

when the road is completed. Why, he would say that within the last year 81,407 passengers were conveyed over the line, and 6,748 horses. One hundred and seventy-five thousand pounds will cover all the other liabilities, and finish the road within 17 miles of Truro. Its financial department stands thus:—Amount paid, £474,000; amount borrowed at 4 per cent., £56,000; amount in provincial notes, £50,000; amount borrowed from Bank of Nova Scotia, at six per cent., £66,000. In consequence of the financial crisis in England, it was thought better to borrow this latter sum here, in order to preserve the bonds in the hands of Messrs Baring and Brothers."

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

STRUGGLE number one of the Session, has come off, and the Government have been sustained by the casting vote of the Speaker. The debate has occupied the attention of the House upwards of a week, and the result is not what was generally expected by the country, and more especially by the party defeated.

The Speaker, it appears, made a most unseemly speech. He is an old man, and no doubt his patience was sadly tried by being day after day, compelled to sit and listen to the long, wordy, (and in too many cases) meaningless speeches of honorable gentlemen, who pride themselves in occupying as much time as possible in their addresses, as they think it imparts importance to them among their constituents. Some excuse, therefore, should be made for him. But what a contrast does the Charles Simonds, Speaker of the Commons of New Brunswick of the present day, present to the Charles Simonds Speaker of the same body TWENTY years ago. Then he was the Leader of the Opposition, denouncing in bitter language, the misdeeds and corruption of the Government, and striving with all his might, to destroy the family compact which had fastened itself on the country, appropriating to itself all the good offices, and dealing out to its friends the minor emoluments and honors. Now, he holds the same high and honorable position—but how changed his views and sentiments. He is the supporter of a Government entertaining very singular views to those which he formerly opposed, and deprecates in unmeasured terms, that Constitution which was considered a great boon by the Colonists when it was sent out by the British Government, to remedy the evils which he, and other Colonial statesmen of the same school, had struggled for a long series of years to remove.

We say the result was unexpected. We speak from the expressed declaration of several Liberal members in this quarter, prior to their going to the Legislature, who declared they were certain of victory. The sudden manner in which that party brought forward their want of confidence motion, goes to prove this.

No impartial person can blame the Liberal party for making an effort to regain the position from which they were unnecessarily and unceremoniously thrust, by the Governor exercising an extreme prerogative; but we must say we cannot help thinking their Leaders manifested but little skill or tact in the manner in which they made their first assault.

We do not know how the intelligence of this war of words has been received in other parts of the Province, but in this, men of both parties express themselves tired of the present system of Legislation. All appear to agree that it is merely a struggle for office—the OUTS to get in, and those that are IN to remain there. There is no doubt many honorable exceptions; men who are desirous of doing the business of the country and fulfilling their pledges, but are thwarted by the schemes and manœuvring of designing persons, whose main, and apparently sole business in the Legislature, is to look out, first, for their own interests and then after those of their relatives and electioneering partizans. This appears to be the decision arrived at by persons generally, who take any interest in Legislative matters; and many schemes and theories have been devised to remedy the evil. The system pursued by our Legislators is fast disgusting every well-wisher of progress and good Government, and if not speedily checked, must entail bankruptcy and many social and moral evils on the Province.

We shall refer to this all-absorbing subject at an early day, and endeavour to point out remedies for several of the evils under which the people have been labouring for so many years. We have neither time nor space to do so to-day.

We refer our readers to another page for the latest intelligence respecting the SAYINGS and DOINGS of the Legislature up to last evening. We wish we had less of the former and more of the latter to record, but as matters are at present, we are apprehensive but little benefit will result from the deliberations of our Legislative "collective wisdom" during the present session.

NOVASCOTIA.

THE Halifax papers received by the mail last evening, informs us that Mr. Johnston had nearly completed his arrangements for filling up his Cabinet. They are as follows:

- Hon. J. W. Johnston, Attorney General.
- Dr. Tupper, Provincial Secretary.
- J. J. Marshall, Financial Secretary.
- Staley Brown, Receiver General.
- M. I. Wilkins.
- Michael Tobin.
- John Campbell.
- John McKinnon.
- Charles Campbell.

The Hon. C. Tupper to be Clerk of the Executive Council. The Solicitor General is not yet announced.

A private letter informs us that the Hon. Mr. Kenny has been re-appointed President of the Legislative Council: Hon. James McNab has received the appointment of Railway Commissioner, and in all likelihood Mr. English, of the Acadian Recorder, will be Queen's Printer. M. I. Wilkins, it is confidently asserted, is to receive the office of Solicitor General.

Mr Young has placed on the table of the house the following Resolution:

"Whereas, the new administration have filled up all the departmental offices except the office of Solicitor General, which is intended to be filled by the Hon. Martin J. Wilkins, a member of this house. And whereas the law requires that writs for filling up the vacancies in this house shall be issued on or about the same time, and that the elections thereunder shall be held on the same day. And, whereas, writs for the county of Cumberland and Guysboro' are to be immediately issued; but the appointment of Solicitor General has been postponed, and the writ for the township of Pictou withheld.

