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May 26, 1852.

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May 16

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This Farm will be divided into two parts, if it should suit purchasers.

JOHN GILLIES.

St. John, December 19, 1851. *Peter's Street*

ROYAL MAIL STAGE,

St. John and St. Andrews.

DAILY.

THE undersigned having become contractor for the conveyance of the Royal Mail between St. John and St. Andrews, begs leave to inform the public that he has provided himself with new stages and carriages for the express purpose of the mail, and intends to run them with careful and attentive drivers on the route.

Passengers will be taken up at the subscriber's residence, Great Queen street, or at the St. John Hotel, will receive prompt attention.

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February, 1850.

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[*Established in 1836.*]

Capital £2,000,000—in shares of Twenty Pounds.

THE Stockholders of this Company are responsible to the full extent of their property for the liabilities of the Company.

The undersigned hereby notifies the Public of New-Brunswick that the above-named Company have empowered him, by a full and ample Power of Attorney, to open an Office in the City of Saint John, for the Insurance of PROPERTY against loss or damage by FIRE, in any part of the Province, and to sign and issue Policies in the name of the Company; and that in virtue of the power vested in him by the said Power of Attorney, he has appointed Mr. ADAM JACK to act as Agent for the said Company, in the receiving of proposals for Insurance, and the inspection of premises proposed for Insurance, and all other the usual duties of an Agent; and to collect and receive the amount of premium on any policy issued by the undersigned in the name of the said Company, or for the renewal of the same.

The Deed of settlement, and the supplemental Deed of settlement, lies with Mr. Jack, at the Office of the *New Brunswick Marine Assurance Company*, also the pamphlets issued by the office at Liverpool, affording ample details of the mode of transacting business by the Company.

The rates of premium will be as low as any other respectable Company, and the undersigned trusts a fair portion of public patronage will be accorded to the Company.

Losses not exceeding £500 will be settled without referring to the head Office at Liverpool.

EDWARD ALLISON.

Dated at St. John, N. B., 4th August, 1851.

MEN'S HEAVY OVERALL Wool Stockings.

THE Subscriber has just received per ships *Olive* and *Cuthbert*—3 Cases of the very best quality of Men's dark grey Woollen OVERALL STOCKINGS, that have ever been imported. For sale by dozen or retail.

Dec. 10. S. K. FOSTER.

GEO. HUTCHINSON, JR.,

HAS just received per ship "*Olive*" from Liverpool:—An assortment of English WATCHES, JEWELLERY, &c., superior articles, which will be sold low for prompt payment.

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☞ All kinds of Time Pieces and NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS for Sale and Repaired, at the Old Stand of Wm. Hutchinson, *Coffee House Corner.*

St John, N. B., July 23 1852.

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Dec. 1. S. L. TILLEY.

Turner's Sarsaparilla.

6 CASES, just received per *Melinda* from New York. The Sarsaparilla which is superior to all others, is put up in two Quart Bottles, and sold at the reduce rate of *One Dollar* per Bottle.

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OTTER SKINS, SKIN CAPS, GLOVES, All kinds of Furs, made cleaned, and altered to the latest fashion.

☞ Furs made to order.

St. John, October 1.

NEW TINTED & COLOURED PAINTS.—Received from London via Liverpool, per *Gladiator* 118 cwt. Brandram's No. 1 WHITE LEAD, in 18, 28, 56, and 112 lb. packages 19 cwt. Coloured PAINTS, and 1-2 ton of Putty.

dec. 31. S. L. TILLEY.

CHILDREN'S CHAIRS.

ONE Hundred, consisting of Dining Table, same and wood seat; Rocking, Cane, and Wood Seat, low back, with and without hole

ALSO

ROSIN OIL in barrels, a good article for Machinery, especially whips mixed with Sperm Oil, it is found to strengthen the latter very much.

JOHN KINNEAR.

St. John, Dec. 10.—[usual papers.]

THIRD DIVISION OF PROFITS ATLANTIC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

ESTABLISHED IN 1836.

