

Provincial Legislature OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNALS.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

February 1.

Mr End, by leave presented a petition from William Napier, John Woolner, and twenty five others, merchants and freeholders, of Bathurst, in the county of Gloucester, praying pecuniary aid towards encouraging and maintaining a packet to run between Bathurst and the ports on the north side of the Bay of Chaleur; which he read. Ordered, That the said petition be received and referred to the committee appointed to take into consideration all matters relating to the post office establishment, to report thereon.

Mr Barbaree, by leave presented a petition from Andrew McDonald, Tide waiter at the port of Dalhousie and Campbellton, in the County of Restigouche, praying for a further allowance in consequence of the increased duties of his office; which he read. Ordered, That the said petition be received and referred to the committee of trade to report thereon.

Mr Hannington, by leave presented a petition from James Chappell and Rinaldo Chappell of Bay de Verte, in the county of Westmoreland, praying that a grant may pass to aid them in running a weekly packet from that place to Bedouque and Charlottetown in Prince Edward's Island; which he read. Ordered that the said petition be received and referred to the committee appointed to take into consideration all matters relating to the post office establishment, to report thereon.

February 2.

Read a third time as engrossed, A bill to authorise the exploration and Survey of a line for a railroad between Shediac and the city Saint John. Resolved, that the bill do pass.

February 3.

The honorable Mr Rankin, by leave, presented a petition from Andrew Weaver and others of the parish of Blissfield, in the county of Northumberland, praying relief in consideration of the distress and destitution occasioned by the failure of the grain crop, and rot of the potato crop; which he read. Ordered that the petition be received and lie on the table.

Mr Wark by leave presented a petition from James Long, Esq. the Reverend F. M. Turcott, Peter Robicheau, and sixty three others, inhabitants of the Parish of Dundas in the county of Kent, praying that a grant may pass to relieve certain inhabitants of the said parish who are suffering by reason of the failure of the crops; which he read. Ordered, that the petition be received and lie on the table.

Mr Street, by leave, presented a petition from James Davidson, praying remuneration for services performed in surveying, exploring and making a Diagram of the bye roads in the counties of Northumberland and Gloucester, in the year 1846; which he read. Ordered, that the said petition be received and referred to the committee appointed to take into consideration the sums required for the improvement of the roads throughout the province, to report thereon.

Mr Hayward moved for leave to bring in a bill to authorise the exploration and survey of a line for a railroad between Fredericton and the city Saint John. Leave granted. The said bill being brought in, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr End, Resolved that an humble address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant governor, praying that his Excellency may be pleased to communicate to the house, copies of any documents addressed to His Excellency, connected with the emigrant ship, Eliza Liddel, which arrived with passengers at Shippegan, in the County of Gloucester, in August last. Ordered, that Mr End, Mr J. Earl, and Mr Hayward, be a committee to wait upon His Excellency with the Address.

Mr Carman, by leave presented a petition from James Johnson, George Kerr, Daniel McLaughlan, and Joseph Samuel, Trustees for the Chatham Steam Ferry Boat setting forth, that a good and efficient boat, with an engine of fifteen horse power has been built and ready to ply between Chatham and the North side of the River Miramichi, to connect the Great Road from Halifax to Saint John with the great roads to Fredericton and Restigouche, and praying aid towards the building of the necessary landings; which he read. Ordered, that the said petition be received and referred to the committee of Supply.

February 4

Mr Carman, by leave presented a petition from John J. Donald, Esq., and thirty seven others, inhabitants of the Parish of Blackville in the county of Northumberland, praying aid to enable them to relieve the distress now prevailing in the Parish in consequence of the failure of the grain and potato crops; which he read. Ordered that the said petition be received and lie on the table.

Mr Street, by leave, presented a petition from Alex McLaggan, one of the overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Blackville, in the county Northumberland, praying to be remunerated for expenses incurred in sending a transient Lunatic Pauper to the Asylum at St. John; which he read. Ordered, that the said petition be received and referred to the committee for taking into consideration claims for the support of Emigrant poor, to report thereon.

Read a third time as engrossed. A Bill to increase the Duty imposed on Shipping entering the Bay or Harbour of Miramichi, for the support of Buoys and Beacons. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Colonial News.

Novascotia.

From the Halifax Sun, Feb. 9

Robbery.—On Sunday evening fortnight between 7 and 8 o'clock, the house of Mr. Peter Brush, Corner of Brunswick and Dockyard Lane, was entered, a desk forcibly opened and £20 taken therefrom in half crowns and dollars. The family was from home at the time. A barrel was found in the yard with the head up, immediately under one of the back windows, through which it is supposed the thief entered.

Penitentiary.—Mr Carpenter, it appears, has been suspended. His successor has not yet been appointed. It is presumed the Town will be raked for some old worn out, discharged soldier, to put in his place, rather than an active, trustworthy, intelligent inhabitant, having a claim to the office, by the enjoyment of the confidence of his fellow-townsmen. The Commissioners of the Penitentiary had better try a citizen this time.

