

[From Mr. Taylor's Reports.]

**Provincial Parliament.****LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

SATURDAY, April 2.

A Bill to incorporate the Nackawick Boom Company—passed. Also a Bill to incorporate the St. Andrews Gas Light Company.

A Bill to preserve the Banks on the River Saint John, in the Counties of Sunbury and Queen's, was committed and passed with amendments. A similar debate took place, as on a former occasion.

Hon. Messrs. Harrison and Gilbert observed that amendments had been prepared in order to meet the views of hon. members.

Hon. Mr. Botsford.—The amendments will not give any more power to the Commissioners than what the law already gives, and would oppose any measure that would give the Commissioners authority to do statute labor on the banks that were not contiguous to the road.

Hon. Mr. Gilbert.—It is not contemplated to do any work on the banks, except where the road passed. The parties who had been the means of having the Bill brought before this House, never contemplated repairing the banks that were at a distance from the road; their objects were to give time for returns to be made, in order that stone, brush and other material may be got in the winter season from the opposite side of the river. He thought it much better for the persons who live in those localities, to be allowed to keep the banks and roads in repair, as contemplated by the Bill, than to have to come to the Legislature and ask for three or four thousand pounds to buy land from the owners for other roads, for such would be the case if the banks were not protected. The Bill was of a local nature, and he was surprised at the opposition it met with.

Hon. Mr. Robertson was opposed to the Bill as it then stood, but not to its principles; as it was, the Commissioners would have power to repair the banks even beyond the road, which he would object to. He thought the old law gave every necessary power to the Commissioners, without the addition of the present bill; but if it was really thought necessary, by making proper amendments, he would not oppose its passing.

Hon. Mr. Brown.—The principles of the Bill were discussed and acknowledged on a former occasion. He thought the amendments introduced sufficient, and would support them.

Hon. Col. Hatch was surprised that there was so much objections made to the passing of a Bill of a local nature. He did not think that the Commissioners would commit such gross acts as some hon. members spoke of, as they were amenable to the Court of General Sessions for their conduct; and if they done wrong, they would be dealt with accordingly.

Hon'bles Messrs. Robertson, Botsford, Steves, Wark and Ryan thought that the present laws gave the Commissioners of Highways all the powers that were necessary, and thought the present Bill, without amendments, would not answer the purposes even contemplated by its supporters.

Hon. Mr. Harrison read the recommendation of the Grand Jury of the County of Sunbury, and also the Supervisor in support of the Bill.

The Bill was warmly supported by Hon'bles Messrs. Hill, Hatch, Hazen, Gilbert, Brown, and Harrison, and passed after a few amendments were made, which did not in the least destroy the vitality of the measure.

House adjourned.

**A CURIOUS ABDUCTION.**—Capt. Genn, of the schooner Prospect, from St. John, Porto Rico, was entered at the Custom House to-day, under peculiar circumstances. A few hours after leaving port the vessel was run into by another, when the crew excepting one man, and the passengers, consisting of the captain's wife and child, under the apprehension excited by the collision, jumped upon the latter, and thereupon both vessels were instantly separated and could not come together again. The captain navigated his schooner into this port; but the name of the vessel which carried off his wife and crew, or where she was going, or what has become of them, he does not know. It is a singular case of abduction.—*N. Y. Post.*

By Telegraph from Fredericton to News Room.

April 1.—House met at the usual hour. Mr. Botsford said that in consequence of the death of the Hon. Mr. Crane late Speaker of this House, he would move that the House adjourn till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock, and from day to day till after the funeral—unanimously agreed to.

Council met at the usual hour.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Chandler, seconded by Hon. Mr. Botsford,

That the members of this House do appear in mourning for the remainder of the Session.

Both Honorable gentlemen made some very appropriate and affectionate remarks respecting the deceased.

The remains of Hon. Mr. Crane to leave for Westmorland to-morrow.

April 2.—Assembly met at usual hour—adjourned until Monday.

The Council met and passed the following Bills:—

A Bill to Incorporate the Nakawick Boom Company.

A Bill to Incorporate St. Andrews Gas Light Company.

A Bill to protect the banks of the river Saint John—long discussion.

The remains of the late Speaker will leave for Westmorland this evening.

April 4.—A long debate in Council on a Bill to extend Incorporation of Arestook Boom Company postponed 11 to 6.

Assembly passed a Bill relating to the navigation of the River St Croix.

Mr. Botsford moved for a Writ for a new Election for Westmorland—granted.

