

Your Saint John men, with their ideas of liberty and self government, will not be slow in denouncing such language as this.

The vacancies in the Executive, present and prospective, are not yet filled, and the Leader says it will be a work of time. He surely must have tried to get them filled before now. Is it that he can get no one to accept office in a government tottering to its foundation, and that he can not form an administration at all? The mutterings of the coming storm is already heard, and the sighing of the wind through the creaking spars and strained cordage of the crazy old ship, sounds like a funeral dirge.

March 3.

This morning the committees were sitting, and there was seldom a quorum in the house; consequently it was past one o'clock before they proceeded to business.

The house went into committee and passed a bill to alter the polling place, in the parish of Wickham, Queen's; the house next went into committee on a bill to reduce the fees of registrars. Progress on this bill was reported on account of the absence of the Attorney General.

Mr Hatheway complained of the manner in which public business is retarded in consequence of the absence of some of the hon. members, and read a resolution which he laid on the table, to the effect that on and after Monday next, when in committee on a bill, its consideration shall not be postponed unless on motion of the mover, who shall show good cause for the same. The speaker said it was unparliamentary to postpone a bill because certain members were absent.

The house next went into committee on the Bill to exclude public officers from the House of Assembly. After a debate of two hours, during which there was a scene of much confusion and altercation, Mr Cutler's amendment was put, and lost by a large majority. Mr Steves then moved an amendment to the bill, to the effect that (after controllers of the Navigation Laws) there should be excluded the treasurer, deputy treasurers, officers of the customs, registrars of deeds and wills, judges of probate, clerks of the peace, sheriffs, coroners, supervisors of roads, commissioners of roads and bridges, government contractors, and all other officers appointed by the government political officers excepted. This amendment was sustained by hon. Speaker, and Messrs Read, Gordon, Crane, Hennington, Scoullar, Rice, Stife, Steves, Gilbert, Cutler, Hayward, Ryan, Beardsley, English, Taylor, Hatheway, MacPherson and Fitzgerald.—19. The opposition consisted of Messrs Porter, McPhelim, Thomson, Gray, Wilmot, McLeod, Johnson, Botsford and Williston.—2.

It is proper here to state that Messrs Thomson, Porter and Wilmot were opposed to the bill on principle. Mr Botsford voted against the amendment, because it did not include Judges of the Inferior Courts and Magistrates; and Messrs Grey and Johnson wished to substitute the following amendment (after officers of the navigation law) written and read by Mr Grey:—or that hold an office in the Customs of this Province, or an office of emolument under the government, payable out of the Provincial Revenues, nor any person connected with the collection of the Revenue in this Province, nor any supervisor, commissioner of roads or bridges, nor any person appointed by the Government to expend any grant of public money, nor any person having a contract with the Government, or being security for such contractor.

March 4.

There was a long conversation on a petition from the Postmaster at Bathurst, concerning Postmaster's Salaries.

On Mr Barberie's Bill to repeal the Act now in force, giving bounties for killing bears and wolves, a long and amusing debate arose, nothing decided—progress reported.

The consideration of Mr Johnson's Bill, providing pay for the Legislative Council, was, on motion of Mr Ritchie, postponed.

Mr Ritchie wishes to see whether the bill making the Council Elective passes before proceeding with the pay bill.

Colonial News.

New Brunswick:

The House of Assembly.—There is quite a lull in the proceedings of the Assembly, and many of the members have taken leave of absence for a few days. Our Fredericton correspondent notes all that is new or interesting in his letter; but we shall not have anything of a startling nature from Head Quarters until after the return of the Attorney General from Queen's County. Then the great questions involved in the late Despatches from Earl Grey will be brought up, and if an opposition is not manifested to the dictation of the Colonial Secretary which will be productive of benefit hereafter, we shall be much mistaken. If a slavish majority can be found in our Assembly to support the Government in forcing such insulting documents upon a British Colony, we want to know the men, and then we shall be in a position to deal with them as their respective cases may demand.

The House will go into Committee of Ways and Means to day. We learn that there is a disposition manifested to reduce the duty on Molasses one half, and upon Spirits to 1s. per gallon, which will be 1s. 3d. off, so as to lessen the inducement for smuggling. An effort will also be made to make smuggling felony. We also learn that Canadian produce will not be admitted free from the United

States, only when coming direct.—St. John New Brunswick, March 4.

