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Miramichi Advance.

CHATHAM, THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1878.

Legislative Affairs.

Owing to our full report of the Opposition debate taking up so much of our space we cannot keep up with current Legislative business at Fredericton. The chief interest there at the present time, however, is centred in the proceedings of select committees. There are not less than four of these; one is enquiring into all matters connected with Crown Lands, and its researches have not, so far, resulted in anything exciting; Another is investigating a charge formulated by Mr. O'Leary, setting forth that Hon. Messrs. Young and Kelly induced John C. Brown, in June, 1876, to release them from certain claims which he had against them on account of the Chatham Branch Railway, the consideration being that they were to use their influence, as members of the Government, to secure for him the contract for the Richibucto Railway.

Another committee is just beginning to enquire into the expenditure of certain pretty large sums of money and at the vicinity of Bathurst; this committee was moved for by Mr. McKenzie, and Mr. Burns said, in his place in the House, that it was aimed at him. The fourth committee was appointed on motion of Mr. Burns, to enquire into the affairs of the Chatham Branch Railway; this one has done nothing so far.

The meetings of the committee on the charge against Messrs. Young and Kelly are, we learn, very largely attended, and Mr. Brown was on the third day of his examination, yesterday. We believe Alex. Morrison, Esq., is to be the next witness. Some telegrams of a very partisan character, in connection with the investigation are finding their way to the press and to private parties; and we are in a position to know exactly what is being done both in committee and, to a large extent, within the circle of its immediate surroundings, and that impressions which are not warranted by the facts are sent abroad in connection with the matter. Until the investigations by each of these committees close we believe it would be very improper to publish anything that might bias public opinion either one way or the other, and both decency and fair play should suggest, especially to those controlling newspapers, the propriety of allowing the gentlemen accused to be heard before indulging in surmises which may turn out to have no tangible foundation.

The Eastern Question.

The ever-changing course of the Eastern Question still excites the attention of the world, now apparently drifting on the rocks of open hostilities, and then, by some sudden turn, gliding for a time into the calmer waters of diplomacy. During the past week the most striking news has been that the English Government had called out the first class army reserves, an order which also applies to the militia, bringing out some 40,000 men for service. In consequence of this course Earl Derby resigned his place in the cabinet which has since been filled by the Marquis of Salisbury, as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. The present condition of matters seems to be, that Austria, afraid of Russia acquiring Bessarabia, the control of the mouths of the Danube, has even refused to listen to the Russian proposal of friendly neutrality, should she choose to seize the Western Provinces of Turkey. It is also stated that Germany approved of the refusal of Prince Charles of Roumania to surrender Bessarabia, without the consent of the Powers. The firm stand made by England, however, seems to be gradually bringing matters into shape, and in spite of selfish individual interests and aspirations, it is not likely the Great Powers will allow Russia to have her own way, but will be compelled to united action, if not from inclination, at least from necessity. The latest despatches state that thus far the Porte refused all proposals for the Russian occupation of any of the heights near the Bosphorus. A recent despatch from St. Petersburg says the circular sent to the powers by the Marquis of Salisbury, defining England's position, has caused increased irritation in Russian Government circles, and the Russian imperial staff are ordered to prepare for war with England. It is learned that the Russians offered large concessions to the Sultan for a Turkish alliance.

A Case of Talley Years' Standing.

East Aurora, N. Y., May 22, 1872. Messrs. Senth - I was troubled with dyspepsia for thirty years, and tried several remedies, but without success. I was suffering from indigestion, and was unable to eat any food. I was very weak and nervous, and was unable to do any work. I was very miserable, and was unable to enjoy life. I was very anxious to get well, and was very desirous to try any remedy that would give me relief. I was very fortunate to find your medicine, and I was very glad to try it. I was very much surprised to find that it gave me relief, and that I was able to eat and to do my work. I was very much pleased, and was very grateful to you for your kindness. I was very much improved, and was very happy. I was very much surprised to find that it gave me relief, and that I was able to eat and to do my work. I was very much pleased, and was very grateful to you for your kindness. I was very much improved, and was very happy. I was very much surprised to find that it gave me relief, and that I was able to eat and to do my work. I was very much pleased, and was very grateful to you for your kindness. I was very much improved, and was very happy.

APPROPRIATE.—Extract from Proceedings of Friday last of Dominion Parliament.

Mr. Mitchell protested saying he wanted time to discuss the cow case was All Premier's Day, he would attend it so that cow case could be discussed.

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therefore, suggested that progress be delayed. Mr. BARKER said he did not want to report, but finally agreed and progress was reported.

RECESS. AFTER RECESS. Mr. HUMPHREY presented the Petition of H. T. Stevens, W. J. Robinson, O. Jones and J. M. Phillips, asking for an exemption save for Grave-yards and Churches. This Bill would lead to the inundation of the House with such Measures.

NEWCASTLE POLICE MAGISTRATE. Mr. DAVIDSON made a motion for the Petition and the consideration of the Bill with the appointment of the Police Magistrate at Newcastle.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL replied as he referred to the statement of the Provincial Secretary as to the probable receipts of the Department over which he (Mr. Stevenson) presided. He had estimated the receipts of the Department at \$125,000, and would show the receipt of that sum was anticipated.

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Mr. HUMPHREY presented the Petition of Ralph McPhee and twenty-seven other Rate-payers of District 19, Parish of Salisbury, praying for the exemption of that private manufactory from the operation of the Petition and Elgin Railroad.

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Mr. MARSHALL said the matter was one of a purely local character, and was quite safe to leave it as provided by the Bill in the hands of the Council.

Mr. PHILLIPS again addressed the House, explaining the points raised by him previously.

Mr. SMITH said Mr. Phillips evidently did not understand the Bill. Mr. PHILLIPS said he would not have an exemption save for Grave-yards and Churches. This Bill would lead to the inundation of the House with such Measures.

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