

Maritime Farmer.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 4, 1885.

The Council's Amendments to the Address.

If the Government were able to persuade the members of the Assembly to swallow the address in reply to the Governor's speech without protest, except from the leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Adams, they found the temper of the Legislative Council quite unsuited to the reception and passage of that remarkable document, until some striking amendments thereto, had been struck.

Death of Hon. Isaac Burpee.

It is with a sincere feeling of regret, that we record the death of Hon. Isaac Burpee, M. P., for St. John City and County, which occurred on New York on Monday, Mr. Burpee had been in poor health for some time, the worry of business and political matters, together with severe family affliction, having completely broken down his naturally strong constitution. It was thought, however, that rest and change would restore his strength, and he sailed for New York a few months ago. Lately, however, reports concerning his health, had not been cheering, and it may be said that the announcement of his death on Monday, was not unexpected.

Some Items of Provincial Expenditure.

A glance through the Auditor General's Report on the public accounts of New Brunswick, for 1884, is worth the time, even if only to observe how lavishly Mr. Blair has strewn the public funds among certain of his friends, whose zeal in the service of the Government, is thus explained. The following items are suggestive:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes James H. Crockett (\$200.00), James H. Crockett (\$100.00), James H. Crockett (\$200.00), James H. Crockett (\$75.00), James H. Crockett (\$450.00), James H. Crockett (\$177.50), James H. Crockett (\$414.50), James H. Crockett (\$13.25), James H. Crockett (\$29.00), James H. Crockett (\$16.65), James H. Crockett (\$2.75), James H. Crockett (\$3.88), James H. Crockett (\$100.00), James H. Crockett (\$185.55), James H. Crockett (\$20.00), James H. Crockett (\$14.50), James H. Crockett (\$9.00), James H. Crockett (\$5.05).

It may be interesting to know that this James H. Crockett is the alleged proprietor of Mr. Blair's subsidized organ, which during the year 1884, secured two thousand one hundred and thirty-five dollars and sixty-nine cents of the public funds of this Province. The zeal of the subsidized organ on Mr. Blair's behalf, will therefore be very readily understood, after an examination of these figures.

Mr. Blair not only subsidized the alleged proprietor, but paid also to the alleged editor, the sum of \$255 for writing a hand-book of New Brunswick, which has not yet seen the light of day. Summarizing the amount of public money handed over in 1884 to the concern now popularly known as the subsidized organ, we have the following:—

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Paid to the alleged proprietor, \$2,135 69; Paid to the alleged editor, \$255 00; Total, \$2,390 69.

There is another little account that will be read with interest. It shows the advantages that a certain legal firm reap from handing the public funds. As salary for discharging the duties of Attorney General, Mr. Blair received during 1884, the sum of \$2,100, and for travelling expenses, \$476. These we find on George F. Gregory, for professional services, has drawn during 1884, the sum of nine hundred and one dollars, a total of three thousand four hundred and seventy-seven dollars paid to Messrs. Gregory & Blair. Adding this amount to the sum of two thousand six hundred and sixty dollars and sixty-nine cents, the cost of the subsidized organ, we have the following summary:—

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Paid to subsidized organ, \$2,000 00; Paid to Gregory & Blair, 3,477 00; Total, \$5,477 00.

These figures are taken from the accounts, and may be verified by anybody who will take the trouble to procure a copy of the Auditor General's Report.

Hon. John Flowering's Decree.

Hon. John Flowering, M. L. C., of Hampton, King's County, was among the members of the Legislature who arrived in this city last Wednesday evening, to be present at the opening ceremonies the following day, but it was decreed that the honorable gentleman should never again take his seat, nor indeed be permitted to mingle again with his fellow men. On the train coming from St. John, he was attacked with a mild form of apoplexy, and although some hopes were entertained for his recovery, he gradually sank, and on Monday night about 11 o'clock died at the Royal Hotel.

The Organ's attack on Mr. Adams.

Mr. Blair's subsidized organ does not have the temerity to deny, that a Chief Superintendent Crockett acted the part of a political demagogue in the meeting of the Northumberland Teachers' Institute, but assails Mr. Adams for his reference to the matter, during the debate on the address in the Assembly, Thursday evening. Now Mr. Adams stated nothing but what he is in a position to prove by more than one gentleman, equal in respectability to the Attorney General, or his partisan Chief Superintendent, and both these officials will here more on the subject before the session closes. Mr. Blair, however, exhibited more hardihood than his organ, for he put forward the statement, that Mr. Crockett denied that he had made political references in Chatham, or attacked the late Government. Then Mr. Crockett will deny anything and everything. Does not Mr. Crockett remember that so injudicious, and out-of-place were his remarks on that occasion, that the members of the Institute decided to incorporate them in the official record of the proceedings?