AT the Third Quinquennial Meeting of this Company, held in London, 24th June, 1852, a Surplus of £82,400 Sterling, (being four-fifths of £103,000 Sterling) was declared distributable amongst the Policy holders entitled to participate. This sum allows of a reduction of Premium for the next five years, of £9,633 16s. 3d. Sterling per annum, or an equivalent reversionary Bonus payable at Death, of £68,799 10s. 7d.

The reduction of Premium averages 35.22 per cent. on the Premiums payable during the next five years.

The reversionary Bonus averages 60 per cent. on the Premiums received during the last five years, or 9 per cent. on the sums Assured.

Upon the Policies which had been full five years in existence, the reversionary Bonus averages 2 1-2 per cent. Premium on the sum assured, a result which has been seldom equalled, and will bear comparison with that of any Office.

The following Table illustrates the Bonuses declared:

		Average Reduction of Premium.	Average Reversionary Bonus
1st Division—	1842	16.83 per cent.	21 per cent
2d. "	1847	31.33 "	42½ "
3d. "	1852	35.22 "	60 "

On the 31st December last, the

Existing Assurances were	£1,099,843	10	2
The Capital Funds of the Company were	230,262	15	6
The Annual Income was	47,721	2	6
The Divisible Surplus was	82,000	0	0

The Directors consider, and trust the Policy holders will agree with them, that the position of the Company is highly satisfactory, and hope that, taking into account the continually increasing competition they have to encounter, the progress of the Company has equalled their expectations, as the benefits actually realized equal, and in most cases surpass, those afforded by the largest established Offices.

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RANNEY, STURDEE & CO.,
Agents for New-Brunswick.

July 23

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A. MAGEE would respectfully inform the Public that he has received from Great Britain and the United States a superior assortment of Fur, Plush, Silettee and Cloth CAPS of the latest Fall and Winter Fashions, which he will be able to sell at much less than the usual prices.

Also on hand and constantly Making up, HATS & CAPS of his own manufacture, which he feels confident are equal to anything produced in this province, and superior to imported articles, which are disposed at much higher prices.

☞ Gentlemen leaving their orders will be attended to with punctuality, neatness and despatch.

☞ Cash, and the Highest, Prices paid for FURS. Nov. 19.

RAILROAD HOUSE,

SOUTH SIDE KING STREET—ST. JOHN

THE Subscriber, in accordance with the fashion of the day, deems it necessary to acquaint his friends and the Travelling Public, that he has Fitted Furnished, and Repaired his House, in a manner that defies rivalry, for the accommodation of PERMANENT AND TRANSIENT BOARDERS.

His Fare consists of the choicest delicacies of the season. Clean Beds, good attendance, and (Better yet) moderate charges, are the prominent features of his establishment.

Truly grateful to his former patrons, he solicits a continuance of public favour.

IN CONNEXION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT IS A

LIVERY STABLE,

With Fashionable "Turn-Outs," And excellent accommodations for the Horses of Travellers and Country customers.

May 21. JAMES E. McDONALD.

PORTER! PORTER!

The Subscriber has received—

25 BBLS. Dublin PORTER, 3 doz. each, "Guinness's best"—For Sale by

ROBERT ARMSTRONG,
Dec. 31, 1852. No. 7, Dock Street.

NEW MATERIAL FOR WINTER VESTS.—We have just introduced a new material for Vests, never made up for that purpose. They look well—colours are generally blue, drab, or black. They keep the chest as warm as if they were fur-lined. ☞ Call and see them.

J. GARRETT & CO.,
Dec. 24. King and Cross-streets.

CAMEL'S HAIR TOP COATS.—The above Coats are generally BLACK, with linings of Black Lustre Cloth, better than Silk, quilted, wadded, &c. They are considered by far the best looking, for a low-priced garment, of any material hitherto introduced for Winter wear. They are not expensive—they only cost from 50s. to 60s.

J. GARRETT & CO.,
Dec. 24. King and Cross-streets.

SPARKLING CHAMPAGNE.—Now landing from France ex *Isabella* via New York, 20 Baskets Finest Sparkling CHAMPAGNE—For sale by

RANNEY, STURDEE & CO
Nov. 5.

