

the ties between them and the Mother Country, and greatly tend to check the spread of feelings of disaffection and disloyalty, now alas, becoming too prevalent.

That your Petitioners Humbly Pray for an Act of Incorporation to the Canada New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Railway Company, for this Province, and an Expression of the Legislature, by Resolution or otherwise, that the land and means may be made available to this Corporation, or any other Corporate Body, which may carry out this great undertaking, that was voted to the Imperial Government for that purpose; under such restrictions and regulations as your Excellency and Honors, may in your wisdom, deem prudent, just, and proper.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

J. CUNARD, Chairman.

J. M. Johnson,
J. T. Williston,
J. Samuel,
C. McCulley,
D. Keith,

Committee.

The following amendment to the first Resolution was moved by G. Kerr, Esq., seconded by James Johnson, Esq., and lost.

Resolved, as the opinion of this meeting, That it is highly desirable to foster and encourage every judicious measure calculated to forward the construction of a Railway to connect the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Canada. And this meeting are desirous of expressing their decided opinion that this great national undertaking should receive from the Legislature every encouragement which it legitimately can bestow, either upon private individuals or public bodies who may engage in furthering this important measure.

COUNTY KENT.

Wellington and Dundas District Agricultural Society.—At a Public meeting called in accordance with a numerous and respectfully signed requisition to the Magistrates of Wellington, John Bowser and Francis McPhelim, Esqrs., for that purpose held on Friday, the 5th inst. at the house of Monsieur Eloi L'Blanc, in Buctouche, for the purpose of forming a District Agricultural Society. JAMES LONG, Esq. being called to the chair, and J. McPHELM requested to act as Secretary—after some preliminary arrangements, and considerable discussion respecting the true intent and meaning of the Act with regard to what amount may be drawn from the Treasury by a District Society, when the County Society subscriptions amount to fifty pounds, J. McPhelim rose, and moved the following Resolution, which was seconded, and very ably commented upon by R. B. Cutler, Esq.

Whereas—it is the opinion of this meeting, that the truest, most effectual, and legitimate means of advancing the best interests and prosperity of this Province, will be best attained by affording proper encouragement to the development of its rich Agricultural resources. And whereas, the prosperity and welfare of all other classes of this community are essentially contingent upon the extent and success of the industrial operations of its yeomanry. And whereas, Agriculture in this district is not in that healthy, prosperous and thriving state, which from its vital importance to the general welfare—the genial salubrity of the climate—the fertility of the soil—the rapidity of vegetation—and the persevering energy and industry of the inhabitants, it is evidently the intention of a Beneficent Providence that it should be. And whereas, the encouragement of a better and more systematic mode of tillage, the introduction of a superior breed of Cattle, and the diffusion of a more general knowledge of Scientific Agriculture, would be largely conducive to the advancement of the welfare and prosperity of this district, and go far to remove the greatest impediments to its onward course. And whereas, the liberal encouragement held out by the Provincial Legislature to the formation of "Agricultural Societies," places this community in a position to avail itself of those most desirable advantages, which, for the want of the necessary capital it could not otherwise enjoy. And whereas, in Agriculture (unlike most other professions) the greater and more active the competition the greater the advantages and benefits derived, not only by the country in general, but by each individual competitor in particular, it becomes the duty of all who are zealously desirous of forwarding the upward and onward progress of their country's improvement, unaniously to combine for the advancement of a cause fraught with so much and such vital importance to the independence, welfare, prosperity, and general happiness, as that of Agriculture most unquestionably is—therefore

Resolved, That this meeting do forthwith proceed to the formation of a Society under the title and designation of the "Wellington and Dundas District Agricultural Society;" that a subscription list be immediately opened for that purpose, and that the subscription and payment of Five Shillings do constitute a membership therein.

A subscription list was accordingly opened, and notwithstanding there was not over fifty persons present, (in consequence of the shortness of the notice) in less than fifteen minutes the sum of Twenty Eight Pounds was subscribed; the following gentlemen heading the list with the customary spirit and liberality.

John Coutes	2 0 0
N. Beckwith	1 0 0
M. Atkinson	1 0 0
J. Bowser, Esq.	0 10 0
J. McPhelim	1 0 0
Ira Hicks, Senr.	1 0 0
R. B. Cutler, Esq.	1 0 0
A. B. Smith, Esq.	10 0
J. Sheridan	1 5 0
H. B. Smith	0 5 0
P. L. Smith, Esq.	0 5 0
R. Sherwood	0 10 0
J. Long	1 0 0
J. Doherty	1 0 0
D. Robicheaux	0 10 0
W. Turner	0 10 0
G. Powell	0 10 0
E. Masson	0 10 0

followed by a number of others with equally liberal amounts.

On motion of Mr Cutler, J. Long, Esq., having left the Chair, and J. Bowser, Esq., being called thereto, the thanks of the meeting were presented to J. Long, Esq., for the very gentlemanly and dignified manner in which he had acquitted himself of the duties of Chairman. The thanks of the meeting were also presented to Monsieur L'Blanc, for kindly allowing the use of his house, and for the politeness, courtesy, and attention shown by himself and family to all present.