Regarding the Organ's unjustifiable attack on Mr. Adams, we may say that its alleged proprietor must have had quite a different opinion of the ex-Surveyor General, a few months ago, when he, the alleged proprietor, sought Mr. Adams' influence to assist in the

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

The Government intervened by the Licensed Victuallers, Scott Act supporters, and other varieties of people.—The Corollary case. Senatorial Scintillating—The proposed Treaty with Spain—Sir Richard snubbed.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Just as I was closing my last letter, a very interesting scene was taking place in the Opera House here, being a conference between the Premier and a most imposing array of what are euphemistically termed "Licensed Victuallers." Owing to the surprising rapidity with which the Scott Act is being accepted by the Counties of Ontario and other Provinces, the trade in liquors, which not only cherishes but unhappily inebriates also is being rapidly brought face to face with the very serious problem of its own existence, and not only is the direct trade in intoxicants threatened by the temperance resolution, but many other lines of business which are closely allied with it, and to a large extent depend upon it for their profit and success. The "Licensed Victuallers" consequently, were not alone in coming before the authorities, but also the support of a number of the managers of banks and loan societies, who claimed that the Scott Act was hurting their business; coopers, who deplored the falling off in the demand for casks; cigar manufacturers who had to tell of a waning appreciation for their odiferous commodities, and brewers, who were learning to sympathize with the distillers in their griefs. With one voice did these allied forces

PROTEST AGAINST THE PROPRIETY OF SEMI-TARIFF LEGISLATION.

and demand that if Parliament, after having legalized their business for generations, was now going to allow it to be swept away, it should in all justice make some compensation to the sufferers. The Premier listened very patiently and attentively while the case was being most effectively stated by Mr. Fullerton, and then made reply in that candid, courteous but expeditious non-committal way, which he so perfectly understands. Admitting the great importance of the representations which had been made, he disclaimed all ability on the part of the Government to deal with it, independent of Parliament. It was a matter for legislation altogether, he said, and not a matter of executive administration for the government to deal with, as a government, and he assured them that he would receive the fullest consideration from Parliament. While carefully refraining from committing the Government, however, he uttered no uncertain sound as to his own individual views: "As to the question of compensation—If total prohibition were introduced I certainly, as one, should vote for compensation," and it would be difficult to see how the soundness of such a position can be assailed. The liquor traffic having been legalized, surely has a claim for compensation in event of its abolition, just as the slave traffic had. But I shall not pursue so difficult a subject further.

SOME MISTAKE IN HIS BEING AMONG THE GENTS.

and this idea is strengthened whenever he assumes the role of assiduous, because, in truth, his manner is courteous, and his method so fair, that really it is hard to understand how he ever came to enroll himself under Mr. Blair's banner. However, there he is, regrettable as the fact may be, and being there it is of course his duty from time to time to make attacks upon the Government of the day. On Monday afternoon last, the ground of his assault was the action of the Government in reference to their Short Line Railway Policy, and although his motion was unexceptionable in itself, he accompanied it with a good deal that required reply at the hands of the Premier and Sir Hector Langavie. Mr. Laurier wanted the section of the route for the Short Line to be subject to the approval of Parliament but in the absence of the reports and other papers required for a full understanding of the subject, and which will not be ready for some time yet, no definite action could be taken and the motion had to be voted down. One feature of the debate which took place, is worth noting, viz. that Mr. Charles Langavie, a fresh recruit to the Opposition ranks, and a man of some legal celebrity in Quebec, protested

A DISMAL FAILURE AS A SPEAKER.

much to the surprise of friend and opponent alike. By way of an antidote to any malign effect created by the imposing aspect of the "Licensed Victuallers" made upon the Premier a day or two ago, a large delegation of members of Parliament and Senators, in obedience, no doubt, to hints from home, invaded St. John last Monday, the purpose of their visit being to ask for the acceptance of certain amendments to the Scott Act, designed to render that famous measure more efficiently operative. Prof. Foster was naturally enough appointed spokesman, and of course put the case as well as he could. Sir John promised that the proposed amendments should have his careful consideration, and that the Government would not fail to do whatever might be legally right and proper, in the direction of making the Scott Act beneficial as it was designed to be. The two great parties have thus made their move, and the matter now rests with the Government. Some alterations to the existing laws will, no doubt, be made, but it is doubtful if anybody yet knows just what they will be, and the country can afford to wait with patience, considering the present temper of the House.