PURE ZINC PAINT.—Per Antagon from London—I cask Pure White Zinc PAINT.—This article is highly recommended for indoor use, and will be sold at the same price as the best description of White Lead. S. L. TILLEY.

KIRWAN'S LETTERS TO CHIEF JUSTICE TANEY.

LETTER XXV.

Emigration—must increase—mostly Popish.—What to be done for them—Liberty—Conscience—American Spirit.—Tide stayed until now.—Right of all Men to the Bible—Wickedness of withholding it.—Differences between Protestantism and Popery.—Edinburgh Irish Missions.—Rev. Mr. King.—Character of Priests.—Pilgrim of Strucl.—Treatment Priests deserve.

MY DEAR SIR,—There is, all the world knows, a vast influx of emigrants from all the state of Europe to our shores. Upon the wharves of all our great commercial cities you see the garb, and you hear the tongue peculiar to all the nations and peoples extending from the North Cape to the Island of Sicily, and from the Black Sea to the western shores of Ireland. And yet they come. They are penetrating our interior—they are to be found in the city, in the town, on the prairie, in the woods, on the top of the mechanic, breaking up a virgin soil into which a ploughshare has never entered, and carrying with them their language, their customs their morals, and their religion, to the foot of the Rocky Mountains, and from both the oceans that now bound our great country. And their is a buzzing air amid the old nations of Europe, like unto that which may be heard in a bee-hive previous to its swarming, which clearly indicates that what of emigration we yet have seen here is but as the few ripe grapes when compared with the overflowing vintage, or but as little rise in our great rivers, caused by a few summer showers, when compared with our spring freshets, caused by the dissolving of our snows upon our extended mountain ranges. The masses of Europe are tenants, and they are beginning to feel the oppression of their landlords, and that from it there is no way of escape save by revolution or emigration; and as the chances of revolution are at present against them, they prefer to emigrate. "Our gentry," said a noble Scotch clergyman to me, "are beginning to think more of sheep than of, men, and are sending off their tenants to make room for their sheep and black cattle. Our people must go to America." "You will not find a healthy person any where that is not thinking of going to America," said the guard of a stage-coach to me, as I was riding through Ireland. Soon we came to a stopping-place. A fine rosy-cheeked girl, with health in all her movements, came with a message to the guard; and determined to put his saying to the test, I said to her "My fine girl, do you think of going to America?" "I am going next month, your honor," said she, her face radiant with smiles. The people of Europe are waking up to a sense of their wrongs; and the more they manifest that they see and feel them, the more oppressive are their civil and ecclesiastical rulers; so that, in the nature of things, great as the emigration now is here, it must be vastly increased.

And as the majority of emigrants for some years past have been Papists, so it must continue to be. The Papal nations are the poorest, the worst governed, and the most oppressed; and the Papists of Protestant nations, as of Britain, Prussia, and some of the minor states of Germany, are the least thrifty, and are those to whom a change of country would seem to offer the most inducements. So that for years to come there must be a vast yearly accession to our population of those educated under Popish institutions, and of course, of Popish priests. And if Popery and its priests are what I have described them to be—if Popery in all lands, and to the extent to which it obtains, is a national curse the question with which I closed my last letter is a very grave one, "What is to be done with the Papists and priests?" Will you permit me to indicate what I consider the true answer to the question?

Not a feeling must be indulged or manifested other than that of permitting them to enjoy, to the utmost extent of our institutions, a free and full liberty of of conscience. Ignorant, superstitious, and semi-civilized as they may, be when naturalized they are citizens. Our Constitution knows neither Jew nor Gentile, Papist nor Protestant. All good citizens it treats as does a kind father his children. Nor must we show any jealousy of placing a fitting man in a place of trust or power simply because he is a Papist. I rejoice, Sir that you a nominal, Papist, are at the head of the judiciary of this great country, and that you were place there by a thorough Protestant, who hated the Pope far more, I fear, than he hated sin, because of the advantage it gives us, if for no other reason, of contrasting the two systems. Think you that a Protestant, if pure as Marshall, if learned as Blackstone, if eloquent as Webster, could be made chief justice of Cuba, or Mexico, or Naples, or even Belgium? Would not the taint of Protestantism countervail all other qualifications, and tend rather to secure his expulsion than his elevation?