Temperance.—There were interesting meetings of the Halifax Temperance Society, at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings. We have only time and space to say that Mr. Kellogg gave very interesting lectures.

From the Halifax Chronicle.

Death in a Storm.—On Saturday morning last, Mr. John Moore, senr, of Margaret's Bay, left his home in a small boat and went off to Lukie's Island, with the intention of shooting. Not returning at the proper time, and a violent gale having sprung up, his friends became alarmed, and instituted a rigid search. He was found on Sunday morning, quite dead. It is supposed that he perished in the storm.

New-Brunswick.

St. John Observer, February 8.

Temperance Hall.—We learn that the different Temperance Societies in this City purpose erecting a spacious brick edifice, for a Temperance Hall. The Telegraph of last evening says—"The idea is to raise some six thousand pounds by means of a Joint Stock Company, and to this end a Subscription list has been opened, and upwards of three hundred shares already taken at Five Pounds each. Several places have been named as the site for the building; but we believe the selection will be a matter for future consideration. We trust the friends of Temperance generally will feel under obligation to give the undertaking all the assistance in their power to bestow, and if they do, we shall shortly have the satisfaction to behold a fabric which will at once be an ornament to our City and a triumph to our cause. The Subscription list may be seen at the store of Mr. C. E. Cross, South Wharf."—We wish the laudable and spirited project every success.

On Saturday and Sunday last, we were visited with a severe Easterly snow storm, almost the first of the season. In consequence of the large quantities of snow which had fallen, the mails were yesterday detained some hours beyond their usual time. Sleighing is now very good, but the weather being mild and thawing in the sun, it is not probable that the snow will remain long unless it becomes colder.

St John Observer, Feb. 8

During the last year, there entered inwards at this port from the United Kingdom, 360 vessels, 166,604 tons, 5,805 men—and during the same period there cleared outwards, for the United Kingdom, 482 vessels, 221,422 tons, and 7,601 men.—There also arrived at this port during the same period, 14 vessels, 1,990 tons, from British West Indies; 3 vessels, 729 tons, from Foreign Europe; 999 vessels 51,795 tons, from British North American Colonies; 275 vessels, 31,704 tons, from the United States; 95 vessels, 14,274 tons, Foreign; 14 vessels about 2600 tons from other ports.

United States News.

St. John New Brunswicker, Feb. 8

IMPORTANT FROM TEXAS.—War between the Delaware and Camanche Indians.—By the express from New Or-

leans, important advices from Texas have been received. War has broken out between the Delaware and Camanche Indians.

One desperate battle had been fought, in which the Delawares were defeated with a loss of 25 warriors. The alleged cause of the war was an incursion of the Delawares upon the hunting grounds of the Camanche, and also favouring the whites in the war between the Indian tribes and Texas. The loss of their warriors has excited the Delaware nation to revenge, and they would probably have a considerable force to engage in future conflicts.

A general Indian war was apprehended, and it was rumoured that several tribes had volunteered to carry the war to the city of Mexico.

Return of a Comet.—The American Almanac for 1848 prophecy a return during the year of Pingre's Comet, which appeared in 1264 and 1556. The period of the Comet is presumed to be every 292 years—and Mr. Hind, of England, agrees with the most celebrated astronomers of the day in their calculations of its orbit and return. On former occasions, it approached very near the earth, and the display was really magnificent. The perihelion passages of this Comet upon its two former appearances were July 17th, 1264, and April 21st, 1556.

Communications.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

FREDERICTON, February 9.

Mr Editor,

The office of Attorney General is not yet filled up, and will not be until after the arrival of our new Governor—as he has been Gazetted Governor of this Province, Sir William is considered as merely locum tenus until his arrival, and it is not etiquette to fill up any offices that may become vacant ad interim. The great question here is, who will be Attorney General, and this is a question none can answer, as it appears surrounded with difficulties. You have no doubt seen the Despatch of Earl Grey to Sir John Harvey*—there is a similar Despatch to this Province, and no doubt will be acted upon in filling up the present vacancy—and there is the difficulty—Mr Chandler is spoken of, but the question is, will he accept an office of so uncertain a tenure, and remove here—I think not. If they give it to the present Solicitor General, who will fill his office? I hadly think Mr Hazan will take it, and give up the Recordership of Saint John. Some say your representative, Mr Street is entitled to it—but here is another difficulty, the Attorney and Solicitor General must be of the Executive Council, and hold their offices dependant on their seats. Then will the present Council admit him to a seat at the board, as you have already one Councillor for your County; but perhaps his friend and colleague may be induced to resign in his favor; in this case he will be entitled to hold the office just so long as he can keep his seat in the Council and House of Assembly. But what is to become of the Provincial Secretary? he, poor man who no doubt thought himself very snugly seated in his office, at £600 per annum, and free from Executive toil; must be drawn from his easy chair, to take an uncomfortable seat at the Council Board. He must form one of the Executive, and hold his office during its political term, or in other words, until some Member of the House, who has an eye to the office, can manage by his influence, to get a vote of want of confidence passed. Some think the Despatch will not effect the present incumbent; but they may be mistaken—he came into office since Lord John Russell's Despatch, and now must be prepared to give up office whenever the public voice requires it. The effect of this change no doubt, will be, the Removal of the Seat of Government. Sir Edmund will at once see that he cannot carry on the Government under this improved (?) Constitution and allow the Seat to remain at Fredericton. He cannot command the most talented men to form his advisers. Fredericton can boast of men of talent, I admit, but not all the talent, and there is no field to induce men of talent to remove there, and take office: it is nothing more than a rural Village. Take away the Public Offices and the Troops, and what have you left? Still, I think the Seat of Government was happily chosen for the advancement of the Province, and that the upper part of the Saint John would not have attained that state of improvement it has done, had the Seat of Government been at the city. All your Representatives I find, are averse to the removal, still I do not see how it can effect your County, provided the whole system of Responsible Government is carried out, one part of which is, that the Initiating of Money Grants should be placed in the Executive. This the Assembly appear determined to hold on to. Should they continue to do so, and the Seat of Government be removed to Saint John, then, indeed, it may effect you. The Saint John interest is now overpowering: they appear to think that the River Saint John constitutes the whole Province of New Brunswick, and when they get the Seat of Government to the City, their idea will be still more circumscribed—the fog of the city will prevent them seeing beyond its bounds; however, should the Railroad from

