

no course to adopt but to leave work. Now, we propose that in sickness an asylum shall be found for him, and there shall be no power of removal from the manufacturing to the rural districts. This, I think, will be considered an alteration of the law by which great social advantages will be obtained, and at the same time relief to the agricultural districts.

## Provincial Legislature.

### New Brunswick.

#### JOURNALS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

February 17.

Mr Rankin presented a Petition from Patrick McGinnis, John Egan, and sixty others, inhabitants of the Big Bartibog, in the county of Northumberland, praying that no Act may pass to prevent Horses and Neat Cattle from going at large on certain parts of that Settlement. Laid on the Table.

Mr Rankin presented a Petition from William Johnson, Mail Carrier between Chatham and Dalhousie, praying to be compensated for services in conveying the extra Mail between Miramichi and Bathurst for a period of four months during the past year. Laid on the Table.

The Hon. Mr Hazen moved for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act further to amend the Law relating to Bankruptcy. The said bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr Dibblee, Master in Chancery, informed the House that the Council had agreed to the following Bills:—The Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Kent to levy an assessment to defray the contingent expenses of the said County: The Bills to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Gloucester and Northumberland to assess the said County to pay off the County Debts.

February 18.

On motion of Mr Barberie, Resolved, That the Petition of John U. Campbell, High Sheriff of the County of Restigouche, praying that his Fees may be increased, or that such alteration be made in the Act regulating Sheriffs, as will enable him to receive a proper remuneration for his services, and which was presented to the House on the 3rd day of February instant, and ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr Barberie, Mr Wilmot, Mr McLeod, Mr Ead, and Mr Stewart, do compose the said Committee.

Mr Rankin presented a Petition from John Fraser, Thomas C. Allan, W. Loch, Esquires, and fifty others, inhabitants of the Parish of Newcastle, county of Northumberland, praying that a Bill read at the last Northumberland General Sessions, to prevent the performance of Statute Labour in that Parish by substitute, may pass into a Law. Laid on the Table.

Mr Rankin also presented a Petition from John Nesmith, Henry B. Allison, Esquires, and ninety two others, inhabitants of the Parish of Newcastle, County of Northumberland, praying that the Bill to prevent the performance of Statute Labour in that Parish by substitute, may not pass into a Law. Laid on the Table.

Mr Rankin presented a Petition from the Rev. John Turnbull, and ninety nine others, inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, praying that the Act for Solemnizing Marriage may be so amended as to place other Denominations of Christians upon the same footing as the Churches of England, Scotland, and Rome. Laid on the Table.

Mr Barberie presented a Petition from Thomas Barnaby, Chief of the Micmac Tribe of Indians, inhabiting the Restigouche, praying for compensation by reason of the Island called Barnaby's Island, claimed by the Petitioners, having been granted by the Crown. Laid on the Table.

February 20.

Mr Barberie presented a petition from the Rev. Andrew Barron, Roman Catholic Missionary of the Parishes of Darham, County of Restigouche, and Beresford and Bathurst, in the County of Gloucester, together with Joseph Read and John Utican, Esquires, Christopher McManus, James Ryan, and 850 others, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Brunswick, and his Successors, similar in its provisions to the Act passed by the Canadian Legislature for the incorporation of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Kingston and Toronto. Laid on the Table.

Mr Ead presented a petition from the Rev. John Madron, Roman Catholic Missionary of

the parishes of Bathurst and Beresford, in the County of Gloucester, and 630 others, with a similar prayer. Laid on the Table.

Mr Ead presented a petition from the Rev. Hector Drolet, Roman Catholic Missionary residing at Caraquet, in the county of Gloucester, and 753 others, inhabitants of Caraquet, Shippegan, Amack, and Grand Ance, with the like prayer. Laid on the Table.

On motion of Mr Wilmot, Resolved, That an humble address be presented to the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that copies of any petitions against the Act for the amendment of the Charter of King's College, forwarded to Her Majesty's Government through His Excellency during the past year, be laid before this House. Ordered, That Mr Wilmot, Mr Connell, and Mr Thomson, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency with the Address.

Mr Ead presented a petition from Francis Xavia Buteau, of the Parish of Beresford, County of Gloucester, a licenced Teacher, praying to be remunerated for having taught a School in said parish for four months ending the 23rd day of November last. Referred to the Committee on School Petitions.

Mr Rankin presented a petition from Patrick McGinnis, of the parish of Alnwick, County of Northumberland, setting forth the losses he has sustained on a prosecution instituted against him, and praying relief in the premises, for the reasons set forth in the said petition. Referred to a Select Committee.