And then we must teach them the rights of conscience. It is hard to learn them this, when their very conscience has been educated into the opposite belief, that the Church and the priest give laws to conscience, and that we are bound to persecute those who refuse compliance to those laws. It is a great lesson for us to teach, and for them to learn; and truly learned by them, the power of the priest is gone. If you, Sir, are conscientiously a Papist, I am conscientiously a Protestant, and to our God we are only accountable. Within the domain of conscience no Pope, prelate, or priest has a right to place his foot; and the intruder within that sacred inclosure should be as unceremoniously expelled as were apostate angels from heaven, who were driven pell-mell over its battlements, and cast down into everlasting chains and penal fire. The supremacy of conscience and the supremacy of the Pope are in the opposite scales; as the one rises, the other sinks. The man who enthrones God in his conscience is lost to the priest. He has no longer any use for confessions, penances, or extreme unctions—for holy water or holy chrism. He is a subject of the perfect law of liberty. We must then teach them to assert their own rights of conscience, and to respect those of others. Then the priest will have lost all power to torment the people to such riots as have occurred in New York, St. Louis, and Milwaukie, and which have so clearly demonstrated that a change of country or climate does not soon change the nature of the hyena.

We must also seek to imbue them with the true spirit of our country. It is among the greatest of the many blessings of Heaven to our land that our present tide of emigration was held back until our people became sufficiently numerous, and our institutions sufficiently established, to be unaffected by it—until our people acquired a character of their own, and power to impress it upon those who seek here an asylum for themselves and their posterity. Had our present emigration taken place one hundred years ago, it would be substantially a transference here of Ireland and Germany, and of the other European nations, with their language, and religious, and social institutions. But now it affects us but little more than do the fresh waters of the Hudson, the Susquehanna, or the Mississippi, the salt water of the ocean. Indeed, as the Atlantic takes these and other rivers into its bosom, and assimilates all their turbid waters to itself, imparting to them all its colour, and salting them with its salt, so may our country receive into her arms the multitudes fleeing to her for refuge from the despotisms of the old world, and mould them all into the American form. Nothing here lives by divine right, but the true. We permit men to swagger as they see fit, and to put forth what claims they please; but the moment they attempt to enforce claims by divine right, they soon learn their latitude and longitude. When priests claim to think for us, we only think the harder. The more they seek to induce us to sing hosannas to the Pope, the louder we proclaim him to be the anti-Christ. The more they oppose the Bible, the more we print, circulate, and read it. And the more they circulate such books as "The Garden of the Soul," "Butler's Lives of the Saints," and "The Holy House of Loretto," by the erudite and philosophic P. R. Kenrick, V. G., to revive the drooping faith of their flocks, the more we claim and exercise the privilege of laughing at them from one end of the land to the other.

The fact is, that we, Sir, have a character peculiarly our own. Our fathers taught us to think for ourselves; and this spirit is fostered by all our institutions. The prevalence of education makes the masses intelligent; and before our general intelligence, and the Protestant atmosphere that covers the land, ignorance and credulity are fast disappearing. Indeed, the tendency is less faith than to infidelity. Nothing is now taken for granted, however venerable for years, or however intrenched behind authority, without examination. Whether right or wrong, this is the American peculiarity. And if we only rightly and truly impress it upon the emigrants swarming here from other lands, it will be the death of Popery. The Irish, English, French, Scotch, Germans, Italians, Hollanders come here, not to propagate their national characteristics, but, like different ingredients thrown together, each yielding, in a chemical process, their peculiarities, and all uniting to form a new substance. The British emigrant gives up his queen—the French his king, president, prince-president, or consul—the German his king or emperor—and why should the Papist cling to the Pope? Why should he fling from his body the chains of civil despotism, and hug the chains of spiritual despotism, which are eating into his soul? Why should he not seek a spiritual as well as civil emancipation? He is here beyond the reach of the arm of despotism; and imbibing the true American spirit, he should think, and read, and act for himself. The men that wear the fillets made from the wool of holy sheep, and their priests, may rage, but their rage, like the thunders that are sometimes heard in the distance of a fine morning, reminding us of the storms of the night, excite no terror. When the bear is within bars, he may rage until he is willing to stop.

