

proposed "health and long life to their past President, Sir James Macdonell."—(Loud cheers.)

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Mr Guthrie rose to propose "the health of the Chisholm," (loud cheers.) They deeply regretted the absence of their President, and they more deeply regretted the melancholy event which had occasioned that absence—but they had seen that night how admirably their President's place had been supplied by the Chisholm (cheers.) He was a soldier by profession, and had a soldier's feelings, and the name of the Chisholm roused feelings of enthusiasm in the breast of every Highlander (cheers.)

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The Chisholm, in returning thanks, said that he had taken the position he had held that evening, not as of right, not altogether from their election, but because it was understood by every British soldier that he was not to shrink from his duty, (cheers) and from the simple feeling that if the front-rank man was removed by any circumstances, it was the duty of the rear-rank man to step forward and supply his place (loud cheers.) He had, in the beginning of the evening, asked them for their assistance—that had been cordially granted him. He thanked them from his heart for the cordial manner in which they had drunk his health (cheers.)

Song—Mr Moody.

The Chisholm then proposed "The Patriarchal system of Chiefs and Clans," (cheers.) That system, which had descended to them from their forefathers, was altogether different from the feudal system. The clansmen were bound together by bonds of affection, and not by those of vassalage and servitude (cheers.) They drew their claymores for the service of their chief—but if their chief engaged in a cause with which in their hearts they did not agree—they deposed that chief, and elected another, as they had done at Killiecrankie (cheers.) That system bound the clans to the chief and the chief to the clans by the bonds of mutual affection, and it was the early nurture he received in that system, the early training to obedience, which made the Highland soldier the most distinguished among his fellow British soldiers. It was this that made him the most cool in the hour of danger, and in the most imminent peril the most subordinate to his officers, (cheers.) He therefore proposed "The Chiefs and Clans."

The toast was drunk with loud cheers, and followed by the Killie-Callum, a sword-dance, which was beautifully performed by Mr James Davidson.

Colonel Burns and Major Burns, the sons of the poet, were then proposed members of the Society, and carried by acclamation. In putting the question, the Chisholm shortly paid a tribute of respect to Scotia's immortal bard. The manner in which the Chisholm put the question as to the election of members was excellent. He put it negatively in the first instance, and, of course, if there was no opposition to the question, it was carried, thus saving the trouble of putting it twice.

Mr McGregor had to propose as a toast the memory of one, the mention of whose name was sufficient to inspire in every breast those feelings which were the support of mankind under every difficulty and in every danger. He proposed the memory of Robert Burns—(cheers)—and he rejoiced that they were that night honored by the presence of two of the sons of their great poet (cheers.)

The toast was then drunk in solemn silence.

Colonel Burns returned thanks for the manner in which the memory of his father had been drunk. He was proud to be the son of such a man (cheers.) He had himself long desired to be a member of the Highland Society, and he thanked them for the honor they had conferred on him in electing him that evening (cheers.)

Burns' beautiful lyric "Of a' the airts the wind can blaw," was then most sweetly and tastefully sung by the poet's son, Major Burns. The song, the singer, and the exquisite simplicity of the melody, excited a feeling which probably could have been produced no where else than in such a meeting.

Lord Reidhaven, the son of the Earl of Seafield, who will one day be chief of the clan of the Grants, was unanimously elected a member of the Society, as were the undermentioned gentlemen:—Capt. James Lamont, R. N., Hugh Innes Cameron, John Irvine Glennie, James Currie, James Davidson, Captain Kincaide, Henry Collingwood Ibbetson.

The Chisholm then proposed the health of the Visitors to the Society, which was acknowledged by Major General Briggs.

In proposing the Branch Societies, the

Chisholm mentioned the fact that there were several branch Societies established in Canada, and anticipated the greatest possible benefit to the Society from their loyal exertions in that country.

The next toast was "The Caledonia Asylum," which was drunk enthusiastically.

"The Emerald Isle" was acknowledged in a brief speech by Dr. Power.

The Chisholm then rose to propose one toast more—a toast which his friend near him would give in Gaelic, and which would best explain the mystic feeling which prevailed among Highlanders. It was "Highlanders shoulders to shoulder."

Sir J. McRa then gave the toast in Gaelic, which was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm.

The Pipers then struck up, and Major General McLeod stepped out for a reel, in which he was joined by Mr Alexander Macdonald and Mr James Davidson and his brother, and this party danced the concluding reel of the evening, at the close of which the Chisholm vacated the chair, and, preceded by the Pipers, left the room in procession.

Several other reels were danced during the evening. One attracted especial applause, in which the dancers were Lord Reidhaven, the Messrs. Davidson, and Mr G. Bain, the Honorary Secretary.

It was "the wee short hour ayont the twal," before the company separated. The dinner and wines were excellent.

Legislative News.

New Brunswick:

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, April 11.  
REPORT OF CONTINGENCIES.

