

could not be otherwise raised, or make a decided remonstrance to the British Government before abandoning this route? He feared they were only too willing to find an excuse for deserting us, and abandoning a scheme in which Mr Chandler declares the government were unanimous, not one dissenting voice, *not even the Leader*; it was their interest to take it the other way—they all live there; and we had supplied the *Tool* to work out our destruction, and provided a *Staff* to break our heads. We have been basely deceived, and our confidence betrayed. He said that the gentleman who preceded him had thrown out an insinuation against the profession and the course they have pursued. If he meant that to apply to its *official head*, he for one would not so far outrage the feelings of this meeting as to deny that the picture was drawn to life, and the conduct truly delineated, a portrait as just as it is severe; and while he denied its general application to the profession, he appealed to the meeting, many of whom had known him from childhood, in rejecting the supposition of such a course in himself. The merchants are not perhaps free from blame in this matter as well as the lawyers. At least they had put the man there they now complain so much against. He again repeated that he had but little hope from this remonstrance, but yet this day would not be thrown away. The people would speak and reflect on what they had heard, and be prepared with a few stubborn facts which even the sophistry of the 'man who professed so much for Northumberland' will scarcely remove.

BY TELEGRAPH

TO THE MIRAMICHI NEWS ROOM.

ST. JOHN, Monday, March 22, P. M.

The House and Council adjourned shortly after one o'clock to-day, as a mark of respect for the memory of Sir JOHN HARVEY, who died in Halifax at half-past 11 o'clock, this morning.

Nothing of importance was done in either branch previous to adjournment.

Tuesday, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The steamer Pacific arrived at New York on Sunday, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Manchester market continued firm, with a moderate business going forward.

The elections in England were progressing in favor of the new Government. Since the sailing of the Niagara, Mr Harris for Stanford, and Mr Whiteside for Enniskillen, have been returned.

Late accounts from the Cape of Good Hope were more satisfactory, as the contest was soon expected to turn in favor of the British troops. It was generally rumoured that Candilli is about to retire from the position he has hitherto held.

ST. JOHN.—About 1 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the rear of a range of buildings, fronting on Great George Street, and before a sufficient supply of water could be obtained, the flames spread to the front buildings, destroying two, owned by Mr John Jones, and one owned by Mr B. Longley, of Indian Town. Several families were suddenly turned out of their homes by this conflagration, and from the shortness of the warning, have suffered severely. We hear that Mr Jones was uninsured.

Tuesday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

In the House to-day the Bill to incorporate the Hillsborough Mining Company was passed.

The School Bill was passed with a few amendments; one important, empowering the Board to give weekly allowance to teachers attending the Schools. The remainder of the day was spent in supply.

A grant of £500 in support of the Penitentiary, and £775, a balance due the Queen's Printer last year, were passed. £500 was recommended to the Quebec Telegraph Company, and £250 granted, after much discussion and opposition from the Northern members. £250 to the Indian Town road passed, opposed as the other. A few other minor grants were passed.

The Westmorland Scrutiny engrossed attention in the morning. Messrs. Smith, Robb, and Hickman, were examined, and proved a certificate written by Mr Weldon, on Sunday evening, and otherwise contradicted his evidence. Mr Sayre proved searching records for some of these names, when the registrar refused to certify otherwise than records, but this was not the same time.

Wednesday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

In the House to-day a Bill to suspend the Act imposing a duty on Hackmetack Knees was read a first time.

The Sheriffs' Fees Bill was committed, and progress reported.

The Bill to continue the Act providing for Circuit Courts was passed.

Mr Partelow's Bill arranging the currency was passed; the three Provinces entering into agreements for the purpose of a uniform currency. This is a very important Bill.

Mr J. M. Johnson laid on the table a Resolution that £2,500 be the salary of all future Governors. He said this sum was

sufficient, and as much as the revenues of the country could afford.

The Scrutiny Committee were hearing counsel to-day, and will probably decide to-morrow.

House in supply, and passed several grants.

Thursday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

In the House to-day a Bill relating to fires in Portland, to the Savings Bank, St. John, shipping Seamen, St. John, repeal the duty on Wheat, as per Resolution of last session, all passed Committee.

In supply, the whole School grants recommended, with two or three exceptions, were passed.

The Temperance Bill was brought up. Mr Scoullar introduced another Bill as an amendment, qualifying and amending the original Bill in many particulars. After a long discussion and several amendments, progress was reported.

The Scrutiny Committee have closed, but reserved their decision for some days.

The steamer Europa arrived in New York to-day. The only item of news worth reporting is that the war at the Cape of Good Hope is ended, the Kaffirs having suspended unconditionally.

Business as before, and markets unchanged.

Friday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

In the House to-day a Bill to reduce the fees of the Clerk of the Pleas one-half, was committed, and after some debate progress was reported.

