

nite annoyance of the house, waving his arms in an incoherent manner; yet how well Joness's speech read in the Times the next day. Once upon a time a paper attempted to report literally what the members said—not what they should have said. They were threatened with so many actions for libel that they were obliged to abandon the attempt; and now the reporters take care that the speeches contain good grammar, if they do not contain good sense. Nor, most good-natured sir, are you under fewer obligations. It is owing to them that you do read the debate over you muffins and coffee at your ease, in your morning gown and slippers whilst otherwise you would have to remain in profound ignorance of it altogether, or would have to fight your way into the gallery as best you could, besides running a risk of catching cold or having your favourite corn trod on. Think then, of the Reporters' Gallery leniently. The brave fellows in it suffer much for you. Cowper makes the slave in the "Negro's Complaint," exclaim:

Think ye, masters, iron-hearted,
Lolling at your jovial boards,
Think how many backs have smarted,
For the sweets your cane affords.

A thinking public, at times, should reason in a similar manner. The reporters don't find it all play. People should remember—if a debate be dull to read, how terrible it must be to hear!

Legislative News.

From the Journals.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the sum of £100 for the purpose of building a Breakwater at Grand Ance, in the County of Gloucester, to shelter vessels loading Grindstones and Fish at said place; the same not to be drawn from the Treasury until it shall be satisfactorily certified to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council that a like sum has been subscribed and paid, and expended by a Commissioner or Commissioners to be appointed for that purpose.

To John Hays and Company, of Miramichi, Merchants, the sum of £—, amount of Export Duty paid at that Port by them on a Cargo of Timber and Lumber shipped ex Ship Golden Light, which vessel was subsequently stranded in Miramichi Bay.

Upon the question for sustaining this Resolution, the Committee divided, and it was thereupon carried in the affirmative, and the blank to be filled up with the sum of £40 17 6.

REPORT FROM ROAD COMMITTEE.

The Honorable Mr Partelow, from the Committee appointed on the 9th day of February last to take into consideration the state of the Roads throughout the Province, and ascertain the amounts required for repairing and improving the same, submitted their Report; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, extracts follow:

Great Roads.	
Dorchester to Shediac,	£70 0 0
Shediac to Petitcodiac,	300 0 0
Richibucto to Chatham,	750 0 0
Newcastle to Bathurst,	500 0 0
Bathurst to Belledune,	100 0 0
Belledune, to Metis Road,	600 0 0
Fredericton to Newcastle,	1,300 0 0
Shediac to Richibucto,	750 0 0
Barkor's Landing to Richibucto,	900 0 0
Newcastle to Pittfield's,	75 0 0
Bathurst to Miramichi, via Pekemouche,	600 0 0
Cole's Island to Cape Tormentine,	150 0 0
Special Grants.	
For McLaughlan Road from Bend to Co- caigne River,	£30 0 0
Bridge over Shediac River, Irish Town Road,	40 0 0
For Road from Irish Town to Kent Coun- ty Line,	30 0 0
Kouchibouguac and Aboushagan Bridge, to Patacake,	50 0 0
From the Sugar Loaf Mountain Road to- wards the Upsalquitch, through the Block of Land laid off for settlement last year by Deputy Sadler,	100 0 0
On the Road leading in at Benjamin Ri- ver, through the Block of Land laid off last year for settlement,	50 0 0
To extend the Road west through the Set- tlement on the Block laid off last year, leading from Eel River towards the Up- salquitch,	50 0 0
To repair the old line of Road on the western side of the Nashwanak, and to connect it with the Miramichi Road,	100 0 0
For the Bridge and Road from Sapin to Kouchibouguac,	100 0 0
For the Road on a line between John Tweedie's and Donald Rankin's to- wards Point Sapin,	20 0 0
For the Bridge at Island Creek, south side Kouchibouguac,	30 0 0
For the Road from Child's Creek, south side Richibucto River, by Wm. Doc- herty's to John P. Ford's,	50 0 0
For a Bridge on the Buctouche River at Big Island,	190 0 0
For the Road from William Coates', up Stream, north side Buctouche River,	20 0 0
For the Bridge at big Joe White's on Noel's Creek,	70 0 0
For the Bridge on the Black River in rear of Abraham Allain's,	25 0 0
For the Road from the Bridge on the Black River rear of Abraham Allain's, to the head of the Bay by John Callet's	35 0 0
For repairing the Bridge on the Cocegne River at Farnell's Mill, and cutting down the bank,	55 0 0
To pay contract for Bridge over Eel Ri- ver in Hardwick, on the Road from Chatham to Esquimaux, as per Ad- dress of last Session,	350 0 0
To erect a new Bridge over Big Hole Brook in Ludlow,	50 0 0
Towards building a Wharf north side Tabusintac River, on the road from Chatham to Pekemouche,	100 0 0

