and Colter.

Mr. Willis asked if the Government had inquired if the gentleman who had the official reporting last year would take the position this year or if they had asked for offers for the reporting from any one but the party who had been appointed last year.

The Provincial Secretary replied that the Government had been informed that the official reporter of last year had left the Province and was employed in Halifax, but the arrangements for the reporting were the same as last year.

A motion by Dr. Vail making the rules of order the same as last session, was allowed to stand over for a fuller house.

Mr. Covert submitted the first report of the Contingent committee; it orders that members of the House be allowed the privilege of franking their correspondence during the Session; that members be allowed to frank telegraph despatches, provided, however, that no member be allowed to exceed the sum of twenty dollars; that the Sec'y of the committee furnish the members of the House and clerks with necessary stationery and that one copy of each paper in the Province be ordered for the use of the House during the session.

Recess.

Messrs. Hannington, Davidson, Hill Sayre, Barbarie, Morton and Ritchie were appointed a committee to whom shall be referred all bills regarding the procedure and practice of the courts of law.

Hon Mr. Wedderburn and Messrs. Turner, White, Lynott, Ryan, Johnston, Morton, Theriault, Gillespie, Butler, Barbarie, McLellan, Covert, Beveridge, Black and Colter were appointed a committee on agriculture.

Mr. Willis moved, seconded by Mr. Butler, that each member of the House be furnished with two copies of last year's synoptic report of the debates.

The Provincial Secretary said there was no need of a formal resolution as he would have the reports furnished if it was the desire of the House.

Mr. Vail moved, seconded by Mr. Willis, that the rules relative to the government of the House, as reported by a committee last year, be adopted this year.

Hon Mr. Wedderburn said there was some opposition to the rules last year, and it might be better to hold this resolution over till there was a fuller House.

The Speaker said, with great deference to the House, he would like the matter to be dealt with, as what were the rules of the House and the rules from the chair were often confused.

Mr. Willis said there was an expression of dissent to the rules on the part of the House last year.

Hon Mr. Frazer said the opposition to the rules came up very late in the session, when there wasn't time to discuss them, and the understanding was that they should be considered this year.

Mr. Hill said that he was on the committee last year upon whose report the resolution is based. The committee went carefully through the rules, struck out some and changed some others and gave considerable time to the work.

The matter was then allowed to lie over.

After recess a message was received from the Legislative Council that Mr. Harrison had been appointed on the Joint Committee of the Legislative Library in the place of the late Hon Mr. Beckwith.

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FEB. 10.

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Hon Mr. Marshall introduced a bill intitled an Act to make provision for annual returns of municipal and civic indebtedness which was read a first time. The act provides: whereas municipal and civic corporations within the Province derive from the Legislature the authority by which they borrow money and issue debentures or certificates of indebtedness; therefore it is advisable that an annual return of such indebtedness be laid before the Legislature.

At 12 o'clock Mr. Kenny suggested that the order of the day be postponed until 2.30, as many of the members were absent.

Mr. Willis said that though most of the Government members were absent he would like to see the business of the country proceed. The opposition did not object to a reasonable amount of delay but on an occasion like this they

thought the Government members should be in their place.

Dr. Vail suggested that the House take recess.

On motion of Mr. Hill the House took recess till 2.30.

The address in reply was moved by Mr. Kenny and seconded by Mr. Loughton. Mr. Kenny's speech was clear and calm, and he expressed himself at length upon the unprofessional items in the address, and commended the other measures as meeting the wishes of the public voice. He laid much stress upon the New Board of Agriculture and complimented the Government on their success in this new departure.

Mr. Blair followed Mr. Kenny and talked all round the compass. He sneered at the speech, laid down the policy of the Opposition, a policy of iconoclasm, which has for its leading idea the abolition of our Legislative Council, the abandonment of Government House, the reduction of the executive. All these he got from Mr. Lawrence's letter. He made his annual assault on Messrs. Adams, Landry and Hannington.

Mr. Fraser replying took the wind out of Mr. Blair's sails; said the country approved the attention shown the agricultural delegates; that a man's profession did not disqualify him for office, and asked if Mr. Blair would try to depreciate the legal profession on his own canvass. He called Blair's speech a kind of cheap blowing off.

Willis followed and kept up a wind tempest, a speech of hollow sounding bombast for two hours. The Legislature receives his speech as the desert travellers receive the simoom.

(Special to the Star.) Fredericton, Feb 11.

THE SURVEYOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

After Mr. Willis had finished his two hours speech this afternoon, in which he censured the members of the Government generally and Surveyor General Adams in particular, traversing the ground of Mr. Blair, who preceded him, Mr. Adams made a brilliant and able reply. He first explained satisfactorily how it happened that a notice of his report was published in the Advocate before the report was tabled. He was surprised when he saw the notice and telegraphed the Messrs. Anslows for an explanation. These gentlemen had replied that having mailed the reports to Mr. Adams on Saturday and having understood that they would be laid on the table Wednesday, they had concluded that the report had been tabled and published the notice accordingly, a mistake for which they expressed much regret. He was satisfied that these gentlemen would not intentionally commit a breach of faith in such a manner and that no one could regret the occurrence more than they did.