The Temperance Bill occupied the rest of the day. There was a long and very warm debate, and being amended in many particulars, the Bill finally passed Committee, to come into operation 1st June, 1853. One amendment excepts Malt Liquors and Cider. It is impossible, in a telegraphic despatch, to give any idea of the various amendments.

In the Council, the Bill giving mining lessees right of entry was lost by a vote of 9 to 7.

The Bill to secure the title of certain lands in Kent, and several other Bills passed the Council.

Saturday, 5 o'clock, P. M.

Mr Beardsley moved an Address for information relative to the conduct of officials in Victoria County, and the action of the Government thereon. Agreed that the motion lie on the table.

A motion by Mr Wilmot for printing the reply of Mr Wilkinson to Major Robinson's reply to Mr Wilkinson's strictures in his Railway Report, caused an excited discussion. Motion opposed by the Members from the North, and finally withdrawn.

The School Bill and the Temperance Bill finally passed, and sent to the Council. Divisions were taken upon the third reading of both Bills.

The Bill to suspend the Act imposing a duty on Hackmetack Knees passed. It was opposed by the Speaker, and Messrs. Montgomery, Porter and Earle; but there was a large majority in its favor.

The Bye Road appropriations were passed in Supply.

The Council rejected Mr Gray's Insurance Offices Bill, and the Bill to restrain the Crown from granting Mining Licences. They passed the several appropriations made on Wednesday and Thursday.

Nothing new.—Weather fine.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We have several Communications on hand respecting the conduct of the Attorney General. Severe illness has prevented us from perusing those documents, and passing an opinion on them. Should they be deemed admissible, they will receive attention in our next number.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

A correspondent writing from Fredericton, says, that he has no Legislative news to send us. There was no appearance that the business of the Session would be brought to an early close, and the Country Members were getting very fidgety in consequence. This may hasten the event.

MR STREET.—The Editor of the Carleton Sentinel, after making some comments on a rumour which reached him that there was a requisition in circulation, requiring Mr Street to resign, says:

"Since writing the above we learn that a requisition has actually been got up and presented to Mr Street calling upon him to resign, but that it proved a total failure, only 118 voters out of some ten or twelve hundred having signed it. This puny attempt at dictation—a handful of men attempting to rule the whole County—cannot be noticed by Mr Street, while he retains the confidence of a large majority of his constituents."

We question much if there ever was a paragraph penned, containing a grosser perversion of facts than the above, and this is well known to every inhabitant of this County.

ANOTHER JOB.

We observed a short time since that a special grant of £250 was made to the Quebec Telegraph Company for the line from that city to Woodstock. This application was based upon the fact that the line was a great public benefit, but that as a pecuniary speculation, it was not remunerative, as it passed through an unsettled country, where the business was limited; and that in order to have it continued, a grant of money was necessary.

Upon these representations, with the aid of the members of the Executive (as the application was not from the North!), it was of course granted. And this is the country through which the Railway is to pass! and which is to be such a remunerative speculation! A telegraph line requires aid from the public chest, when the outlay is probably £25 per mile, and yet a Railway is to be built through the rough-est and most uneven section of the Province, at an expence of £10,000 per mile, and our Government tell us it will be the best paying line, and found their argument on the great amount of trade between the St. John and Quebec; and yet they have to grant aid to a Telegraph Company because the Line passes "through an unsettled district, in which business is limited!" They had better said at once,

"because it is not in the Northern section of the Province," and then they would have been nearer the truth.

We believe the application of the Miramichi and Richibucto Telegraph Company for a return of duty paid upon their Wire, &c., has been refused, because, as they say, they have established the principle of refusing all such applications. But we venture to predict, that if the investment of our Company is found unremunerative, they will refuse them any aid, though they have established a precedent in the case of the Woodstock grant.

We need not expect justice to the North, in Railways, Telegraphs, or other public works, until our people generally take a deeper interest in these matters, and send a different class of Representatives from what we now possess. We have, of course, some men of the right stamp, but they are woefully in the minority.

Since writing the above, we understand that the Hon. Mr Gray proposed that the Company give bonds to keep the line in working operation for five years; to which Mr John M. Johnson moved ten years, as an amendment, which was carried.

STRONG LANGUAGE.—The Halifax Sun gives the following extract of a letter from its correspondent in Amherst, written during the recent contest in the County of Cumberland. The writer alludes to the tremendous exertions made by the Tories to defeat Messrs. Howe and Fulton:

"If Hell's infernal portals had been unbarred for a special occasion, and the Snaky Sorceress herself had dictated the despatches, and sent her trustiest messenger here, the foul work could not have been more faithfully done. It is labor lost, however. The virus has lost its potency."