United States News.

The U. S. Frigate St. Lawrence, Captain Sanda sailed from New York on the 19th ult. for Southampton, filled with articles for the World's Fair at London. She has 300 sailors and marines on board.

While the fate of the Atlantic remained uncertain, certain clairvoyants prophesied that she had broken her machinery, was under sail, and would arrive in a port on Wednesday. The facts all verified the prediction.—She arrived at Cork on Wednesday 22nd January.

Leading Cities of the West.—Cincinnati has 115,000, Pittsburgh, 84,000, and St. Louis 77,000 inhabitants.

New York, Feb. 24.—Three women, named Nancy Kearney, Bridget Conney, and Betsey McDonald, were killed on Tuesday last, near the village of Hyde Park, by a piece of rock thrown from a blast and falling through the roof of their House. The rock weighed 1000 lbs. The deceased were all married.

The steamboats Oregon and Buffalo left this evening for Albany. The river is said to sufficiently clear of ice to admit of a passage to the above place.

SECOND EDITION.

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 11.

YESTERDAY'S MAIL.

This mail, due yesterday at noon, did not arrive until this morning. We have hurriedly made some extracts from the papers received, which we publish below.

IMPORTANT FROM ENGLAND.

By Telegraph to the St. John News Room. The Collins Steamer Pacific arrived at New York from Liverpool on Thursday evening last, at six o'clock, with dates to the 22nd ult. Her news is important.

The British Ministry were defeated on a measure to extend the Suffrage, and on the 21st they all resigned.—Lord John Russell only holding office till a new Ministry is appointed. The London Times urges speedy action to prevent Protection excitement, and opposes a General Election.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer had brought forward his Budget; the surplus Revenue is Two and a-half Millions.—half of this he proposed to apply to the reduction of the National Debt; he also proposed to reduce the duty on Coffee one-third, and to encourage building, he also proposed to reduce the present duty on foreign Timber one half.

The Catholics in England and Ireland had started an extensive agitation against the Government measures in reference to their religion.

In Paris, subscriptions for the President had been opened. The differences between the President and Assembly still continue.

The proceedings in Germany are causing some alarm among the Cabinets of Europe. Flour and Corn had declined; Molasses firm; Sugar quiet, but steady; Tea declining; Cotton and Timber, quotations not given.—St. John Courier.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Facility Bill.—Yesterday, the Hon. Mr Partelow presented to the Assembly the Government Bill for facilitating the construction of the European and North American Railway.

This Bill provides, that when the Shareholders of the Company shall pay into their Treasurer, the sum of £10,000 sterling, the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall order the Provincial Treasurer to subscribe, on behalf of the Province, for shares in the Company to the like amount; and also, to pay in full for the same in Provincial Debentures, bearing interest at six per cent., and redeemable in thirty years. No larger amount is to be subscribed and paid for, in any one year, than £100,000 sterling; and the whole amount to be subscribed for by the Province Treasurer, is not to exceed £250,000.

In return for the Debentures, the Company is to deliver to the Province Treasurer certificates of shares to the like amount; these shares are to be held by the Treasurer as public property; no interest upon them is to be claimed from the company, in consequence of their being paid in advance; nor is the Executive Government to exercise any superintendence or control over the business of the Company, in consideration of the Province holding these shares; but the Legislative Council and Assembly may, by joint resolution, appoint two directors of the Company annually, who shall have the like powers as other Directors of the Company.

The interest on the debentures is to be paid half yearly in London, New York, or St. John, at the option of the holder. The dividends on the shares are to be applied to the payment of interest; and the faith and credit of the Province, and its ordinary Revenue, and any special imposts which may be collected for the purpose of forming a Railway Fund, are pledged in full form, to every holder of a debenture, for the payment of principal and interest. No shares are to be sold by the Province under par, for the first ten years after the subscription of Stock; at the end of thirty years the shares not then sold are to be disposed of, and the proceeds applied to the payment of the debentures.