And this American spirit is so contagious that there are but few emigrants who are not in some measure affected by it. Even the priests feel it. However they may feel about it, they have to yield to it. "Why do you attend our worship and read our Bible?" said I to a Papist, on my outward voyage, who was going home to Ireland on a visit. "O, I have been some years in America," was his reply. He had caught the spirit of our country. And while the exceedingly illiterate, and those advanced in life, who emigrate here, may, with few exceptions, retain their Popish prejudices, and may be proof against the contagious spirit of our country, it will not be so with the young and intelligent, nor with their children. In the nature of things, it can not be so, as a rule. The son of an Irishman will neither wear his father's breeches nor brogues, nor will he kneel to his priest. The son of an Irishmen, a Frenchman, or Italian is an American, and he will not be a Romanist. We have a mill, of which the common school is the nether, and the Bible and its institutions the upper stone; into this mill let us cast the people of all countries and forms of religion that come here, and they will come out in the grist Americans and Protestants. And the highest wisdom of our country is to keep this mill in vigorous operation.

We must also teach them that it is the inalienable right of every man to read the Bible. As prophets and apostles spoke "the words of this life" in the hearing of all that composed their audiences, and to the end that all should understand them, so their messages, when committed to writing and to the press, are for the perusal of all, and that all may understand them. And what right has the priest to obtrude himself, and to take from you the Bible, or to compel you to receive its teachings only as he interprets them? When a boy, and absent from home, had you not a right to take your father's letters from the post-office, and to read them, and to find out their meaning, without going to the priest? And is not God the father of us all—and is not the Bible his paternal counsel to us—and what right has the priest to take it from us? What if some parts are omitted that he deems inspired, why not permit you to read the rest? What if some passages are not translated to suit him? these are but few in comparison with those to which no objections are made. There is no excuse that can be made for the opposition of the priest to the Bible. If I could not get a copy of the Bible without having annexed to it the history of "The Holy House of Loretto," I would take it; if I could not get it save the minor prophets ommitted, I would yet take it. Protestant ministers are not a fraid of their people reading the Douay Bible, and never burn it; and why should Popish priests wage so deadly a war, not only against the Protestant Bible, but against the unrestricted circulation and reading even of their own authorized versions? Their wickedness in all this must be exposed—their object, which is to keep their people in ignorance of their horrible deceptions, must be every where proclaimed. We must not compel any to read the Word of God, but we must see to it that none are prevented from reading it. We owe, Sir, to a free, unrestricted use of the Bible all for which we may reasonably hope. And Bible-hating, Bible-burning priests are the men who, more than all others, are placing the axe at the root of the tree of our liberty, under whose branches we now so quietly and securely repose. When the Word of God is read by all our people, the craft of the priest is ever—to use a figure of Luther, a big hole is made in the head of his drum. And, like unto the "Holy House of Loretto," when deserted in Dalmatia, he may take up his line of march for Italy.