AN HONEST REPRESENTATIVE.—The last number of Willmer & Smith's paper contains the following paragraph, showing the straightforward and manly action of an Irish member, with respect to his constituents. We recommend it to the particular attention of the Attorney General of New Brunswick:—

"County of Down.—Lord Castlereagh has announced that he intends to retire at the next election. He says, 'Many reasons induce me to adopt this course; but by far the most important one is the conviction I entertain, that I no longer enjoy the confidence of the leading interests of the county.'"

PUBLIC MEETING.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders of the Parish of Chatham, held at the Hall of the Sons of Temperance, on Saturday, 27th instant, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of getting up another Requisition, calling upon the Hon. John A. Street to resign his representative trust:

Mr B. STAPLEDON was voted to the Chair, and

Mr EDWARD LOBBAN requested to act as Secretary.

Moved by Samuel Thomson, Esq., and seconded by Mr George Johnston (Chatham).

Whereas from the course pursued by Mr Street the Constituency of this County have ceased to have any confidence in him;

And whereas, a Requisition was forwarded to that Gentleman (emanating from his former friends and supporters,) requesting him to resign his seat as Representative; but which being signed by only a limited number of his constituents, seems to have left a doubt on his mind as to its being the expression of the County.

Therefore Resolved, That he be again called upon to resign the trust reposed in him as

a representative of this county; and that a Requisition for that purpose be prepared and forwarded to him.

Moved by John Mackie, Esq., and seconded by Mr Alex. Fraser,

Resolved, That a committee of Five persons be appointed whose duty it shall be to have such requisition prepared and circulated through the different Parishes of the County for signature, and forwarded to Mr Street.

Resolved, That Messrs. John Mackie, S. Benson, A. Loudoun, J. M. Johnson, and Andrew Mason be said Committee.

Moved by S. Thomson, Esq., and seconded by Mr Wm. McRae.—That Mr Stapledon vacate the Chair, and that John Mackie, Esq., be called thereto.

B. STAPLEDON, Chairman.

Moved.—That the thanks of the meeting be given to Mr Stapledon, for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of the Chair,

Whereupon, after giving three hearty cheers for the Queen, three for the Honble. Joseph Howe, and the Northern Railway Route, the meeting adjourned.

E. LOBBAN, Secretary.

The Letter from California will be attended to.

Marriages.

At Bathurst, on the 22nd instant, by the Rev. N. Disbrow, Rector, Mr HECTOR McLEAN, of Campbellton, Restigouche, to Miss MARY E. McGRAW, of Chatham, Miramichi.

COMMUNICATION.

Mr Pierce,

The Fredericton Loyalist and Reporter of last week contain each an article, attacking our independent and talented representative, John M. Johnson, Jun., Esq., for the length and frequency of his speeches, and give it as their opinion that he can never "command much parliamentary influence."

This is not to be wondered at. Mr Johnson is a sore thorn in the side of our present spiritless and cowardly Government, which these journals are bound to protect and uphold; and could he be silenced or bought over, by any means, it might then indeed be said that the Opposition had been shattered.

One reason for this enmity to Mr Johnson may be found in the fact, that he will not allow the Southern members to dispose of all the public revenues on their own side, and will insist on justice being done the Northern section of the Province.

Mr Johnson is too fearless, and is too powerful an opponent, to make himself palatable to the members of the present Executive. Possessed of acquirements far beyond their own, he is an adversary to be feared; and the Government press (at the bidding of its masters) resort to ridicule to destroy his influence. I trust, however, Mr J. will not stoop to reply to a hired press. To notice some of these scribbles would be throwing soot at a sweep; some might blow back on himself, but could not make them blacker.

That Mr Johnson thoroughly understands "local affairs, politics, and public improvements," cannot be denied; and I challenge the Fredericton press to point out a man in the present House of Assembly better versed in the history of his country—who possesses more enlarged and liberal views—and in all respects better qualified to discharge the important duties of a Legislator. He is too well known in the North to suffer from such puerile attacks: they will rebound to his advantage, and prove to his constituents that they have one member in whom they can trust.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

March 27, 1852.

Evening Sales.

E. DALEY, Jun.,

Will Sell by Auction, at his Store every Evening throughout the week,

A great Variety of Dry Goods,

Cutlery, Books, Hats and Caps, Small Wares, &c.

The Sale will commence on TUESDAY EVENING, 30th instant, at 7 o'clock.

Bargains may be expected. Chatham, March 29, 1852.

Bathurst Buoys and Beacons.

The placing and securing the Bar and Harbor BUOYS, for the Port of Bathurst, will be Let to the lowest Bidder, on the 7th day of April, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at Mr NAPIER'S Office; where a plan of the Channels can be seen. Ample Security will be required for the faithful performance of the work.

WM. NAPIER, } Commissioners.
F. FERGUSON, }

Bathurst, 11th March 1852.