To improve the road south side South West from Barnaby River to Stewart's,	100 0 0
For the Road south side South West, from Stewart's to the Forks,	39 0 0
To improve and continue the Road from Weldfield settlement towards the high landing Barnaby River,	100 0 0
Towards building a Landing near the Chapel in Nelson, on the line of Ferry to Baubair's Island,	20 0 0
To improve the Road north Renous Ri- ver, from the Bridge up to P Wna- lens's, £35; thence to Red Pine Grove, £35; and thence to Donaldson's, £30,	100 0 0
For balance due for erecting Bridge at Poor's on Upper Bay du Vin,	30 0 0
For rebuilding the Tattagouche Bridge at Blackstock's Mills,	200 0 0
For rebuilding the Pabineau Bridge,	100 0 0
Towards building a Bridge on Bass Ri- ver, on the new line of Great Road leading from Bathurst towards Cara- quet,	140 0 0
Towards building a Bridge on the Little River in Caraquet, on the Great Road,	200 0 0
Fye Roads.	
County of Gloucester,	1,077 0 0
Northumberland,	1,596 0 0
Restigouche,	855 0 0
Kent,	1,391 0 0

In addition to the amounts particularised in this report for the Roads and smaller Bridges connected therewith, some very expensive and important Bridges on the great lines of communication will require construction the present year; or a part of which plans, specifications, and probable costs, have been prepared and estimated for by a competent Engineer appointed for the purpose last autumn by the Government; Your Committee therefore recom- mend that ten thousand pounds be placed at the disposal of the Provincial Government towards the construction of such Bridges, in addition to any amount appropriated therefor at the last Session, and that Special Commissioners should be appointed by them to build and erect these works.

Among others the Committee recommend that the following Bridges be undertaken, and if possible, be constructed the present year,

Bridge near Campbellton.
Bridge over Nepisiguit River.
Bridge over the North West Miramichi.
For the latter it is recommended that £1,500 be appropriated, in addition to the sum granted last Session. Also that the Government should be authorised to construct any other Bridge or Bridges that may be indispensably required on any of the several Great Roads, independently of the various amounts recommended for such Roads, where such Bridges shall be estimated to cost a sum not less than £500 and upwards. In all cases where Draw- ings are necessary, they are to be furnished.

On motion of Mr Kerr. The House went into Committee of the whole on—A Bill for the encourage- ment of Agriculture.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had the Bill referred to them under their consideration, and agreed to do the same. Ordered, that the re- port be accepted and the Bill engrossed.

To James Morse, one of the Fishery Wardens of the County of Restigouche, £40 for his services in that capacity for the year 1851, there being no Act in force at that time to enforce assessments for that purpose.

To Alexander Cook, one of the Fishery Wardens of the County of Restigouche, the sum of £15 to compensate him for services rendered and expenses incurred in that capacity for the year ending May 1853.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the sum of £500 for the purpose of encouraging Fish- eryl Societies in the same manner as the Agricultu- ral Societies are by law.

From the St. John Morning Times.

April 20.

A bill to grant Portage Island in the County of Northumberland to the Justice of the Peace, for County purposes, re-committed and lost—22 to 9.

A bill relating to continuation of Revenue Law, committed.—A considerable discussion arose.—Mr. Partelow moved an amendment, that Flour and Corn Meal be exempt from duty. The amendment was withdrawn, and the bill passed.

Mr Hatheway then moved for leave to bring in a bill to exempt Flour and Corn Meal from duty. On the question being taken the House divided—Yeas 16, Nays 29.

April 22.

Nothing worth sending. House in Committee all yesterday, on Auditor's Accounts.

Cutler moved that report be adopted. Street moved amendment that explanations be given by the members of the government to clear them from all blame.

Much speaking. Progress reported. Will be decided to-day. House now in Supply.