Another Bill was also introduced in the Assembly yesterday, by the hon. Provincial Secretary, for giving assistance, by debentures, to the St. Andrews and Quebec Railway Company, to the extent of Fifty Thousand pounds sterling, or precisely similar terms and conditions as are proposed for the other line. This is offering equal justice to the inhabitants of the western side of the Province, with those who dwell to the eastward of the St. John.

In the Legislative Council, on the 27th ult., a debate arose on the bill passed by the Assembly to suspend the operation of the present Militia Law. It appeared to be generally understood that the bill could not pass in its present shape, and progress was reported to give time to the Hon. Mr Chandler to frame one which those friendly to the measure would not oppose.—Saint John Courier, March 8.

March 6.—Mr R. D. Wilmot moved the following Resolution:—

Whereas the import of articles, the produce and manufacture of the United States of America, into this Province, has for several years been greatly on the increase, and far exceeded the exports to that country, to the manifest injury of the productive labor of the Province;—And whereas the efforts made by Great Britain and the North American Colonies to obtain Reciprocal Trade with the United States, have not only been unsuccessful, but have been met by the imposition of higher duties, thereby virtually excluding us from their markets, whilst ours are open to them;—And whereas, such a course of Trade, in addition to other evils, tends greatly to devalue the currency of the country, by draining it of the precious metals; therefore,

Resolved, That in framing a Revenue Bill, countervailing duties should be imposed on such articles as are imported from the United States, as will give encouragement to the Agricultural and Mechanical Interests of the Province, and at the same time best promote its mercantile welfare.

Resolved, As the opinion of this committee that the House should appoint a select committee to prepare a Bill for imposing duties for raising a Revenue based upon the principle of the foregoing resolution.

Mr Gray seconded the Resolution, which was passed unanimously, and followed by another to the effect that a Committee should be appointed to frame a Revenue Bill upon the principles of the aforesaid Resolution.—Mr Hill's Reports.

Messrs. Wilmot Hanington, Montgomery, Ryan, Partelow, Needham, Hayward Cutler, English, Macpherson, Earl, Porter, and Williston, were appointed a Committee on the Revenue Bill.

Fredericton, March 7.—The Revenue and Trade Committee rose to-day, and the School Committee reported. The Fredericton burnt district Loan Bill was committed. It asks for the issue of Provincial Debentures to the amount of £10,000, to assist in rebuilding that portion of the city destroyed by the late fire. The Hon. Mr Speaker and Mr Gilbert opposed the bill. Progress was then reported.

Mr Botsford attacked the late Governor, Sir William Colebrook, for the deception used with reference to his father's retirement from the Bench. He pronounced the affair a foul conspiracy, and moved for the Despatches relating to the subject.

Mr Ritchie attacked the present Lieutenant Governor, Sir Edmund Head, for withholding and garbling the recent Despatches received from Earl Grey.—Telegraph to the St. John New Brunswick.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Railway.—Grati-fying News.—The following Telegraphic communication from John A. Poor, Esq., of Portland, to the Executive Committee of the European and North American Railway in this Province, was posted in the News Room yesterday:—

"At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Portland and Montreal Railroad, held this day, it was unanimously voted to ratify the Directors in taking a lease of the Bangor and Waterville road for twenty years, paying six per cent on the cost. This cuts the road through in two years."

The Bangor and Waterville road is, part of the European and North American line, and the determination of our American neighbors to carry it through, should urge us to spare no exertions to accomplish our share of the work, or doubtless they will come forward and undertake it themselves, and thus secure both the control and the benefits of the undertaking. But we hope better things from the spirit that is daily being evinced in behalf of this great work, both in and out of the Legislature.—St. John Courier.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The friends of the Portland Railroad scheme, having heard nothing of importance from the Provincial Secretary, relative to the Railroad by the last steamer, are now in a more favorable position for passing their measure. It seems however, to be their desire to do nothing hastily—but to give the Executive the benefit of as much delay as possible. We hope, though almost against hope, that the Provincial Secretary will bring with him such a guarantee from the Imperial Government as will be acceptable to the people, and materially assist in procuring the necessary funds to go on with the undertaking; but in one way or another, the prosperity of the Province depends upon a decisive move being made by our Legislature in this matter during the present session.