"Therefore Resolved, that the course that has been so pursued is in breach of the law, and an infringement of the privileges of this house, and of the rights and liberties of the people."

CHINA.

THE following extraordinary Proclamation has been published by the Governor of Canton. What can be expected from such a fanatic.

"Proclamation.—Yeh, Governor-General of the Two Kwang, issues this edict for the soldiers and people. Since I have taken charge of my office I have been indebted to you—the people. You have looked upon me as your father, and I have looked upon you as children. Four years ago, the Rebels arose in several hundreds of thousands, and you ventured with united strength to resist them, which was very meritorious, not leaving a fragment of their remains. Even until now you have manifested your merits in behalf of the country. Now the Barbarian Rebels have raised disturbances, attacking our heavenly dynasty, destroying forts, burning shops, and making war on the city. The anxiety on this account has entered into my very bones and marrow; and your united wrath, too, has been aroused. Now, I have received the Imperial commands firmly to hold and resolutely to fight and maintain the war from the public Treasury; to blockade the river and sea, and to sweep out every fragment. You must in behalf of the empire, exert your strength as brave soldiers, in order that not a fragment of the foreign robbers may remain. In case there should be any speaking of peace, the speaker shall be dealt with according to martial law. Did I not love the people as children, the Barbarian Rebels certainly would deceive them. You must be faithful, and with a pure heart, tremblingly obey."

TO SHIPBUILDERS.

We publish the annexed articles for the information of Shipbuilders. We think that body must find it very difficult to comply with the numerous and frequent changes in the regulations of Lloyd's Committee.

TABLE A.—With reference to the resolution passed by the Committee on the 1st of May last, prescribing "That whenever materials or fastenings beyond those required by the Rules are introduced into a ship, building for Classification, they must be in conformity with the Rules for the grade which may be contemplated, as regards size, material, and method of securing;"—Notice is hereby given, that the head line "Keelson" in Table A, has been altered and stands as follows, "Main and Rider Keelsons;" thus requiring Hog or Rider Keelsons to be of materials of equal quality to that

prescribed by the Rules for the Main Keelson in Ships of the grade which may be contemplated. By Order of the Committee, GEORGE B. SEYFANG, Secretary. 2, White Lion Court, Cornhill, London, (E. C.) December 18th, 1856.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of the Resolutions passed this day by the Committee, the Rules have been amended as follows:—viz.,

Section 46.—Every butt in each outside plank to be fastened with two bolts, one of which may be in the adjoining timber, and one to be through and clenched.

Section 38.—In the inside and outside planking, waterways, planksheers, and flat of deck of full poops and top-gallant forecastles, a reduction of one-fourth from the thickness required by the Table B, for such planks in the range of the upper deck in ships with two decks, will be allowed; and in the siding and moulding of the top timbers and beams of full poops and top-gallant forecastles, a reduction of one-fifth will be allowed.

In the inside and outside planking, waterways, planksheers, and flat of deck of raised quarter decks, a reduction of one-fifth from the thickness required by the Table B for such parts in the range of the upper deck in ships with two decks, will be allowed.

Table B. will be altered in accordance with the above. By order of the Committee, GEORGE B. SEYFANG, Secretary. 2, White Lion Court, Cornhill, London, (E. C.) 18th December, 1856.

COUNTY BONAVENTURE.

OUR Correspondent in this County, under date of February 17, states that the previous Wednesday was a most fearful cold day—enough to freeze the thoughts of a man. He also communicates the following item of local news.

The new Bell in Saint Andrew's Church, New Carlisle, gave notice on Thursday last, that the first happy pair, since its elevation in the belfry, had been united in the Holy bonds of Matrimony. The parties were Mr. G. A. Corbin, son of Captain Corbin, who commands the Royal Mail Steamer Merlin, which runs between Halifax and Saint John's, Newfoundland, and Miss Bebee, of this place.

'Tis justly said that, 'beauty when unadorned is adorned the most.' We have seldom seen a more beautiful bride, and we give Mr. Corbin credit for his taste. May every happiness attend them.

THE TELEGRAPH.—A late New York paper reports that the long line of wire, stretching from New York city to Saint John's, Newfoundland, a distance of 1,710 miles, was working most admirably, and that communications were constantly passing over the wires.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The Letters of our Dalhousie Agent bearing date February 11 and 21, came to hand. All right; orders will be attended to.

"Guard" is received, and will be printed next week.

The late hour at which we obtained the letter of "Telegraph," dated at Kingston, Kent, precludes the possibility of our giving it insertion to-day.

The second Letter of "Progress" in another page, is well worthy of an attentive perusal.

FREDERICTON MAIL.

The Head Quarters received by the mail this morning has the following version of the Speaker's remarks on giving his casting vote on the want of confidence motion.

"The Speaker, before giving his casting vote against the Amendment, strongly condemned the course the debate had taken—all personalities and no principle—and attributed the present fearful state of affairs to the working of the responsible government system in a small colony."