He would not have spoken on the address but for the manner in which he had been assailed by Mr. Blair and Mr. Willis; who among other things charged it as a crime against the Gov't, that six lawyers should hold its portfolios. He claimed that the House and the country cared nothing about who should fill these positions so long as they faithfully and efficiently performed their trust, and this he was sure would be found to be the result this year as before when the state ments of the Gov't. were submitted. He was surprised when he looked back to 1872 to see that Mr. Willis then went into a Government

COMPOSED LARGELY OF LAWYERS

and made no objection to entering such bad company.

Mr. Willis, there was then a question of public policy—a good reason.

Mr. Adams, yes, but a man who had made so many changes and had been so crooked a politician should not be the first to cast stones at his neighbors. He was also surprised to find Mr. Blair, after his visit to Westmorland expressing himself satisfied that that County was solid opposition, and that Northumberland was also in danger. He thought the leader of the Opposition had better turn his attention to York County. For his own part, he knew he had political enemies but he was not afraid of Northumberland going back on him. There were rumors from York however in reference to Mr. Blair's safety and he would remind that gentleman it makes all the difference in the world, who he talks to when he is abroad, whether friends or foes.

The question of his going into the Government had been so thoroughly discussed last year, that he could not see why Messrs. Blair and Willis should go so far out of their way to refer to it again; and still charge it against him as a great crime. His constituents were quite able to deal with that matter were just as conscientious in questions of public morals as Mr. Blair was and had settled it when he went back to them and was returned by acclamation. The same would apply to Mr. Landry and Mr. Hannington, and needed no further answer. He would beg to remind Mr. Blair that in his case there was no bribery and corruption—but how was it with Mr. Blair? Petitions setting forth bribery and corruption has been filed against that gentleman, and instead of fighting it out on the high-toned principles he had so voluntarily laid down for others he resigned and had to run his election over again admitting the charges by his resignation. He (Mr. Adams) said at the hustings he believed the time had come when the people of the country should have a full and clear exposition of its finances; and was pleased to hear the leader of the opposition say last year that the statement presented was the fullest ever made to the country. He stated that strong feelings then existed in his county in reference to the

CHATHAM BRANCH RAILWAY.

and he had been accused for two years of proceeding against Snowball in the

matter by some because they were not political friends. He was pleased to hear the Attorney General tell the House yesterday that those proceedings were commenced before he joined the Government which was on the 12th of July.

Mr. Willis—A very good day.

Mr. Adams,—yes,—the day you rode the white horse. My constituents had peculiar ideas of the propriety and circumstances of Snowballs claims, and it was only right it should have been investigated.

The POLICY OF THE OPPOSITION should be outlined if they seek to overthrow the Government: it was only proper and legitimate that they should do so, or how would the county of York know what is before them? The fair way would be to announce their policy, then let the people compare that policy with the policy of the Government and judge for themselves between both. The whole stock in-trade of the opposition for two years had been criticism, and fault finding without suggesting any remedy for alleged evils—they fought along that line persistently and consistently. He refuted the insinuations of favoritism made by Willis touching the

SALE OF CROWN LANDS.

and showed that competition had always been open to all; and that it was not his fault if the lands had been sold at or above the upset price to this one, or for different figures to another. The Crown had advertised it in blocks of 200 acres each to prevent monopoly and to give small purchasers a fair chance. He had treated every body fairly in the management of his Department; and had done his best to conserve the interests of the public, and he felt sure that when the papers were laid before the House, hon gentlemen and the public would be satisfied.

Mr. Adams' speech is admitted by all to have been very able and one of the Surveyor Generals best efforts and at the close he was warmly applauded.

WANT OF CONFIDENCE.

Mr. Covert then moved the following amendment to be added to a paragraph in the speech, which was seconded by Mr. Gillespie. "That we cannot longer approve of the continued monopoly of all departments of the Government by members of the legal profession, nor in fact does the general conduct of affairs by your Honors present advisers command our entire confidence."

Mr. Covert spoke for a few minutes after which the Government supporters called "Question," and sergeant at arms was directed to call in the members.

Mr. Barbarie then moved an adjournment of debate which is set down for the order of the day on Monday afternoon. Its discussion may occupy most part of next week.

STAR BRIEFS.

—There is now excellent going on the ice.

—F. H. Fleigher, Esq., has visited his stock-farm at Escuminac and finds everything thriving.

—Mr. Robert Loggie of Black Brook, has gone to New York to look after recent fish shipments. This is proper attention to business.

—A car load of oats has arrived at Newcastle station from Jacquet River, Restigouche, for Alex. Morrison of Chatham, and Mr. Sergeant of Nelson. This is the second carload Mr. Morrison was interested in this season, from that quarter.

—One of the ladders belonging to No. 1 engine was taken out of the ladder house on Wednesday night, and placed on a fence hard by, where it still remains. A well guarded fire department isn't it?

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2.—To extend Charter rights of the said company and to extend an Act made and passed in the 39th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, Queen Victoria, entitled, "An act to alter the rates of booming of said company" on the 1st May 1872. Dated the 29 December 1879.

ALEX. MORRISON, President.

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