House in committee on a Bill to repeal the law imposing a duty on Hacmatac knees—lost 20 to 17.

Election Bill committed—read only.

The committee appointed, to whom was referred the matter of the book, laid before the Legislature by the Government, out of which leaves were extracted and others put in, and the accounts altered, have reported that from all the evidence, they believe that no improper motive was intended, it was merely intended to correct errors, and that it did not refer to the Treasurers accounts—report accepted.

April 5.—Hon. Mr. Hill's Bill relating to banks and banking lost in the Council nine to eleven.

Assembly engaged up to 12 o'clock in placing amounts on supply. House in committee of supply—passed grants

A Bill to divide the Parish of Woodstock was committed.

Mr. English said he was willing to take the responsibility of dividing the said Parish into two only—after a long debate it was agreed to.

April 6.—Several appropriations passed in Council, £10,000 in support of Parish Schools the usual allowance to members and officers of the Legislature.

A Bill authorising the Roman Catholic Bishop to sell certain lands in St. John, and invest the proceeds in other lands—passed.

A Bill to allow the Bank of British North America, Commercial, and Charlotte County Banks to issue five shilling notes—passed.

In the Assembly a Bill relating to the Agricultural Society of Wakefield and Brighton—passed.

Progress made in a Bill to support the poor of the Country.

Progress made in the Election Bill.

Several appropriations made.

April 7.—Some Bills and appropriations in the Assembly—passed.

Long and warm debate on the Election Bill—progress reported at five o'clock.

Several appropriations made in Council.

Considerable debate on the joint address of both Houses, on the Fishery question—taken up to-morrow again.

**A HARDENED VILLAIN.**—Spring, who has been clearly convicted of barbarously murdering two women, in Philadelphia, persists in charging the crime upon his young son, refuses to confess, and to cap the climax of his hardihood, on being removed from the court room after being declared guilty, even took off his hat and cheered!

By Telegraph to the Sentinel News Room.

QUEBEC, April 1.—In the House on motion of Mr. Hincks, the House went into Committee of the whole on a series of Commercial resolutions.

Mr. Hincks stated that in the early part of the Session, the probable changes in the commercial policy of the country, were explained earlier than would have been the case but for the resignation of the hon member for Montreal. At the time when it was determined to change the policy of the Government—it had been determined to adopt a retaliatory policy towards the United States, and about the same time certain measures were adopted by the British Government with respect to the fisheries.

He could not say what motive actuated the American Government, but in a few months after the policy of the Provincial Government was announced, an attempt was made by the American Government to negotiate, in a spirit different to that which it had before manifested.—After the Presidential Election this desire to settle the question seemed to decline, and eventually an attempt was made to negotiate a settlement of the fishery question, independent of reciprocity. This was refused by the British Government, but Mr. Crampton was still of opinion that a satisfactory arrangement could yet be made, and recommended that no step be taken in the contemplated direction.—Under these changed circumstances the Government did not propose to adhere to the policy announced in the Fall, but at the same time had not changed their views as to what would be necessary if the American Government should decline to come to terms.

Resolutions of Mr. Hincks' make over to the Local Municipalities in Upper Canada, licence duties on selling liquors, haiking and peddling, billiard tables, auctioneers and goods sold at auction, and excise duties generally, except those only imposed on Distillery's and liquors distilled by them; the other resolutions declare that it is expedient to reduce the specific duties of customs on the following articles:—On refined sugar, in boxes and crushed or candied from 14s. per cwt. to 10s. per cwt.; on bastard sugar, or sugar of other kinds, 9s. to 6s. per cwt.; on molasses from 3s. per cwt. to 6d. per gallon; and to repeal the specific duty of 1d. per bushel now imposed on salt. That it is expedient to make the duty on wine uniform, and that such uniform duty be 6d. per gallon, and 30 per cent *ad valorem*. That it is expedient that the following articles be admitted at a duty of 2 1-2 per cent *ad valorem*, viz:—caoutchouc, cordage of all kinds, sail cloths, copper in bars or in sheet, yellow metal in bars or in sheet; iron in scraps, bars, pigs or sheets, and not otherwise manufactured; bright and black varnish; pine oil; marine cement; pitch, tar, rosin, chain cables, treenails, bunting, felt, sheeting, and oakum. That it is expedient that seeds of all kinds be admitted free of duty in all cases; return seeds not to include barley, buckwheat, beer and bigg, oats, rice, beans, or peas. That it is expedient to amend the Act Vic. 12, Cap. 1, and the other Provincial accounts relating to the matters aforesaid, so as to accord with the foregoing resolutions.