The Senate is occupying a wonderful amount of public attention just now, owing

to the vagaries of the Hon. Mr. Alexander, of whom the best that can be said in charity is, that

AGE, ILLNESS, AND CHAGRIN HAVE RENDERED HIM IRRESPONSIBLE.

The Minister of Justice, the Minister of the Interior, and the Hon. Mr. Allan have twice within the past fortnight, been made the subjects of most undignified, violent and indefensible attacks in connection with something which occurred a quarter of a century ago. It matters little to Mr. Alexander, that his charges have even proven entirely baseless, and his real motive in making them, clearly exposed. He returns to them again, and again, being egged on by the sham sympathy and hollow support of a clique of persons who use him as their catspaw. The fact of Mr. Alexander pretending to be a Conservative, lends some fictitious weight to his wild utterances, and the British organs seize upon everything he says, with as much avidity as if they were really worthy of attention. If it were really worth the attention, the moment the game has been played out, and then perhaps the poor old man will realize what a fool he has made of himself.

THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE COMMONS ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

were, pleasantly uninvolved, for everybody else but Sir Richard Outwright, by that worthy Knight so far forgetting himself in his eagerness to have a SLAP AT THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, as to call down upon himself a pretty sharp reproof from the Chair, and a still more cutting and effective reprimand from the Premier. It came about in this way. The bill providing for a census of the North-West territories, was under discussion, and the excellent-maker had a good deal to say about it, and a good many amendments to move, and in the course of his argument, got so excited as to commit himself to the statement, that the last census of the Dominion had been deliberately and fraudulently falsified for political purposes. Mr. Pope immediately called him to order. Sir Richard then tried to back out, and repeat his offensive statement in a much milder form, but the Speaker was not to be fooled by this transparent device, and accordingly ruled him out of order. The same afternoon, a matter of considerable importance to Canada, and especially to the Maritime Provinces, was brought forward for debate, through a motion of Mr. Vail, asking for correspondence in reference to the treaty between Spain and the United States, which has been so much talked about of late. In supporting his motion, Mr. Vail took occasion to censure the Government for what he was pleased to consider their dilatoriness in not having done anything towards serving the interest of the Dominion, by having a corresponding treaty arranged with Spain, through the medium of the Imperial authorities. This complaint, however, was immediately shown to be groundless, by Sir Leonard Tilley, who explained that the Dominion Government had long ago, taken steps through the medium of the Imperial authorities, to have an ADVANTAGEOUS TREATY ARRANGED.

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with Spain through the medium of the foreign office, and that Spain had refused to enter into any negotiations, until the answer of the United States was known, as to the treaty Spain was seeking to conclude with the Dominion. The Dominion Government consequently could only bide their time patiently. The Premier also supplemented these remarks, by assuring the House that if there was one thing as to which constant vigilance had been exercised by the Canadian Government, and its representative in England, it had been with regard to the negotiations with Spain, and that there would be continual watchfulness and pressure upon the Spanish Government, until an advantageous arrangement was secured. The country may therefore rest assured, that whatever is the best possible thing to be done, the present Government will not fail to do in this important matter. G. M. A.

THE LEGISLATIVE OPENING.

The Governor's Speech and the debate on the Address in reply thereto.

Government Policy criticized by Wetmore and Adams.

Points of Interest.

A very large gathering of people attended the opening ceremonies of the Local Legislature last Thursday afternoon. Long before the hour for opening had arrived, the Legislative Council Chamber was packed with spectators, the majority of whom were ladies, and outside the Parliament Buildings there was as large a crowd of people as could be accommodated within the square and its approaches. Shortly before 3 o'clock, the guard of honor, consisting of the full strength of the Infantry School Corps, in command of Major Gordon, with Lieuts. Young and Hemming as subalterns, and headed by the band, marched down Queen Street, and a few minutes later received His Honor the Lieutenant Governor with a general salute, the band playing "God Save the Queen." The guard looked exceedingly well, marched well, and the playing of the band was very creditable indeed.