To-day House in Supply. £3000 granted to Grand Falls Railway Company.

House again in Committee on Auditor's Accounts Street withdrew amendment. Progress reported.

Flour, Pork, Butter, &c.

The Subscribers have in Store the following GOODS, which they offer for sale on moderate terms,

- 150 barrels Canada No. 1 Superfine FLOUR,
- 20 barrels Mess PORK,
- 20 firkins BUTTER,
- 10 puncheons Molasses,
- 10 barrels Crushed Sugar,
- Barrels Brown Sugar,
- Chests, half chests, and boxes TEA,
- Boxes Soap and Candles,
- Boxes assorted Confectionaries,
- Boxes Salaratus,
- Boxes Castor Oil,
- A large and well assorted Stock of DRY GOODS, READY-MADE CLOTHING, Boots and Shoes, Small Wares, and several other Arti- cles too numerous to mention.

BURKE & NOONAN.

Chatham, 20th December, 1853.

Bazaar---Newcastle.

A BAZAAR will be held in Newcastle, in the early part of the ensuing Summer, for the purpose of li- quidating the Debt on the Wesleyan Chapel in that place.

Contributions are respectfully solicited in favour of the object, and the smallest donations will be gratefully received by the following Ladies.—Miss Sargent, Miss Witherall, Miss Fish, and Mrs. Vanstone, at Newcastle, and Mrs. Snowball, in Miramichi, March 18, 1854

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1854.

TERMS.—New subscribers Twelve Shillings and Six Pence, per annum, in all cases in advance. Old subscribers 12s. 6d. in advance, or 17s. 6d. at the end of the year. We prefer the advance price, and as it effects a large saving, we hope soon to see all our subscribers avail themselves of it.

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MR. JOHNSON.

We intended making some remarks on the rabid attack made by the Editor of the St. John Morning Times on Mr Johnson, but having received the following communica- tion, the writer of which so fully embodies our own views, that we think it superfluous at present, to make any additional comments.

We will only add—that the Editor is con- stantly doing his best endeavours to damage the character of the *Liberal Members* in the House, and as the greatest sin they can be guilty of, in his estimation, is courting the good-will of the Catholic constituency, he informed us in one of his publications, that they (the Liberal members) were dancing at- tendance on Bishop Connolly, while he paid a visit a short time since to Fredericton; and that they had placed the Assembly's sleigh at his service. In his next paper, however, we find, that the principal delinquents or trans- gressors, were two *Members of the Govern- ment*, Messrs Partelow and Street, who were never guilty of doing anything that would entitle them to be placed in the *Liberal* ranks; and that they not only obsequiously waited on the Bishop, but feasted him. How are we to reconcile such inconsistencies; and what confidence can be placed in such assertions.

The Editor of the Saint John Morning Times has thought proper to fill one side of his sheet with strictures on the conduct of Mr Johnson, or rather to gratify some feel- ing or party, to misrepresent his conduct with the ostensible and undisguised view of influ- encing the Constituency of this County at the approaching election.

It is not necessary to scrutinize the mo- tives of the writer, or enquire whether he be the hireling of a factious clique, or a mere critic. But the offence of which Mr Johnson has been guilty seems to resolve itself into three particulars.

1st. He opposed the institution of Orange Lodges in this Province.

2nd. Although a Son of Temperance he opposed the Prohibitory Liquor Bill.

3rd. He drinks wine and brandy. And hence the writer more than insinuates that Mr Johnson is one of the most inconsistent of men. But before the friends of Mr John- son are carried away by this dictation, they will canvass these particulars more closely, and compare his conduct during the present session with his conduct since he has been a member in that House.

Did he not oppose the Institution of Orange Lodges last year, and has he not done so every year when the question has been mooted? In this Mr Johnson is not singular; for a large portion of the Protestant popula- tion in this County, regard with apprehension the legalizing of rival factions, and the proba- ble consequence of setting man against his fel- low man—of awaking the asperity of religi- ous rancour—the bitterness of diverse creeds. Surely such demonstrations do not partake of the Spirit of Christianity—"Live peaceably with all men."—"Dwell together in unity and brotherly love," are truer indications of her spirit. But Mr Johnson might have vot- ed against the measure without making a speech on the occasion. Whoever knows Mr Johnson, knows that when he has determined what course he ought to take, he gives the full force of his mind and talents to carry or postpone the measure. He cannot give a vacillating support or opposition. He is no milk-and-water subject, but is decidedly for or against. These are the kind of disposi- tions which ultimately succeed, but which occasionally almost necessarily meet with the disapprobation and opposition of some party or other. Such opposition tends rather to make than mar a man's reputation; for un- less his support is worthy of being courted, or his opposition dreaded, so much trouble would not be taken to kill and annihilate him. Mr Johnson's power is in his speech,

