

Communications.

COUNTY KENT.

To L. P. W. DesBrisay, Esq., M. P. P.

Sir—In reading the Journals of the House of Assembly, I perceive that you have displayed a praiseworthy exertion in introducing a bill 'relating to the Sick and Disabled Seamen's Fund,' equalizing the duties on ships entering all Ports in the Province. While I admire your activity in this respect in the Legislative Halls, I cannot but complain of the mode in which you, as one of the Commissioners of the Richibucto Sick and Disabled Seamen's Hospital, have managed or rather mismanaged the affairs of that valuable institution. Such a system of reckless expenditure in these days of reform, will not be passed over in silence. At present (like our Telegraph Company), the Commissioners have no laws or regulations for the management of the Hospital, and like the above named company, the whole supervision rests in the hands of an oligarchy. The result is apparent—private quarrels and animosities are made the causes of disunion among the Commissioners, and the most obstinate, rules the institution as he pleases. Under the present system, there is no regular medical attendant for the Hospital, but each Commissioner is left to his own choice to select out of the medical men practising in the County, to attend to the patients, and at the end of the year his accounts when presented to the Commissioners are reduced or not as they think fit. Is it not an insult to any educated man's feelings, to reflect, when he is attending the patients in the Hospital, that the pittance he is to receive for his services is under the control of men totally unacquainted with the value of the duty performed, and he is well or ill remunerated according to the time he keeps his patients on hand, and not according to the importance of the case, or the attention he bestows on it. Candour must compel you to acknowledge that this is unfortunately but too truthful a picture of the Hospital at Richibucto; and you must confess that the usefulness of this institution is retarded and rendered almost nugatory by the dead clogs of unaccountability, imbecility, and want of union and method. Having thus briefly pointed out some of the evils (I say some, for their name is legion,) existing under the present system of misrule and mismanagement, permit me to suggest for your special consideration the remedy and a cure.

In the first place the Board of Commissioners as now constituted, do not possess the confidence of the County; follow the example of high authority, and remove them at once; you must feel the incapacity of your colleagues, one from ill health being unable to do the duty as he otherwise would; the other a grumbler—reorganise then your board, and replace them with active energetic men. The public might then hope that yourself with two efficient colleagues would do the work to their satisfaction. Second—let all the necessary contracts for repairing and maintaining the institution, and for the cure, care, (I follow the words of the act) "attendance and support of the patients therein," be let out to the lowest tenders, under certain regulations, either yearly or for such time as a majority of the board should deem most conducive to the interests of the institution.

Third—work together in unanimity and good will, always remembering that the people (your masters) hold you responsible and accountable to them for your actions.

Lastly—close these remarks with confidence believing that it is your earnest wish to serve the public honestly and faithfully—should however your actions and conduct hereafter compel me to change my present opinion, rest assured that you will hear of the same from the pen of your obedient servant,

REFORM.

Kingston, Richibucto, March 17, 1857.

To the Editor of the Gleaner.

DEAR SIR,—I have sent you a bottle of Spalding's Rosemary and Castor Oil, and hope you will find it possessing those qualities so beautifully expressed in the following lines.

WILLIAM FORBES.

THE GREAT HAIR OIL SECRET.

'Twixt the eyes and the hair, of a belle young and fair, One evening a pleasant contention arose, As to which of the two, the most work had to do, In the way of attracting and winning the beaux, Said the eyes—"when we shine, the men vow we're divine, And our glances, swift flying like magical darts, Bring whoever they meet, to our mistresses feet, And proudly proclaim her the Empress of Hearts."

"Very true," quoth the hair, "but you can't keep them there, 'Tis only my ringlets, the rovers can bind, Your glances are nought, if by me they're not caught, And their hearts with my tresses be not intertwined; Now what makes my power? Why the oil of a flower, And a berry's rich produce, my soft hair doth coil;

There, the secret is out—for you've guessed without doubt, That 'tis Spalding's First premium Rosemary Oil."

LINES WITH A PRESENT OF SPALDING'S ROSEMARY OIL.

I give thee this—you need no more; Though small my offering be, Yet precious is the fragrant store, Which now I bring to thee!

An Oil, whose virtue soon appears, When used upon the hair; And should your locks grow thin, 'twill prove, A balm beyond compare.

If Time should touch your locks with gray, Or scarce a lock remain, Use Spalding's Oil of Rosemary, They'll grow and thrive again!

Legislative News.

By Telegraph to the Reading Room.

FREDERICTON, 14th March, 1857.

