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The Local Legislature has met for dispatch of business, and the Country has a right to expect that Government and Legislators will speedily provide that they are alive to the present financial condition of the Province, and prepared to meet present exigencies and provide against impending difficulties with all the foresight, tact and energy they can command.

Of course the Treasury is empty, or has barely a sufficient surplus to tide over the most imperative claims upon it. Equally, of course, it could not be otherwise when the expenditure has been so much restrained by the fiscal limit of our receipts and resources. It is not a happy condition for a Province to be in when there is no elasticity to its revenues; no means by which its ordinary revenues may be supplemented, and still that its condition is today. The Province did once possess, in its timber lands, a mine that only required to be prudently worked to render it a source of wealth. Successive governments have frittered away the opportunities for availing themselves of the revenues thus derivable, and of accumulating a reserve fund, and now, at the time of need, until now the lands, or large portion of them, have been given away and the mine is closed against them. It is true, it is not too late to learn wisdom by past experience, and to make a prudent and profitable use of what is still left; and there is something to be said for the Province, that it has not done so. But under all circumstances, that may not be relied upon as likely to prove very considerable.

Our present financial condition is one that has been reached through an apparently sudden and unaccountable cause, or provide against it when the means were in the hands of the Legislature. It has been as evident that nothing but retrenchment and economy could avert the calamity of a depleted treasury; and still no determined efforts in the direction of retrenchment have been made. Our Governments and Legislators have apparently been waiting for something to turn up in the shape of a golden egg from Ottawa, and "better terms" have been bargained upon as the only saving panacea for the Province. Whatever we may get from the Dominion we will not surely want; and we require as well all that can be saved by prudence and economy.

We think the press and the people of the Province are generally of the mind that the "Upper House" of our Legislature might just as well not be dispensed with; and that there need not be so many distinct departments. This opinion has been reiterated over and over again without producing any effect. No movement toward reducing the number of Legislative branches or amending the present mode of election has been made. The equalization of representation and reduction of the whole number of representatives is a matter the importance of which has long been recognized, both as one of economy and fairness to the Counties, and still no steps have been taken and no concerted attempts at reducing the theory to practice have been made.

Are things to continue, growing worse and worse, until recourse to the system, adopted in some other Provinces, is forced upon ours and the public works expenditure must depend upon the Dominion? Will not our ambitious politicians, who seem desirous of making a mark, wake up to the present opportunity of distinguishing themselves, and become reformers in the direction pointed out; in determined and intelligent effort to effect such reforms they have been and by the public opinion of the Province.

MONDAY last was a "black Monday" on the Railroads, affording quite a chapter of incidents.

The regular trains for St. Stephen and St. Andrews, under the conductorships respectively of Stewart and Porter, at McAdam's Junction as usual in the afternoon, the former train having in rear of the passenger car a flat car loaded with hay. At Toby Gussie, five miles below the Junction, there is a siding, and here the engine was detached from the leading train to take on some freight cars thereon. About the time the engine was detached, the Conductor and Brake-man, hearing the noise of the exhaust of an engine, the latter started with a red flag to the rear, but had not reached beyond the car of hay when he saw the St. Andrews engine coming. The engine full speed, and in an instant it was into the hay van, telescoping it into the passenger car, which was made a complete wreck, but without, and the escape is miraculous, seriously injuring any one of the passengers, or there were none. The passengers were John Boyd, Esq. of St. John, and his wife; Hon. John McAdam and Robert Robinson, M.P.P. The first named received a scratch in his sudden exit and had one of his glasses broken, and the latter performed, probably, the most notable athletic feat of his life. He was lifted up from his seat by the concussion until his head struck the monitor roof, and, of course, his descent was most rapid. The hay being where it was proved the preservation, doubtless, of many lives, and it was only by accident that it happened to be in the position it was in.

At the usual hour the mail train left the Junction for St. John, but before reaching Harvey, at the point known as the "Bluff," the track was so impeded by snow and demoralized with ice as to render advancement impossible, meanwhile the freight train from St. John was already on the point, and there presently stopped, part of both trains being, we believe, off the rails. A special was telegraphed for to come up to their assistance, and just before reaching Harvey it was close proximity to each other, and still neither being in a position to help its neighbor, remained there for some time, and were at noon, on Tuesday reinforced by the mail train from St. John, and here the four trains had to remain until Wednesday. Never had Harvey witnessed such a gathering of rolling stock; we presume many of the passengers by either train will not be anxious again to experience during such a protracted stay the searching winds that sweep over Harvey lake.

Again at the usual hour the trains for Woodstock and Houlton were detached from the Junction. At Wickham the snow and ice forced the engines of both trains from the rails; they got out of wood and water, and did not reach Deleek until Thursday morning.

One general result of these mishaps and delays was that a considerable number of passengers were stranded at Deleek on Tuesday night, thus affording the strangers a fine opportunity of visiting the places of interest there, and the hotel keepers and private citizens of exhibiting their most cordial hospitality.