Mr Partelow, from the Committee on Public Accounts, submitted their Report on the Account of the Contingencies for the present Session; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

The Committee of Public Accounts, to whom was referred the Contingent Account of the Clerk of this House, the present Session, having had the same under their consideration, submit the following Report:

No. 1. Is an Account of Stationary and charges furnished by Rankin, Gilmour and Company, amounting to	£423 3 9
No. 2. An Account of Henry S. Beck for Binding Journals, Laws &c.	68 11 6
No. 3. An Appropriation for H.S. Beck, to procure Maps for Revised Journals, to accompany the Report laid before the House on the Canadian Boundary.	50 0 0
No. 3. An Account of R. Dunn for Carpenter's Work,	9 16 7
No. 5. Justin Spahna, sundries furnished, repairing Clock, and attending to keep the same in order for the past year,	16 13 9
No. 6. Charles P. Wetmore, to reimburse sums omitted in last year amount advanced for Wood and other Contingencies,	69 1 6
No. 7. Francis Beverly, Binding Laws to distribute to Clerks of the Peace, &c.,	16 0 0
No. 8. James Biggs, Carriage hire to the Executive Council,	8 5 0
No. 9. Thomas Atken, Cabinet Maker,	1 14 6
No. 10. Gaynor and Thompson, sundries,	1 1 0
No. 11. W. J. Bedell, Carpenters for Assembly Room, &c. not yet laid down, in consequence of the Rooms not being in order,	89 8 9
Clerk, for extra ordinary services the present Session,	100 0 0
Assistant Clerk, the like,	75 0 0
George Turner, Sleigh hire 77 days at 25s.	99 5 0
Do. extra Sleigh,	10 0 0
Wood, 40 cords, at 12s. 6d.	25 0 0
Coals, two chaldrons at 40s.	4 0 0
Cutting, splitting, and putting Wood in Cellar, &c.,	10 9 0
Librarian, to pay man attending to making fires, &c. the past year, Engrossing namely, viz:—	
First Clerk, at 15s per day,	57 15 0
Second ditto, ditto,	57 15 0
Third ditto, ditto,	30 0 0
Fourth ditto, ditto,	30 0 0
Charles Bliss, extra,	5 0 0
Albion Newspaper to 1st January, 1846,	7 10 0
Journal of Commerce to ditto,	2 10 0
Montreal Herald to October 1845,	6 5 0
Quebec Mercury,	2 10 0
Quebec Gazette,	2 12 0
Clerk, preparing Index to Journals and Files of the House, and other services during the recess,	150 0 0
E. W. Miller, services at opening and Closing of Session,	10 0 0
Messenger during recess,	1 0 0
Man attending to Clerk's Office, making fires, Committee Room, and other services during the recess,	5 0 0
W. R. Parker, attendance as	

Messenger,	5 0 0
Total,	£1,479 8 4
W. H. Gall, copying Bills, omitted last Session,	2 0 0
	£1,481 8 4

In addition to the above amount of £1,581 8s. 4d., it is proposed to add the sum of £150, as a compensation for reporting the Debates.

Your Committee are led to understand, that the Legislative Council agree with the House of Assembly, that provision should be made for reporting the Debates, and under this impression, the subject has been referred to the Library Committee, composed of an equal number of Members of the Legislative Council and this House, with a view of providing for this service for the next Session; and they believe that if the appropriation had originally been made for remunerating the Reporters of both Houses, there would be no difficulty with the Grant in the Council.

Legislative Council Chamber, April 12, 1845.

Resolved, That the Contingent Expenses of the House amount this present Session to the sum of six hundred and fourteen pounds thirtynine shillings and three pence.

WM. TYNG PETERS, Clerk.

Mr Partelow moved the following resolution—That the blank in the resolution which passed in Supply on the fifth day of April instant, making provision for the Contingencies of the present Session, be filled up with the sum of £2,245 11 7. To which Mr Hazen moved as an amendment—to expunge £2,245 11 7, and insert £2,095 11 7. And upon the question for the amendment, the House divided, yeas 5, nays 9, whereupon it was decided in the negative. The question was then taken upon the original motion, and it was carried in the affirmative. Mr Hazen then moved the following resolution—Resolved, That the practice of inserting in the Contingent Bill of this House, sums of money for the alleged services of individuals whose claims have been submitted to this house, and grants for which alleged services have been rejected by either branch of the Legislature (thus securing for such alleged services grants of money without the concurrence of the several branches of the Legislature) is unparliamentary and unconstitutional.

To which Mr Fisher moved as an amendment—to expunge the whole thereof, after the word "Resolved," and substitute as follows:—"As the opinion of this house, that the Assembly have the sole right to appropriate whatever sums they deem advisable for Contingencies."

Mr Scoullar then moved as an amendment to the said amendment—to expunge the whole thereof, as well as the original resolution, after the word "Resolved," and substitute as follows—That the practice of inserting in the bill of contingent expenses of this house, sums of money for the alleged services of individuals whose claims have been submitted to this house, and grants for which alleged services have been rejected by either branch of the Legislature, (thus securing for such alleged services grants of money without the concurrence of the several branches of the branches of the Legislature) is unparliamentary and unconstitutional.