The debate upon the Elective Legislative Council closed on Wednesday evening. The Resolution moved by the hon. J. W. Johnston was negatived by a majority of four—twenty

one voting for and twenty five against it.—An amendment by Mr Harrington, for abolishing the council was lost 42 to 4. The Honorable Attorney General's Resolution, reported from the Committee, which sustained the principle of Elective Legislative Councils, but deemed it inexpedient to enter at present upon the measure, was sustained by a majority only two—24 voting for and 22 against it.

The Road Appropriation this year, is £30,000—ten thousand pounds of which is for the great roads, and twenty thousand pounds for the ordinary road service.

Yesterday, hon. Mr Doyle brought forward in committee his measure for extending the Elective Franchise to every inhabitant assessed for the payment of taxes; and after a moderate speech in its favor, moved the first clause. Several members spoke in its behalf.—Church Times.

It is reported that some of the capitalists of Halifax have proposed to purchase the Fuel Yard and Queen's wharf for the sum of sixteen thousand pounds.

The establishment of a Normal School and the assessment principle were ably advocated by Mr Dawson, before a committee of the House of Assembly, on Friday morning.

CANADA.—Some of the Canadian papers state that the Lumbering business has been wholly suspended in districts of the Ottawa in consequence of the depth of the snow.

SLAVE TRADE.—Our private accounts from the coast of Africa state, that the Slave Trade for the present, is on its last legs, and that nearly all the slave dealers on the south coast are bankrupt. Such was the vigilance of the cruisers that there were 8000 slaves in the barracoons at Anbriz, which they would not run the risk of shipping.—United Service Gazette.

WEST INDIES.—The Cholera has re-appeared in the Island of Jamaica, and at the date of latest accounts was raging with considerable violence in some of the Parishes.

UNITED STATES.—The cheap postage Bill has passed Congress, and is now a law. The session has just closed, and one of the last scenes was a fight on the floor of the house between Messrs. Stanley and Clingman.

Deaths.

At Halifax, on the 2nd instant, after a short illness, Mr EDWARD BAKER, in the 48th year of her age.

CHATHAM STEAM MILL.

The undersigned having got the Mill in perfect order, and in full operation, are prepared to grind, at the shortest notice, Grain of all kinds, to the extent of about 150 bushels of Wheat, and 160 bushels Oats per day; and Pearl and Pot Barley, as much as is generally required. The strictest attention will be paid, and every accommodation given to those who may favor them with their patronage.

The undersigned intending to work the Saw and Grist Mill during the next season, give Notice that they will Saw for the Public, by the thousand or on shares. They are also prepared to purchase Logs.

FROST & BAIN

Chatham, 19th January, 1851.

The Northern Stage

Until further notice, will leave the Royal Hotel CHATHAM, for BATHURST AND DALHOUSIE, at 5 in the evening, every Monday and Friday and DALHOUSIE on Monday and Thursday at the same hour.

The Drivers on this line are instructed to receive the fare before Passengers leaving the above mentioned places

WM. JOHNSTON.

Fares, £ s. d. From Chatham to Bathurst, 0 15 Bathurst to Campbellton, 1 5

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Central Bank Agency.

Notice is hereby given, that GEORGE KERR, Esquire, of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, is duly authorized by the President, Directors and Company of the Central Bank of New Brunswick, to manage and conduct an AGENCY for that Institution, in Chatham, from this date.

GEO. BOTSFORD, President.

Fredericton, 18th January, 1851.

The LECTURE

Delivered by the Rev. Mr. Henderson, at the opening of the Mechanics' Institute in Chatham, this season, done up in Pamphlet form, can be had at the Gleaner Office. Price 3d

Notice.

All persons having any just claims or demands against the estate of the late JAMES McCULLAM, of Newcastle, Harbor Master, deceased, are required to render the same, duly attested, to Messrs. JOHNSON & MITCHELL, Attorneys, at their office, in Newcastle, within Three Months from this date. And all persons indebted to the said Estate, are hereby requested to make immediate payment thereof to the said Attorneys.

DAVID JOHNSTON, Executors on WILLIAM PARK, of the said Estate.