At the time the report leaves Mr. Young is attacking Mr. Hincks for inconsistency.

ST. JOHN, April 5, 3 o'clock, P. M.—Elections closed in the following wards, viz:—Queens, W. O. Smith Alderman—G. V. Noulan Councillor; Duke's, Isaac Woodward Alderman—William Haggarty Councillor; Sydney, Gregory Vanhorne Alderman—T. M'Avity Councillor; King's and Guy's wards not yet closed.

NOVA SCOTIA.—A telegram from Halifax to the News Room states that the Bill for Railways by Companies, and the alternative Government Bill, were assented to by the Governor on Thursday last.

BANK EXTENSION.—We understand that the Central Bank of Fredericton intend to establish an Agency at the Bend, next week, under the charge of Mr. Evans, and that a branch of the Commercial Bank of this city will be established at Shediac.—*Head Quarters.*

**ENGLISH NEWS.****Arrival of the Arctic.**

(From New York via Quebec Lane)

NEW YORK, April 5.—The Arctic has arrived. The news is not important. Parliament had adjourned over the Easter holidays.

A letter from M. Bucos, the French Minister of Marine, in reply to one addressed to him by Mr. Euart, M. P., is published in the English papers. It gives assurances of the most pacific intentions of the French Government, and considers that serious misunderstanding between the two nations would be one of the greatest misfortunes.

A fire took place in the Prince of Wales Tower in Windsor Castle on the 19th ult., several rooms in the occupation of the Royal family were badly burned, and at one time the whole edifice was in danger of total destruction.

Well informed parties say that great activity prevails against the Revolutionary Chiefs in Lombardy, and that an out-break somewhere may be looked for about the end of May. Kosuth and Mazini are said to be working to this end.

Maidia and wife embarked on the 16th ult. for Marseilles.

The threatening aspect of Russia towards Turkey has been the cause of the greatest excitement, not only in Constantinople but in London and Paris, causing considerable fluctuation in the funds. The proceedings of Prince Mensichrakoff the Russian Minister of Marine, has been of the most haughty and warlike character.

The British fleet in the Mediterranean had been strengthened.

The Lady Franklin, steamer, was to sail for Bering's Straits on the 29th.

CITY ELECTIONS, FREDERICTON.—Wellington Ward.—Messrs. M'Cauley and Marsh returned without opposition.

St. Anne's Ward.—Messrs. G. S. Winter and James S. Beck. The election for this Ward was contested by the gentlemen elected, and W. D. Hart, Esq., one of the former representatives.

State of Poll at its close.—Winter, 146; Beck, 139; Hart, 135.

Carleton Ward.—Messrs. Kirlin and M'Manus were returned. Election contested—four candidates nominated, viz:—Kirlin, M'Manus, Troughton, and Mitchell.

State of Poll at its close.—Kirlin, 57; M'Manus, 56; Troughton, 49; Mitchell, 38.

Queen's Ward.—Messrs. Gowan and M'Intosh were returned. Election contested—candidates, Gowan, M'Intosh, and G. J. Bliss.

State of Poll at its close.—Gowan, 85; M'Intosh, 79; Bliss, 54.

King's Ward.—Messrs. Richey and Block were returned without opposition.—*Hd. Quar.*

ELECTIVE GOVERNORS.—The talk is, that at the next General Election in this Province, the question is to be raised as to Elective Governors, and it is far from unlikely that such a principle will yet ere long be grafted on these Provincial Constitutions: that it is the last link now wanting to perfect the system of Responsible and Self Government in a Colony; and if the Hon. Member for Annapolis but perseveres in his agitation on that point, he may yet have the honour personally to dispense Royal favour, as the Queen's Representative, in this loyal and ancient Colony. The talk is, when that day comes, there wont be a hat a cap, or a bonnet, of fur, of felt, or filligree, but will fly up so high into the atmosphere they may never come down, and one loud long acclamation, from Cape North to Cape Sable, will be heard, like the sound of many waters, crying God save our noble Queen!—*Halifax Recorder.*

This morning there was Captured inside of the Beach, a quarter of a mile from the Light House, a live sea tiger, weighing 145 pound and measuring 5 feet 2 inches in length.—When discovered he howled most piteously, and made battle with a dog, whom he severely wounded. He was at length taken by Messrs. Henry Waters and Ruel Duryea, of the above place.—*N. Y. Sun.*