THE MAYORALTY.

We sincerely trust that the Mayor will not carry out his intimated intention of declining nomination at the approaching Town election, or that the rate payers will be influenced by that intimation to seek to make any change.

Mr. Fisher is eminently the best man for the position of Mayor. He has proved himself able, discreet, zealous; under his control or advice successive Councils of the Town have pursued such a course as has preserved our credit and maintained our interests, and just now when taxation is being heavily increased it might be extremely unfortunate for the Town if any change is made.

Mr. Fisher has labored well without any salary; he fortunately can afford to do so; this might not be the case did he give place to another; and this of itself is a strong argument why his services should be retained, if possible.

The public appreciate the importance of retaining Mr. Fisher in the highest civic position in Town, and that gentleman knowing, as he must, the risk attending any present change, will, we hope and believe, consent to serve at least another year.

On Sunday last there was a slight fall of rain here, which was, however, suddenly succeeded by a snow storm, which has continued, accompanied by violent winds, with short intervals, to the present day. The weather has been severely cold. The quantity of snow fall during this period has not been great, but the wind has piled it up in immense masses, all over the country, blocking the roads up to an extent seldom experienced.

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Mr. Humphrey's majority over Mr. Chapman, in Westmorland, is 615. How is that for high?

Woon.—Once more we would request those parties who intend bringing this affair into court, to do so at once.

THE NEXT OF ST. PAUL'S Church course of Lectures will be delivered by Rev. William P. Begg, on Wednesday evening next. Subject.—Childhood's Happiness—a popular fallacy.

It is gratifying to find Mr. Disraeli, the leader of the Opposition in the British House of Commons, and Mr. Gladstone, giving evidence to sundry of the "American Cases" prominently in the former exhibiting no disposition whatever to hamper or embarrass the government in their avowed intention to meet the American demands in a spirit becoming at once the importance of good understanding and peaceful relations with the United States, and at the same time the honor and dignity of the British nation.

If Mr. Secretary Fish has conveyed to the Imperial Government an answer to Lord Salisbury's note such as has been stated—an answer curt and insulting to an extreme, the only result will be to create warmer sympathy with Britain for other governments, and to evoke a strong and earnest protest from all right thinking publicists in the States.

SOME of the St. John papers, on Friday last, gave publicity to the fact that a Butterfly had made its appearance in the "Log House." This fact of itself is no more remarkable, for Butterflies there every day of the year.

A freight train consisting of 18 vans, under the conductorship of Mr. F. W. Cram, general agent at Bangor, of the E. & N. A. R. R., passed over the N. B. & C. road from Deleek and via McAdam's Junction, on Friday night, 23rd ult. The vans were freighted with about 100 tons of hay—some 60 tons having been laden at Houlton, Me., and the balance at Woodstock, Greenville and Deleek, in this Province.

The following were duly installed Officers of Crystal Tide Lodge, No. 317, B. T., for the quarter beginning February 1st:—

George H. Campbell, W. C. T.; Judson A. Shaw, V. A. T.; Allen Tompkins, Sec.; Wagnan Noble, Chap.; Henry Baker, Treas.; Horatio Price, Marshal; Howard Tompkins, I. G.; Les Bon Price, O. G.; Lydia Sharp, S. S.; Minnie Bacon, L. H. S.; Margaret Jamieson, R. H. S.; Ruth Campbell, D. M.; George Robinson, P. W. C.

Although there was but little business done in Town on Tuesday last, owing to the storm, the day was not generally observed as a Holiday. The schools were closed, and services held in some of the churches; in the Methodist, in the evening, a Union meeting was held, in which the Pastor of that church, Rev. Mr. Addy, Rev. Mr. Begg, Presbyterian, and Rev. Mr. Noble, Free Baptist, took part.

Portland and Bangor are each complaining, through the local press, of want of work for the surplus population. The trade of the former city would seem to be languishing, and there is not employment for the population of the latter, where extension of the manufacturing interests is called for.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.
(By Telegraph.)
Fredericton, Feb. 28, 1872.
This being the day appointed by proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at 10 o'clock, His Excellency the Lieutenant and Governor came to the Council Chamber, and being seated on the throne, commanded the attendance of the members of the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.
In meeting you again to-day, I am great pleasure in being able to congratulate you on the success of your previous session. The past year has been highly favorable to our agricultural interests, and the present condition and prosperity of almost every branch of our industry is the result of the successful year.

The national calamity which, during the recent illness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has been the subject of much anxiety, has been happily averted by the goodness of Almighty God, and I am sure that in no part of the Empire have the thankings of every heart been more gratefully offered to His Majesty's subjects in this Province.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.
Detailed accounts of the revenue and expenditure of the Province for the year ending on an early day, together with estimates of revenue and expenditure for the current year.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.
The Act relating to Common Schools passed at the last Session has been inaugurated, and the Act relating to the construction of the Railway from St. Mary's to the Atlantic, has been passed.

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