House principally occupied with routine business in the morning. Petition were presented for and against the removal of the Shire Town of King's Cou y. Petitions were also presented for and against the division of Shire Town of King's County. Harding moved and obtained for leave to bring in a bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Steam Navigation Company. Sutton's flour and meal bill postponed for three months. Bill to amend act regulating height of wooden buildings in burnt district in City of St. John was committed. A section introduced by Harding providing that buildings of 22 feet posts and 15 feet in height may be erected in such districts, passed, no opposition offered to bill, except by Gray and two other members. Progress reported on bill to alter and amend law relating to Office of Police Magistrate. Watters warmly supported increase Salary and Lawrence opposed. Smith gave notice of his intention to move an address to his Excellency asking for information as to whether the local agents provided for in emigration scheme had been fixed. Watters asked a question of Government whether they intended to introduce a measure relating to Education. The Attorney General replied, it was the intention of the Government to bring down a bill to amend the present Parish School Act. It was ordered that the House go into consideration of the report of Chief Commissioner of Board of Works, Friday next as order of the day. Bill relating to Police Magistrate committed a second time, opposed by Mitchell, Lewis, Fisher, Connell, and Johnson. Supported by Smith, Gray, Sutton, Botsford, Wilnot, and Speaker. Motion to report progress decided in affirmative by the casting vote of the Chairman.—Watters, G. Earle, McAdam, Desbrisay, and several other members applied for leave of absence. House adjourned at half past 4 o'clock.

March 16.

Progress reported on Gilbert's Disqualification bill: discussion will commence to-morrow on its merits. The Speaker said that an important provision has been neglected in bill, viz., to exclude members of the Executive from seats in the house. He thought he should be able to prove when the bill for discussion came up that such a measure must be adopted and the present system of Government entirely changed if the interests of the country were to be regarded. Lawrence presented a petition to the Trustees of St. John's Presbyterian Church, praying that charter of said church be allowed to remain in the act.—On motion of Smith, resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying for information as to whether the local Emigration Agents referred to in the Land Regulations passed in Council in December have been appointed, if so have their Salaries been fixed. If the appointments have not been made, when is it the intention of the Government to make them. Committee to wait on his Excellency, Smith, Sutton, and Lewis. Scrutiny Committee between Tapley the sitting member, and Lunt petitioning Candidate, struck as follows, Gilbert, Landry, Lewis, and McLellan, nominee for Tapley, J. M. Johnson, Esq., for Lunt, James Boyd, Esq. On motion the order for striking Committee on petition of certain freeholders of Sunbury against return of Messrs Tapley, and W. Perley, is discharged. House adjourned at half-past 4 o'clock.

March 17.

A deathlike stillness prevailed in the House this morning. No business doing. Several members absent on Committees, and a greater number absent from Fredericton, while the Government are said to be preparing their budget. The bill to divide the Parish of Nelson in the County of Northumberland into two Parishes was postponed for three months. House resolved itself into Committee of whole to go into consideration of bill introduced by Gilbert to exclude Office holders and certain person from holding seats in Assembly. His Honour the Speaker moved additional section providing the members and Executive Government Bankers and others be excluded from holding seats in Assembly. Section rejected by large majority, original bill passed without opposition. Progress reported on bill introduced by McLellan relating to intestate Estates. Provincial Secretary laid before the House re-

turns from Provincial Steamboat Inspector and other Public documents. House adjourned early in honor of St. Patrick.

March 18.

Very slim attendance of Members. On motion—read a first time, a Bill to restrain certain sections of Territorial and Casual Revenue Law, referring to the mode of disposing of Lumber on Crown Lands. The disqualification Bill passed on third reading 11 to 8. The Attorney General laid on the table an instalment to Railway papers. Read a first time, a bill to amend law relating to Municipalities, also to incorporate President and Directors of Provincial Hospital. On motion to adjourn quite an animated and somewhat personal debate took place, involving views of Members for and against Government. House adjourned quarter to 4 o'clock.

March 19.

House in Committee of whole. Passed without opposition, Bill introduced by Honorable Mr Gray to incorporate Provincial Hospital. Also passed Bill to incorporate New Brunswick Steam Navigation Company, introduced by Harding. Mr Gray introduced a bill to repeal act to establish Board of Health in St. John, read a first and second time. Smith introduced a bill to alter and amend act relating to highways, referred to a special committee.—Botsford obtained leave to bring in a bill to incorporate North Shore Steamboat Company.—Also read a first time bill introduced by Street to amend act relating to absconding, concealed, or absent debtors. Message from Legislative Council informed House, that Council had agreed to Election Bill without amendment.—Bill to amend act entitled act to incorporate Presbyterian Churches of New Brunswick again come up before the House and gave rise to a long discussion. Bill strenuously opposed by Boyd and others. Progress finally reported and bill was referred to a select Committee. No other business transacted. It is expected Government Budget will be laid before the House to-morrow.

Extracts from the Journals.

Fredericton, March 5.

Mr Read moved to bring in—A bill further to amend the Law relating to Buoys and Beacons in the respective ports in the County of Gloucester. Leave granted. The said bill being brought in was read a first time.