Promptly at 3 o'clock, His Honor entered the Council Chamber accompanied by his Private Secretary, Mr. Henry Wilmut, Capt. Street, A. D. C., Sheriff Sterling, Colonel G. E. Coulthart, and a brilliant military staff, consisting of Lieut. Col. Maunsell, D. A. G., with Capt. Campbell of the Kings Co., Hussars, and Lieut. Bremner, acting D. C. M., Major Gordon, Lieut. Young, Lieut. Hemming, Surgeon Major Brown and the attached officers of the Infantry School Corps, Russell, Boone, Colman, Raymond, Kirkpatrick, Reed, Shaw and McEla.

The Chief Justice and Judge Fraser occupied positions on the right of the Governor who being seated and the assembly members summoned, opened the session with the following speech:—

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

I have very much pleasure in again meeting you in Parliament assembled. In summoning you to the discharge of your public duty, I do so in the fullest confidence that they will be faithfully and efficiently performed.

The visit of His Excellency the Governor General and his amiable consort to this Province last autumn, though I regret to say occasionally marred by the effects of their people as evidence of the interest taken by Her Majesty's representatives in the several Provinces of Canada. I am sure that all who had the opportunity of meeting His Excellency were impressed with his many excellent personal qualities, as well as his eminent fitness for the high position he occupies.

The widespread depression in all branches of business, which is my unpleasant duty to remark upon when I last convened you, has not passed away. A bountiful harvest, rewarding the labor of the husbandman, has done much to diminish the ill effects already consequent upon commercial depression, but can as yet see no trustworthy signs of an early revival of trade, as respects our greatest staple article of export. The agricultural industry still languishes, and, as a consequence, an effect has been produced during the past year to a greater extent than was anticipated, in the loss of the Province arising from its timber lands.

I have much satisfaction in congratulating you upon the creditable display made by this Province at the International Forestry Exhibition in London, and I am sure that it is equally advisable to act in this matter in concert with the New Brunswick Land and Lumber Company, and when the report of the joint representatives of the Government and company is laid before you, it will be

seen that the results, which I trust may be lasting benefit to the Province, have been achieved at a moderate cost.

Another exhibition, at which all the colonies and dependencies of the empire are invited to participate, will be held in London in 1885, under the presidency of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I shall invite your aid to this important undertaking, and I hope our country will be prominently represented, so that New Brunswick may be fittingly represented.

The recent changes in the Common School system give gratifying results, and the results of the last session in aid of the secondary education. I shall ask you to consider whether the system might not be made still more complete and sufficient by the adoption within certain limits and under special conditions of the principle of compulsory attendance at the public schools. The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, pronouncing the License Act of 1884 passed by the Dominion Parliament, to be, in the main, unconstitutional, as infringing upon the powers of the local legislatures, has given satisfaction to all who value and would maintain the legislative rights of the provinces. The action of the Dominion Government in making the common cause with the sister provinces in this contest has been thus more than justified, and I sincerely trust that the Government will be able to secure the necessary legislation to give effect to the principle of compulsory attendance at the public schools.

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ment, who had dismissed Sheriff Vail at his request. He charged the Government with the displacement of the Clerks of the Peace and the County Court in York, and Mr. Black and Mr. Balloch, Clerk of the Peace, in Madawaska, who he said had not opposed the Government. He spoke in warm praise of the Governor General, heartily endorsing Mr. Stockton's observations. Concluding, he said he hoped that the deliberations of the House would be carried on in a kindly spirit, and produce a beneficial effect upon the Province.

The Attorney General replied to Mr. Wetmore, and Mr. McAdam spoke briefly.

Mr. Adams who followed, said it was the duty of the Opposition to expose the sins of the Government, who he charged were not honest in their policy in reference to the Legislative Council and had decided the House and the country. He objected to the policy of rushing through the business. The Opposition intended to deal out the same treatment to the Government as the Government when on the other side of the House, had dealt out to the administration. He proposed the resolution of the timber regulations, which he said placed the lands of the country in the hands of a few individuals. He thought the license question should be referred to the Privy Council. He said that the Government had nothing to do with getting the Eastern Extension claims settled. In the matter of setting the country, the best course was to try and keep the people at home. He concluded by a compliment to the mover of the address.

Mr. Blair in a half veiled way, defended the Superintendent of Fredericton from Mr. Adams' attack, and the address passed the same evening, without further discussion.

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