Shediac to Saint John go into operation (of which I see very little probability I must confess) you will then be brought into more immediate proximity, and if you continue to send active and energetic Members, you will be enabled to make yourselves heard at all events, whether you get a fair share of the love and fishes or not. I think you have done so heretofore. The state of your roads in the North excite the jealousy of other parts of the Province, and the cry is—you get too much money, but I am inclined to think the great secret lies in the judicious expenditure of the money, and the superior skill of your Supervisors.

There was a bill before the house yesterday to authorise an exploration for a line of railroad from Fredericton to Saint John, which was lost by the casting vote of the Chairman (Mr. Carman). It appeared to be admitted on all sides, that the formation of a railway was not only practicable, but that a good line could be easily found—under these circumstances it did appear absurd to grant a large sum of money in the present state of our finances to explore a line for a railway when there was not the least prospect of one being formed even if a superior line could be found.

On Tuesday a bill was before the House, brought in by Mr. Carman, relative to the Lazaretto on Sheldrake Island. Mr. Rankin spoke long, feelingly, and well in favor of the bill—Mr. Street and several other members spoke against it, and thought that as the Report of the Commissioners, which pronounced the existing disease to be Leprosy—but not contagious—the establishment should be broken up. Mr. End thought the unfortunate persons should be allowed to go to their homes and be put upon the same footing as the old Soldiers. I cannot think the establishment will be allowed to go down, but that some means will be devised to make it more efficient and attractive to the inmates, than it now is. Mr. Hazen intimated that it was the intention of the Government to take some action upon the Report. Upon this intimation, and on the motion of Mr. Rankin, progress was reported, and the bill postponed for further discussion.

* We shall publish the Despatch to which our correspondent alludes next week.

Miramichi, February 14, 1848.

Mr. Pierce,

In order that the Public may be, as well as particular individuals, aware of what is going on, please to give the enclosed notice, which has been forwarded to me, a place in the Gleaner to-morrow, and oblige

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Honourable JOSEPH CUNARD, of Miramichi, in the Province of New Brunswick, Merchant, by indenture, bearing date the 27th day of November, last past, assigned and conveyed all his real and personal Estate and Effects to the Subscribers, in Trust for the benefit of his Creditors, the said assignment or Trust deed now lies at the office of George Kerr, Solicitor, Chatham, where the Creditors of the said Joseph Cunard, who intend taking the benefit of the said Trust, are requested to call and execute the same.

Robert McCalmont, per George Wright. S. Cunard, by George Kerr. Thomas C. Allan.

Miramichi, Jan. 20, 1848.

YESTERDAY'S MAIL.

The papers by this Mail were obtained by us this morning, the mail not having arrived until half past six. We give below a brief summary of the news they contain.

LEGISLATURE.—The following paragraph is copied from the St John Courier of Saturday.

A bill for facilitating the construction, through New Brunswick of the great Trunk Railway from Halifax to Quebec, is said to be in preparation, giving her Majesty's Government the same powers as were granted by the act formerly passed for opening the military road, with grants of land in addition. We trust and sincerely hope that everything which the Legislature can safely and properly do for encouraging this great and truly national undertaking, will be done in the present session, and that the most strenuous efforts will be made to induce her Majesty's government to enter upon the work.

We copy the following report of the proceedings of the Assembly on Lord Grey's Responsible Despatch being laid before them, from the Mail of the same date.

The Hon. Mr. Hazen brought down a message, accompanied by a copy of a despatch addressed to the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, by the Secretary of State, on the subject of the tenure of public office, in that Colony, and on Responsible Government. In presenting the message and despatch, Mr. Hazen remarked that although the despatch was addressed to the Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia, the principles involved were to be extended throughout the North American Colonies.—(Hear, hear.)