March 6.

Read a third time as engrossed, A bill to repeal the existing Laws relating to the granting of Mill Reserves in the Province. Resolved, that the bill do pass.

March 9.

Read a second time the following Bills, viz: A bill to disqualify persons holding certain Offices under Government from being elected or capable of holding seats in the Assembly.

A Bill to authorize the appointment of a Stipendiary Magistrate for a certain district in the Parish of Richibucto, in the County of Kent.

Read a third time as engrossed, A Bill to incorporate sundry persons by the name of "The President, Directors and Company of the Miramichi Bank," in the County of Northumberland. Resolved, That the bill do pass.

March 12.

Read a second time the following Bills, viz: A Bill to place the Road leading from Chatham to the Light House at Escomine, in the County of Northumberland, on the Great Road Establishment of the Province. A Bill to place the Road leading from Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, to Indian Town, in the said County, on the Great Road establishment.

Liver Complaint.—Mr James Alderton of Three Rivers, was for 18 years afflicted with a disordered liver, nausea, and a foul stomach, in addition to these distressing complaints, he was visited by frequent bilious attacks, rendering him entirely unfit for business; he was told nothing in the world would thoroughly cure him, although he had spent a complete fortune in medicine and advice. At last, he was recommended to try Holloway's Pills, which he commenced using,—gradually the worst symptoms of his disorder disappeared, and after eight weeks steady adherence to the directions of Professor Holloway, he was entirely cured, and admits that he never before throughout his life enjoyed such good health as he does at present.

Surrogate Court, GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

In the matter of the Estate of Thomas Harding late of Poemouche, in the said County deceased.

To the Sheriff of Gloucester, or any Constable of the said County, Greeting:

L. S. WHEREAS Messieurs FERGUSON, BARNETT and COMPANY, and other Creditors of this Estate, have applied to this Court by Petition, praying that the Administrators, Isaac H. Anderson, and Walter Buteman be cited to appear to render an account of their administration of the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of this Estate which have come into their hands.

You are therefore required to cite the said Isaac H. Anderson, and Walter Buteman, to be and appear before me at the Court of Probate, to be held at my Office at Bathurst, on TUESDAY, the 24th day of MARCH next, at 11 o'clock, in the forenoon, to render such account according to Law.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court, at Bathurst, this Twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord, 1857.

HENRY W. BALDWIN, Surrogate, ROBERT GORDON, Register of Probate, February, 23, 1857.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1857.

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WEEKLY CAENDAR.

New Moon 25th, 6h 6m P. M. HIGH WATER.

Table with 4 columns: Day, Time, High Water, Low Water. Includes entries for 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th.

The above Tides having been calculated with regard to the moon's horizontal parallax and angular distance from the sun, will be found to be correct, due allowance being made at times for high winds and freshets. For Richibucto, subtract, 2h33m—Bathurst, 2h45m—Dalhousie, 2h50m from the above.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

THE Telegraph reports, and the extracts from the Journals, which we publish in another page, will enable our readers to form a correct idea of what is DOING in our Legislature; for the SAYINGS we refer them to the Debates, which are published under the auspices of the Legislature, and to the St. John papers, the proprietors of most of which have Reporters or Correspondents in Fredericton. The extreme length of these Debates precludes the possibility of our giving a synopsis of them, and it appears the Reporters, as well as the Publisher who undertook to print them, find it an Herculean task, for they are sadly behind. This will ever be the case while the present system is pursued of every member striving to speak as long as he possibly can on every subject of moment that may be brought under the consideration of the House.

The most important question, in our opinion, which has yet passed the Assembly, is Mr Gilbert's Bill, Disqualifying all persons holding Offices under the Government, from sitting as Members in the Assembly. We have not seen the Bill, but we presume the Officers alluded to are Clerks of the Peace, Deputy Treasurers, in fact all Offices to which there is attached a Salary, and the incumbent can be removed at any time therefrom by the existing Government. This will unseat a good many of the present members. We were astonished to find that it passed with so little opposition. From this circumstance we are inclined to augur that it will not become law. The members knew it was a very popular measure, and that it would be dangerous to oppose it; they therefore trust the Council will give it the go-by, that they will throw it out. This is a dodge frequently resorted to by the House; we believe it was so with the Prohibitory Liquor Bill. The House passed it but were in hopes the Council would ignore it, and take all the censure. In this they were deceived, and we trust the Council will adopt the same course in reference to this disqualification bill.

The Speaker made an effort to carry an amendment—that the members of the Government, or all Heads of Departments, Bankers, &c., be excluded from holding seats in the Legislature. This, so far as the Heads of Departments are concerned, is, in our opinion, impossible under the present system. It is a prominent feature in the Responsible Government