A meeting of the members of the Society was then held, and the following gentlemen appointed office bearers for the present year.

President—James Long, Esq.
Vice Presidents—Frances McPhelim and A. B. Smith, Esqrs.
Treasurer—Mr P. L. Smith.
Recording Secretary—Robert Douglas, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary—James McPhelim.

Directors—John Coutes, Placide Buserash, Ira Hicks, Frances Cornear, Moratons Atkinson, Gabriel Herbert, Abram Chose, Peter Robicheaux, Joseph Doherty, N. Beckwith, R. B. Cutler, Peter Nowlan, and Eloi L'Blanc.

On Motion of Mr McMillan, Resolved, that the Secretary be directed to prepare and forward reports of the proceedings to the 'Miramichi Gleaner,' the Saint John 'Courier,' and 'Morning News,' for publication.

J. McPHELM, Cor. Sec.
Buctouche, April 10, 1850.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The inhabitants of Halifax are taking a lively interest in the Windsor Railway. A requisition numerous signed, was handed to the High Sheriff, requesting him to convene a public meeting. To this he complied—and the papers contain a notice, that a meeting would be held in the new Temperance Hall, on Friday, the 12th inst., to take the initiatory steps touching the construction of the projected Railroad from Halifax to Windsor—and to transact such other business in relation thereto—as may be submitted for their consideration.

The people of Pictou are going ahead with their Line of Telegraph to join with the one passing through Truro.

P. E. ISLAND.—The Legislature of this Colony has had but a short sitting. It was prorogued on the 26th March, having passed but two bills—one the payment of the Civil List on certain conditions—and the other to continue certain acts about expiring. They then informed His Excellency that they would not transact any further business, when he immediately prorogued them—soundly rating them for their contumacy. The local papers report—that no supplies have been voted—no business transacted—and public affairs left in a state of confusion, which although comparatively a small affair, may yet tend to embarrass the Colony.

COUNTY OF RESTIGOUCHE.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—Progress of the Order.—On Monday the 8th inst., a new Division, under the style of 'Restigouche Division, No. 55,' was organised at Campbellton, Restigouche County, by D. G. W. P. Henry W. Baldwin, assisted by P. W. P. Packard, of Bathurst Division. Eleven members were initiated, who, one and all seemed sensible of the importance and necessity of the vows they assumed, and proud of their admission into this distinguished fraternity. We cordially congratulate the inhabitants of Restigouche, on the introduction of the Order of the Sons of Temperance into their fine county, and trust it will prove there as elsewhere, a Rock of Security for the Temperate and a refuge and blessing to the Inebriate. We would likewise hope, that it may ere long lead to the discontinuance of that old and pernicious practice, which still prevails to a great extent in that part of the Province, misnamed Hospitality, of using and offering to others strong drinks upon all occasions; a practice which experience has taught us, is much more honored in the breach than the observance.

The following is a list of the officers of Restigouche Division for the present quarter:—

Robert Y. Tait, W. P.; James S. Morse, W. A.; Allan Andrew, R. S.; Charles Lloyd, A. R. S.; Allan McKendrick, F. S.; William Caldwell, T.; F. B. Malone, C.; James Andrew, A. C.; Joseph Wallace, I. S.; William Gammon, O. S.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.—But little of interest respecting the proceedings of the Legislature has come to hand since the publication of last paper. From late papers we annex a few paragraphs relating to the subject:—

Friday, April 5th.

After the journals were read this morning the house went into Committee of supply for a short time. Several grants were passed, after which the House resolved itself into Committee on the state of the Province, and a warm debate continued until about half past five o'clock.

Mr End, Mr Woodward, Hon Mr Fisher, Dr Earle, Mr Ansley, Hon. Mr Hannington, Dr Thompson, Mr Carman, His Honor the Speaker, Mr Street, Mr Ritchie, Mr Brown, followed in succession, each delivering himself of a speech of considerable length, and several of whom proposed a different panacea to recruit the 'state of the Province.' The subject is, however, just where it commenced, but with this difference, that the 'state of the Province' is some degree worse, as it is minus the money which the debate has cost. Mr Wark's resolution, and Mr Brown's amendment, will not be sustained. Hon. Mr Partelow and Mr Ritchie gave notice that they would move other resolutions, which I believe are nearly as different as the original is from the amendment. The debate is to be resumed to-morrow immediately after the Journals are read. It is the opinion of some members that the debate will end in—nothing. Dr Wilson moved for leave to enter on the supply book two hundred and fifty pounds to be equally divided among the four Reporters.

Saturday, April 6.

The further consideration of the state of the Province has been made the order for this day, but owing to some cause or causes, the subject was not taken up. During a considerable part of the day the house was somewhat thin.

On motion of Mr Woodward, the House went into Committee on a bill to appropriate a part of the public revenue for services therein mentioned, which Bill passed.

Hon. L. A. Wilmot, by leave, brought in a Bill to facilitate the construction of a railroad from the harbor of Shediac to the Bend of Petitcodiac; also a Bill to open a communication by railway or canal from the Saint Lawrence to the head of the Temiscouata Lake.