and exert it he must and will whatever be the consequence. You might as well at- tempt to restrain the sympathy and cho- rus of a heaven-born songster when in- cited to song, as to expect a man emi- nently gifted with speech to give a silent vote. As to the insinuations of the "Times" that Mr Johnson has not always taken the same view of this question, we know nothing. We, however, place no reliance on these subtle insinuations, there being so much in- consistency in the whole articles. But al- though true, to the utmost—it amounts to little. A man has a perfect right to change his opinions when on sufficient grounds he is satisfied he ought to do so.

As a Son of Temperance—and in regard to his conduct on the Liquor Bill, Mr Johnson stands too high to be injured by the slander of the "Times." It is not too much to say that no man in this county has done more to make the order of the Sons respectable than Mr Johnson. Few if any will question this here, and it will take more than the elo- quence of the "Times" to convince the Sons, or the public in general, that Mr Johnson has in any way disguised his real sentiments in this respect. Is not his vote on this occa- sion, a repetition of his conduct last year?—Is it not the course he has advocated for years? and while he is able to give good rea- sons for the opinions he entertains few have doubted his sincerity. Indeed there is no reason why they should.

But as to the libel that Mr Johnson is a hypocritical Son—that he is not true to his pledge—that he is a drinking character—and that he was scarcely able to keep his legs during the debate on Temperance—we be- lieve it to be one of the basest of fabrications. His conduct for years as a consistent and respected Son is sufficient to discredit any such assertion. If the writer in the "Times" intended to injure Mr Johnson, he ought at least to have been less rabid, and to have told some less improbable story.

CANADA.

SEVERAL of the Canadian papers positively assert that Legislature of the Province will be opened in June, by Lord Elgin. They further state, that the labours of the session will be confined to the passing a bill to bring the Francise Law into immediate operation, and to the introducing and reading of a bill placing the Clergy Reserves in the revenues of the Province. The house, it is stated, will then be dissolved, and the elections will come off in August or September.

P. E. ISLAND.

THE Island papers are still discussing with no little severity, the late changes in the government. Hazard's Gazette informs us that L. P. W. Desbrisay, Esq., of Richibucto, has purchased in Liverpool, the steamer Lady Le Marchant, of 150 tons, and 100 horse power, which he intends offering to the Government of the Island, to be placed on the line between Pictou, Charlottetown, and Shediac.

Vote by ballot, it appears, is to be intro- duced into the Legislature, as a government measure.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

THE Royal mail steamer arrived at Halifax on the morning of Tuesday, and brings dates to the 15th. We refer our readers to the Tele- graph Despatch for a brief summary of the news. The mail reached here at 11 o'clock this morning, and we have made some extracts from the papers, which will be found under the proper head; but the late hour at which they were received, only admits of our giving a few selections.

NOVA SCOTIA.

WE perceive by the Halifax papers, that the Railway Commissioners have commenced their work in earnest. They advertise for 10,000 Railway sleepers, and one hundred wheelbarrows, to be paid for in cash on deli- very. The Sun thus alludes to the subject:

"It is 'expected' that the month of May will not have passed before five miles of the Road will have been located, with working plans complete—ready to be put under contract; and a further distance of eight or ten miles by the end of June; so much be- ing accomplished, operations for the season will ter- minate.

"If, as is proposed, ten miles of rails be actually laid down, before the expiration of the approaching summer, much will have been accomplished; much more than circumstances up to the present moment had warranted our anticipating. 'Advantageous contracts,' we are assured, 'have been entered into for the engineering of the works.' 'Labourers' are bidden 'to rely pretty certainly on full employ, in course of another month, at remunerating wages.' In a word, the Railway is to be no longer in *nubibus* but 'located'—begun, and, we hope, completed."

THE SEASON.

THE winter has been the coldest, and the spring the most disagreeable, and backward