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

EUROPE. Late from England.—New York, 23rd Feb. 1857. The steamer Africa arrived yesterday.—The British Parliament met on the 3rd inst.—The Queen, in her speech, announced that negotiations were progressing between England and the United States and Honduras relative to Central America which it was hoped would remove all difficulty.

The wars with Persia and China, and the affairs of the Hudson Bay Company, had been discussed in Parliament.

Mr Dallas had given a banquet to Lord Napier, the newly appointed minister to the United States.

Liverpool Breadstuffs, were more active with a slight advance in price, except on low qualities of Wheat. Provisions, more buoyant; pork and lard higher.

The Telegraph Operator informs us

that the Mail Steamer arrived at Halifax this morning.

BOWSER'S HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK. John Chisholm, St. John; John Meagher, M. P. P., Carlton, C. E.; John LeBoutillier, Gaspe, C. E.; Thomas Mathewson, Bathurst; Jonathan Doran, Shippegan; Jas. Young, Esq. Tracadie; D. Henderson, Richibucto; Dr. Wilson, do; J. Campbell, Dalhousie; Wm. Stevens, Esq., Woodstock; John Sutherland, Richibucto; Wm. Kiswick, do; P. J. Dupont, St. Pierre; Dr. Adams, Bangor, Me.

MARRIAGES.

At Chatham, on Saturday, 21st inst., by Rev. Samuel Bacon, Mr. ALEXANDER P. HENDERSON, to Miss ANN GRAY, both of Miramichi. On Monday morning last, in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, at Baies-des-Vents, by the Rev. Jas. Hudson, B. A., Mr. ROBERT NOBLE, to Miss PHOENIX WILLISTON. At the same time and place, by the same Priest, Mr. JOHN MILLS, to Miss MARY WILLISTON, all of Baies-des-Vents.

DEATHS.

On the 22nd inst., at Chatham, ANN, relict of the late Robert R. Martin, aged 63 years.—She was a friend to the sick, the needy and distressed, many of whom we feel persuaded will sincerely mourn her removal.

At Buctance, on Wednesday the 18th inst., at the advanced age of 73 years, CATHERINE, wife of Peter McPhelim Sen Esq., Comptroller of her Majesty's Customs. She bore her long illness with Christian fortitude and died in peace. Mrs. Mc Phelim was a native of Sligo, Ireland.

At Lower Mill Cove, on 13th inst., JANET McDERMOT, aged 14 years.

Holloway's Pills astonishingly efficacious in Liver and Stomach Complaints.—Mr Anthony Aldridge, of Chatham, Miramichi, suffered from a child with a sluggish state of the liver, the bowels were always in a very bad state, and he was afflicted with general ill health, he tried a variety of medicines of which were recommended him by friends, but notwithstanding this, his malady sadly increased, and ultimately he became in such a state that he was unable to attend to any active pursuits. At last, he commenced using Holloway's celebrated Pills, which soon performed their part upon this suffering being, and after he had taken this inestimable medicine for eight weeks, he was thoroughly restored to health.

New Advertisements.

VALUABLE STOCK

FOR SALE.

The Subscribers, in order to bring their business to a close, offer for Sale at very reduced prices, the whole of their

REMAINING STOCK ON HAND,

Consisting of—Dry Goods, Hardware, Iron, Copper, Cordage, Salt, English House Coal, Pine and Spruce Deal, in Shipping order, Boards, Scautling, Juniper Footlocks and Roofs, Juniper and other Ship-timber, Trenchails, Blacksmith and Ship-Yard Tools and Furniture, Cooking and other Stoves, Waggon, Sleighs, Carts, and Farm Utensils, Harness, Shop and Store Furniture, Paints and Oils, Scaws, Boat, Warps, Kedges, and numerous other articles, well worthy the attention of parties engaged in Trade.

If not disposed of before the 25th day of MARCH next, the whole will be offered for Sale by Public Auction, on their premises, at Beaubair's Island.

JOHN HARLEY, GEORGE BURCHELL.

Beaubair's Island, February 18, 1857.

Co-Partnership Notice.

The Co PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the Subscribers being dissolved by mutual consent, all Persons having claims against them are required to render the same—and all persons indebted to them are required to make immediate payment. All debts remaining unpaid on the first day of JUNE next, will be put into an Attorney's hands for collection.

JOHN HARLEY, GEORGE BURCHELL,

Beaubair's Island, February 18, 1857.

South West Boom Company.

Notice is hereby given that the Fourth and last call of 25 per cent. is required to be paid by the Stock Holders in the above Company, to Richard Hutchison, Esq., Treasurer, on or before the 1st APRIL next.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

EDWARD WILLISTON, Secretary. Newcastle, February 21, 1857.

South West Boom Company.

At a Meeting of the Directors of the South West Boom Company, held at the Clerk's Office, Newcastle, 28th January, 1857, the following notice.

Resolved, That the Rates of Boomage for the present season in the above Company, be as follows: For Logs, 9 per thousand, and Timber 4 per ton, and a notice of which is given by the Secretary through the Gleaner Newspaper. Extract from the Minutes.

EDWARD WILLISTON, Secretary, February 21, 1857.