Mr Dibblee, Master in Chancery, informed the House that the Council had agreed to the following Bills:—The Bill to alter and amend the Laws relating to the Fisheries in the County of Gloucester: The Bill relating to Dog Tax in the several Counties in this Province: The Bill to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and the better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relate to the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, and to make regulations more suitable to the said Towns, and for other purposes therein named.

Mr Rankin presented a petition from Charles Hensley, Esquire, Chairman of the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Company, praying that the Company be compensated for having maintained a good and efficient Line of Steam Communication between Miramichi, Charlotte Town, and Pictou, for a period of six months during the past year, and also for further encouragement towards maintaining the said Line, for the reasons set forth in the said Petition. Referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr Wark presented a petition from George Bell and Hector McLean, of Richibucto, in the County of Kent, praying to be remunerated for services performed in Ferrying Her Majesty's Mails across the River Richibucto. Referred to the Post Office Committee.

On motion of Mr Ead, Resolved, That the House do now go into committee of the whole in further consideration of a Bill to lay a Tax upon Dogs in a certain part of the parish of Bathurst, in the county of Gloucester. Upon motion of Mr Hanington the Bill was postponed for three months.

February 21.

On motion of Mr Wark, Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the several acts relating to the Solemnizing of Marriage, and report, either by Bill or otherwise, such amendments as may be required thereto. Ordered, That Mr Wark, Mr W. H. Street, Mr Wilmot, Mr Connell, and Mr Thomson, do compose the said committee.

February 23.

Read a second time—a bill to continue an act to revive certain acts relating to the prevention of the importation and spreading of Infectious Distempers within the counties of Charlotte and Northumberland, and to extend the provisions of the same to the counties of Gloucester and Restigouche: and a bill to amend and explain an act, intituled 'an act to authorize the Justices of the Peace in the several counties in this province to make regulations for Markets.'

Mr Hanington presented a petition from J. W. Holderness & Chilton, and 25 others, Merchants, Lumbermen, and inhabitants of the county of Kent, praying that all Mill Reserves situate in the Tide Way, and granted since the passing of the Civil List Act, may be cancelled, and thrown open to public competition.

Mr Wark presented a petition from William Black, William McLeod, William Bowser, and 120 others, inhabitants of the Parish of Richibucto, in the county of Kent, praying that a grant may pass for the erection of a bridge

across the river Richibucto. Laid on the Table.

Mr J. A. Street presented a petition from Matthew Carruthers, late Deputy Seizing Officer at Miramichi, in the county of Northumberland, praying to be reimbursed for certain expenses incurred, as also for loss of time in defending himself before the Commissioners appointed by Government to investigate certain charges preferred against him in the discharge of his duty, by John T. Williston, Esq., which charges were not sustained. Referred to the committee of Supply.

Mr Rankin presented a petition from Edward Lynch, a licenced Teacher, praying to be compensated for teaching a School in the Parish of Ludlow, county of Northumberland, for a period of six months. Referred to the committee on School petitions.

Mr Rankin presented a petition from Leonard Hawbolt, Commissioner of Buoys and Beacons for the river and port of Miramichi, praying to be remunerated for certain services performed by him as set forth in his petition. Referred to the Committee of Trade.

## United States News.

### Appaling Shipwrecks.—Fifty or Sixty Lives Lost on the Coast.

New York Sun, February 21.

The great snow storm of Saturday night and Sunday was accompanied by a number of heart-rending disasters upon our coast, within a hundred miles of the city, by which fifty or sixty lives have been lost, and a large number of families deprived of relatives and friends, and in some instances, we fear, of those upon whom they depend for protection and support in the helplessness of youth or the feebleness of age. This great calamity, second only to the shipwreck of the steamer Swallow and the loss of the ships Mexico and Bristol, falls heavily upon the families of our weather-beaten sailors, and we cannot doubt that an appeal to public sympathy in their behalf, will be substantially responded to by the people of the Commercial Emporium.

By a special express from Squan Inlet, despatched on Sunday night, about midnight, for this office, we have melancholy intelligence that five vessels were cast ashore on Squan Beach during the late severe snow storm, on Saturday night and Sunday (yesterday) morning. It is supposed that sixty lives have been lost by these disasters, the unfortunate crews and passengers perishing in sight of the land or in vain efforts to reach the shore.

The following is a list of the vessels, and the number of lives lost from each, as far as could be ascertained up to the hour our messenger left on Sunday night.

Ship John Minturn, Capt. Stark, New York and New Orleans packet, driven ashore on Sunday morning about 8 o'clock. Five of the sailors and one passenger reached the shore much exhausted.

Captain and wife, their child and servant, and thirty-seven persons, passengers, or sailors, perished in attempting to save themselves.

