

Maritime Farmer.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 14, 1888.

Provincial Finances.

Our readers will find the Hon. Provincial Secretary's statement of the Provincial finances on our first page to-day, and the conclusion of the budget debate in another column.

Through prudence and economy, the Government during the past year while providing for all the public services, have been able to reduce the floating indebtedness of last year, to a nominal amount, and so careful was the administration in its financial management, that even the critical eye of Hon. Mr. Hanington could find no charge of moment upon them to arraign the Government.

The Old Leader.

The Montreal Star describes an impressive scene witnessed one day last week in the House of Commons at Ottawa, when Hon. Alex. McKenzie, the ex-Premier of Canada, whose health is shattered beyond permanent recovery, rose in his place to address the House.

A Maritime Press Association.

The editor of the FARMER has received an invitation to attend a meeting of the newspaper men of the Maritime Provinces at Halifax on Friday next, when it is proposed to organize a Maritime Press Association.

While we regret our inability to attend the initial meeting, our sympathy is entirely with the gentlemen who have taken the lead in forming the association, and we wish them success.

There is scarcely a profession, trade or calling, now-a-days, but finds wisdom and profit, pecuniary and otherwise, in co-operation, and there is every reason why the press men of the lower Province will find it to their advantage to organize such an institution as is proposed.

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courtesy of some of our railway managers have done much to personally acquaint and interest New Brunswick pressmen with and in each other there has never yet been an occasion when all the great minds controlling journalism in this Province, have met on common ground and for a common purpose.

Newfoundland and Confederation.

There is a prospect that our sister colony, Newfoundland, will soon be included in the Confederation of Canada, when the Union will embrace all British North America, except the West Indies.

OTTAWA, March 6.—It is considered by the Government, that if your Government approves, the time is convenient for discussion of the question of admission of Newfoundland into the federal union, and that no difficulty is likely to arise in arranging the terms under these circumstances.

The Governor's reply to the above was, that the telegram was laid before his ministers, and that the question is now being discussed and it is believed a deputation will be sent to Ottawa to consider the proposed terms of Union.

The Agricultural Bill.

The agricultural bill before the Legislature provides for the abolition of the Board of Agriculture, and brings under the direct control of the Government, all matters with which the Board was charged.

The vacant Newcastle postmaster-ship ought by rights, to go to Mr. W. C. Anslow of the Advocate.

Miss Louise M. Abbott, the authoress, died at Boston last week.

Major McKenzie of Moncton has been elected by acclamation.

The Royal Labor Commission opens its session in St. John, Monday.

Hon. J. B. Plumb, Speaker of the Senate, died suddenly at Niagara Monday.

The Prince and Princess of Wales celebrated their silver wedding Saturday.

John A. Chesley is the only candidate for the Mayoralty of Portland, St. John.

Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor of Berwick, King's Co., N. S., died Sunday, aged 107 years.

The Quebec resolutions have passed the Ontario Legislature by a strict party vote.

By whom you buy Dominion Bonds, to the department in all of our cities.

Col. C. J. Macdonald of the 98th Infantry, Halifax, is to command the Wimbledon team this year.

The Military School at London, Ont., was damaged by fire last week, to the extent of \$400.

It is said to be the intention of the Dominion Government to raise the Judges' salaries in all of the Provinces.

AFTER A HEARTY DINNER, if you feel dull and heavy, try a dose of Campbell's Cathartic Compound.

Sir Donald Smith of Montreal, gave his daughter a cheque for \$200,000 on the occasion of her marriage last week.

The citizens of St. Stephen have got up a requisition to Mr. J. D. Chipman asking his permission to nominate him for the mayoralty.

Sir George Stephen says the section of the Short Line Railway between Fredericton and Salisbury will be constructed this summer.

The new agriculture bill provides that a sum not exceeding \$1000 a year may be expended by the department in aid of provincial exhibitions.

Among the victims of the fire which burned out the Union at Springfield, Mass., last week, was Walter Hovey, son of G. W. Hovey of Woodstock.

Sir Richard Cartwright's unrestricted reciprocity resolutions came up for discussion in the Commons to-day and the debate on them will probably last a week.

Major-General Laurier, who captured Sheshburn for the Tories, has the biggest voice in the House, and addresses Mr. Speaker as if commanding a division of troops in the field.

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The Local Legislature.

Continuation of the Budget Debate.

Mr. Hanington's Mild Criticisms

And the Attorney General's reply thereto.

We published on our first page, the budget speech delivered by Hon. Provincial Secretary McLellan in the House of Assembly Wednesday afternoon, and contained the remarks of the speaker which followed him.

ROK. D. L. HANINGTON

and said he had waited, with his usual modesty, expecting that some layman would follow the Provincial Secretary. None having done so, he felt it his duty to rise to the hon. gentleman who had taken his seat that he should say a few words.

FAIRLY PROSPEROUS CONDITION

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The Telephone's Onward March.

St. John, Fredericton and Woodstock to be connected.

A Halifax Company's great Enterprise—Interview with Ald. B. F. Pearson.

It is only yesterday that the first telephone was established in our midst; to-day, there is not a town of any importance in New Brunswick or Nova Scotia that does not possess its telephone exchange; to-morrow, so to speak, it will be possible for every telephone subscriber to communicate personally with any other subscriber in all the various cities and towns throughout these Provinces.

CONNECTING HALIFAX AND WINDSOR.

a distance of 45 miles, Halifax and Truro, a distance of 63 miles and that same trunk line is extended to New Glasgow and Pictou, embracing St. John's and Westville in the coast district. We have also a line of 24 miles between Halifax and Margaree's Bay down the shore, and as soon as spring opens we are going to extend it to Sydney Bay, where a connection with a line connecting with 100 telephones in Mahony Bay, Lunenburg and Bridgewater, which comprises as you know the headquarters of an immense fishery business.

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