The question being taken upon the last proposed amendment, the house divided as follows, yeas 9, whereupon it was decided in the negative. The question being then taken upon the first proposed amendment, the house again divided as follows, yeas 8, nays 5, and so it was carried in the affirmative and the resolution as amended was then read, and is as follows—Resolved, as the opinion of the house that the Assembly have the sole right to appropriate whatever sums they may deem advisable for Contingencies.

To the Postmaster at Fredericton the sum of £334 19 10, being the amount of Postages of the Legislature during the present session.

To the Clerk of the House of Assembly the sum of £2,245 11 7, being the contingencies of the present session.

Colonial News.

West-Indies.

Hermuda Gazette, April 22.

Arrival of Admiral Austen.—The Vindictive, bearing the Flag of Vice Admiral Sir Francis Austen, arrived yesterday in a passage of 30 days from Portsmouth. The Vindictive came up the North Side in gallant style: she was saluted by the illustrious soon after she rounded St. George's, which was returned after she anchored.—The Admiral is accompanied by two of his daughters.—Mr. Austen, one of Sir Charles's sons is his Flag Lieutenant, and Mr. Jeans, his Secretary.

It is rumored that Admiral Sir Charles Adam, will leave for England early next week.

From Mexico, we learn that the trial of Santa Anna was proceeding with, and though a confiscation of his property might take place, in case of his being found guilty, his life would be spared. It was thought by many that an attempt would be made to re-instate Santa Anna in the Presidency.

From Jamaica.—Kingston paper to the 12th have been received at New Orleans.

The court of quarter sessions and com-

mon pleas, for the parish of St. Thomas, in the east, had been engaged, among other cases, in the trial of thirty-two persons who were charged with plundering the wreck of the American brigantine Phoenix, wrecked some time since on Folly Point.

The chairman of the court charged a number of public officers with having countenanced the lawless proceeding. The prisoners were nearly all found guilty, and sentenced to imprisonments of from one month to two years each.

Herard, the ex-President of St. Domingo, landed at the western harbor of Port Antonio on the 4th inst., accompanied by suite of seven or eight persons, as many horses, and about 50 stand of arms.

It seems he had reached the coast of St. Domingo, but had been warned off by his friend, they being not ready to receive him. He came in a handsome schooner of about 100 tons.

Nova Scotia,

Halifax Times, May 13.

St. George's Celebration.—Every paper from our Sister Colonies, brings intelligence of the Celebration of St. George's Day by the Benevolent Societies instituted by Englishmen, and bearing the name of their Patron Saint. In every procession also, at places where a British regiment has been stationed, we find invariably, that the Band of the Regiment has assisted at the celebration. In Montreal and Quebec the children of the Members formed an essential part of the Procession—and there is a feature connected with these annual reminiscences of nationality, which we think deserving of imitation here, viz:—a collection after the service in church, for the benefit of the Charitable Fund.

Halifax Journal, May 12.

Discovery of a Band of Smugglers!—Desperate outrage on the Officers of the Revenue!!!—During the hours of Divine Service yesterday morning a truck drove up to the Province Building containing half a dozen barrels, the result of a seizure made on Saturday night under extraordinary circumstances.

We are informed that suspicions existed for a week or more past, that smuggling, on a pretty extensive scale, was carried on from the neighbourhood of Fresh Water Bridge; and this coming to the ears of the Collector of Excise induced him to mention the fact to the seizing officers of his department.

Accordingly on Saturday night, at about Eleven o'clock, Andrew Richardson, Esq., Mr Hatch, and another officer, (whose name we have not learned,) fell in with a suspicious load of barrels, which were dropped in Morris Street, near Fort Massey and left there by the carter, evidently to be taken up by some other party in the secret of the operations.

The officers coming up asked permission of the Hon J. B. Bland, to roll the barrels into his yard, and just as they had opened the gates to do so, they were suddenly assailed by a band of nine or ten men with a volley of stones. Mr Richardson was knocked down five or six times—Hatch had his head split open, and the other officer sustained bodily harm also.

In the melee, the ruffians knocked in the heads of all the barrels except one, and then made off. The barrels are supposed to contain American Brandy. There was also a box, containing smuggled shoes.

We believe that none of the offenders have yet been discovered, although two of the officers, it is said, can positively swear to one of them.

The conduct of Mr Bland in the affair was most praiseworthy. He took care of the Officers—dressed their wounds—and detained them at his residence till daylight permitted them to proceed home in safety.

Things have certainly come to a desperate pass in this city when the lives of public officers are jeopardized in discharge of their duty. It will be a warning for them not to proceed on such an expedition again without being well provided with fire arms and other weapons, to be ready for the most summary dealing with the midnight invaders of the Law.

Another seizure, we are informed, was made last night near the Gaol, when a similar assault was attempted upon the seizing party by a number of persons in charge of the property, but fortunately prevented by the timely approach of the military guard near the spot. The Truckman conveying the property was taken which will no doubt lead to the apprehen-