Mr Brown, by leave, brought in a Bill for the better repairs of roads and bridges in this Province. The Frederickton Corporation Bill was then taken up, and passed.

A Bill to provide for the putting up and curing of beef and pork was taken up in committee of the whole, and elicited considerable discussion. The Bill was brought in by Mr Barbarie, and it originated with the New Brunswick Society for the encouragement of agriculture, home manufactures and commerce. The Bill was very stringent in its particulars, and went to establish places for inspection throughout the Province. It required that the barrel in which beef and pork was to be packed, should be made of a particular kind of wood, and the meat should be cut up into certain sizes, with various other nice distinctions. Mr Barbarie, Hon. Mr Hannington, Dr Wilson, Colonel McLeod, and others, supported the Bill.

Hon. L. A. Wilmot, his Honor, the Speaker, Messrs Ritchie, Woodward and some others spoke against it.

Hon. L. A. Wilmot and Mr Ritchie contended that the bill was premature, and that the passing of it would operate materially against the farmers.

Hon. L. A. Wilmot moved a proviso which was carried, and which was intended to render the bill virtually nugatory.—*St John News Brunswick.*

FRIDAY'S LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.—Late on Saturday night we received our Fre-

derickton package, containing Friday's proceedings. The state of the Province was brought up on that day, and about a dozen speeches were delivered. Mr End took the lead and made an able speech against the Commercial Policy of England, and its destructive influence upon the Colonies. The speech would make about two columns of our paper. We have only time to refer to it this morning—but shall yet make good use of it. To our astonishment Mr Woodward declared that we had nothing to complain of, and that the country would prosper under the Free Trade policy of England. He said it was not right to charge the mother country with injustice in adopting her present policy. And that there was an abundance of wealth and money in the Province!!! In fact the whole speech is in favor of things as they are. We will publish it on Wednesday for the information of the people of Saint John. To us it is astonishing, coming from such a quarter. As usual, amendment after amendment was moved, in order, we presume, to mystify the matter; the debate ended at 5 o'clock to be resumed again to-day. Our Reporter says it will occupy two or three days more and probably end in—nothing. Well—well—well!!!—*M. News.*

PROFESSOR WEBSTER'S TRIAL.—We have devoted considerable space to this important trial. If we have room next week we shall give the charge of Chief Justice Shaw to the Jury, as well as his solemn and feeling address to the prisoner, on passing sentence of death.

There appears to be a great diversity of opinion on the subject of the Professor's guilt; and a petition is in course of signature in New York, praying that he may not be executed.

The papers furnish some interesting particulars in reference to the Professor's family, and his bearing since the trial.

A late Boston paper reports:

On Sunday morning the hon. Mrs W. H. Prescott, of Boston, undertook the painful duty of communicating to Mrs Webster and family the sad intelligence of the verdict of the jury, an office which she performed in the most feeling, kind and judicious manner. But the intelligence, that a kind husband and father was thus condemned to an ignominious death was a blow which no human preparation could be made to meet, and overwhelmed them with unutterable grief.

Northumberland Agricultural Society.

At a Meeting of the Board of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, held on Thursday, the 11th April, 1850, the following Regulations and Restrictions, respecting the erection of a Carding, Fulling and Dressing Machine, for which the Society has offered a Premium of £50, were unanimously adopted:

"The object of the Society being to aid in the establishment of useful machinery in a convenient place in the Parish of Chatham or Newcastle, for the Carding, Fulling, and Dressing the Wool and Cloth produced and made in the County, they will require parties competing for the Premium to provide suitable Buildings, and the necessary Machinery, on the most recent and most approved principles, for Carding, Fulling, and Dressing Wool and Cloth, and on such a scale as will be suitable for the wants of this County at least; to which the Society is desirous that Dyeing should be added. The whole establishment to be completed, and in successful and efficient operation, and answering the purposes for which it is required, on or before the first day of September, 1851.

"The competitors for the Premium to send their applications to the Secretary on or before the first day of June next, stating the size and description of the buildings, the different descriptions of machinery they intend and will agree to provide and put in operation by the time limited, and the situation where the establishment is intended to be placed. The Board will determine to which of the applicants the premium shall be given. Immediately after adjudging the Premium, the £50 will be given to the successful competitor, on an approved Joint Note, payable with interest, on the fifteenth day of September, 1851; which Note will be delivered up and cancelled on the Certificate of Alexander Goodfellow, Alexander Jessamine, and John Norman, or any two of them, (who are appointed Judges for that purpose) that the establishment is in full and efficient operation, according to the true intent of the above Regulations. In case of failure the money to be paid back with interest, immediately thereafter."

At a preceding Meeting of the Board, it was resolved unanimously—that the Black Sea Seed Wheat, Clover Seed, and the remaining quantities of Garden Seeds, be sold by the Seed Agents of the Society, as formerly—say P. Watt, Esq., Newcastle, John Porter, Esq., Douglastown, and Mr Andrew Duncan, Chatham. It being understood, that the Society does not guarantee the Garden Seeds as good. Many of these are however, believed to be still fresh and of excellent quality.

By order of the Board,
JAMES CAIE, Secretary.
Chatham, April 12, 1850.

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