Ship Orleans, Capt. —, New York and New Orleans packet, was driven ashore on Saturday night, soon after the snow storm commenced. Total loss. Saved and missing not ascertained.

Schooner Alabama from Philadelphia for New York, went ashore on Saturday night during the height of the storm, and every soul on board perished. Seven in all. Vessel a total loss.

Bark N. J., came ashore on Saturday night and still held together on Sunday at sundown.

Schooner Register came ashore also on Saturday night: and remained in the same position as the bark—neither having had any communication with the shore—surf very high.

The cargo of the J. Minturn, consisting of Cotton, Sugar, Molasses, and Lead in pigs.—All lost. Cargo of the Orleans unknown.

The Alabama was loaded with liquors, spices, loaf sugar, nails, hides, &c. All lost.

The persons saved were hospitably treated by the people of Point Pleasant, at Squan inlet, and every attention bestowed upon them that their deplorable condition required.

The surf was still running very high on Sunday night, and no communication had been held with the vessels that still held together.

One of the bodies, that of a young

man, from the schooner Alabama, was found on the beach on Sunday morning, having come ashore in the night.

The Snow storm of Saturday night and Sunday, was the most severe ever known in that vicinity.

In addition to the above, received yesterday by an extraordinary overland express, we have the following particulars from our ship news reporter, and from M. Fly, Esq.

The Swedish bark Lotty, bound out to Antwerp, has gone ashore on Squan Beach, and is a total loss. The captain, the mate and two men drowned. Three schooners are ashore at Long Branch near Squan Beach. It is also said that there is a brig ashore near the same place, not known.

These, as well as those published in our extra, quoted above, are all ashore from twenty to thirty miles south of Sandy Hook.

East of Sandy Hook, on Long Island; there are two or three vessels on shore: one, the pilot boat Mary Eleanor, will probably get off without serious damage, crew saved; vessel high and dry, in sight of Rockaway Pavilion. The bark New Jersey, Capt. Lewis, was from Savannah, consigned to R. M. Demill. Ship Avalanche, Parsons, from Matanzas, ashore on the mud flats in the harbour, near Bedlow's Island discharged part of her cargo yesterday and will get off, without damage. The schooner Register was from Newbern, N. C., with naval stores. James Cunningham, of St John New Brunswick, was drowned. She lies opposite Long Branch boarding house. Schr. Pioneer is one of the vessels ashore near the same place. The crews of the Jersey and the Lotty were saved by the most extraordinary exertions of people on shore, to whom great praise is awarded for braving the dangers of the surf and rescuing the unfortunate tars at the risk of their own lives. The brig Robert Bruce, from Belize, Honduras, reported ashore on Robin's Reef, got off and came up to this city without damage. Brig Dr. Hitchcock, for Demarara, ashore at Robin's Reef, will get off without damage.

Severe Snow Storm.—Another great snow storm, the second of the season, commenced here on Saturday night, about eight o'clock and ended yesterday about two o'clock P. M., leaving an average depth of six inches of snow on the ground; and being accompanied by a high wind, the streets, avenues, roads and railways are obstructed by immense drifts. Railway travelling and the transportation of the mails are suspended for a few hours. We regret to add that the storm was accompanied by loss of life. The shipping in the harbor sustained but trifling injury.

## Colonial News.

### Nova Scotia.

Halifax Times, March 3.

The Express to New York.—It appears that the express which started overland from Halifax to New-York, by way of Annapolis, across the Bay to Portland, thence by railroad, arrived in Boston on Wednesday night, in 35 hours from Halifax, beating the Cambria two hours and a half—the Oambria it appears arrived in 34 hours hence at Boston, one hour quicker than the express. The question stands thus—with a rail road from Halifax to Digby, news could be transmitted to Boston and New York as quick as by the Cunard steamers—no quicker. Had the Cambria started in an hour and a half after she arrived instead of three hours and a half, she would have been in Boston as quick as the express. It is said that Bennett of the Herald ran an Express from Boston after the arrival of the Cambria, which overtook Ormiston at Worcester, and arrived in New York several hours before him. The problem however was solved at Boston, and it is not likely we shall see any more overland expresses in the present state of the communication. The detention here of the express for half an hour, waiting for papers, was caused by the Purser of the Cambria, who it is said is not a very accommodating personage.

Shipwreck off Halifax Harbour.—The brig. Laurel, D. George, master, in making the harbour of Halifax on Tuesday morning, Feb. 24, fell in with a quantity of drift ice, and struck at twenty minutes to one, midnight, on the Middle Sisters, about five miles from Sambro Light. The vessel filled in about a quarter of an hour after. The jolly boat was got out and the mate and one hand jumped into her, but the painter broke, and she drifted from the vessel, which she could not