We must also wake up the mind of our Papal population to discussions upon the great topics on which Popery and Protestantism differ. There is a kind of controversy which is greatly to be deplored—there is another kind which is greatly to be desired, and which is absolutely necessary as long as error exists to oppose the truth. There was once a feeling that inveterate drunkards were beyond reclamation; and there was once a prevalent sentiment in the Protestant world that Papists were beyond the influence of truth, and the hope of conversion; but abundant facts prove both to be groundless. Many priests, and people in multitudes, have and are yearly deserting and denouncing Popery. I spent a part of two Sabbath evenings in the Irish Mission Chapel in Edinburgh, in which the Rev. Mr. M'Menomy, once a Papist, presides. It was crowded to an overflow with Protestants and Papists. Subjects were selected for discussion, and they were discussed freely on both sides. The Bible was the standard to which every thing was brought. I heard three shrewd Irish Papists, with remarkable dexterity, advocate the dogmas and customs of their Church; and the good results could be seen in the benches crowded with converts from Romanism, and in the multitudes inquiring whether the religion of the priest was or was not the religion of the Bible. I attended another meeting, where, in a more quiet way, M'Laughlin, "the miller of the glens of Antrim," who was cursed from the altar, is doing also a noble work among the Papists of Edinburgh. They meet and discuss the claims and doctrines, of the priest; and the result could be seen in an upper room filled with the plain, humble, but yet intelligent people, who were rescued from the wiles of "the man of sin," and who could give an intelligent reason for the hope that was in them.

And it is in ways like these that priests and the people by tens of thousands in Ireland are passing over to the religion of the Bible. What the people need is light. Romanism has kept them in darkness, and has filled their minds with fables, prejudices, and monstrous superstitions; let the light of Heaven into these minds, and these fables, prejudices, and superstitions are seen in their true character, and are at once abandoned. Hence the awful dread of discussion—and of the Bible—and of good books—and even of common schools, by the priests, save where their own tools are the teachers. Nothing suffers by right discussion but error; and, as in Ireland, so here, all right means should be used to wake up the mind of our entire Papal population to an examination of the claims and doctrines of their church, to the despotism of the priest, and to their duty to assert their christian liberty in a land of freedom. One man like the eloquent and warm-hearted King, of Dublin, whose name will not soon be forgotten among us, would be of incalculable benefit to all our cities. Familiar with the controversy, courteous in his demeanor, brilliant in debate, ready at every tee, full to an overflow of Irish humor, and with a heart catholic in its instincts, and under the guidance of the law of love, he is the terror of the priests and a favourite with the people. Copying the example of his magnificence of New York, Father Ignatius, a predestinated dolt, fled to Kentucky before him; and the right reverends and the honourables, who lead the Papal gatherings at the Rotunda, decline his invitations to fair discussion. And thus the eyes of multitudes are opening to a perception of the errors of Romanism, and to the wickedness of its priests.

And, above all, we must seek to place before the people the true character of their priests. What, Sir, their character before the Reformation? What was it at time of the Reformation, as drawn by Papal writers? To the last degree wicked. And what is it now in Rome? "Rome, in its priests and people, has not been, for a thousand years, such a sink of corruption as it is at this hour," said a gentleman to me in Rome, who has resided there for years, and who has had every opportunity to know it well. And if such is the character of her priests at the very seat of her power and her infallibility, what must be their character in her distant provinces? Better, I think, than in Rome, but yet bad. While I am far from saying that no Popish priests are pious or sincere, and would not limit the mercy of God, who sends his rain upon the just and the unjust, I am yet free to say that they awfully impose upon their people, and for no object but gain.

With great respect, yours,

KIRWAN.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

(Reported by Mr. Hooper.)

House of Assembly.

MONDAY, March 14.

The House went into a committee of the whole on a Bill for the incorporation of the Nashwaaks and Fredericton Steam Ferry-boat Company.

Mr. HATHEWAY, by leave, presented a petition praying that no Bill might pass for the above purpose. The Bill, he said, had been intrusted to him for presentation, and as a representative of the County he considered it his duty to lay it before the House, reserving, however, to himself the privilege of stating his own convictions. He was of opinion that if the prayer of the petition was granted that it would be injurious rather than otherwise to the petitioners themselves. He therefore should support the Bill. The Bill was then read, and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL presented a petition from Gregory Vanhorne, and others, from the city of Saint John, praying no alteration may be made in the City's Charter, that would deprive the citizens of their vested rights. Ordered to lie on the table.

Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL presented a petition praying a grant for the erection of a wharf at Indian Town. Ordered to lie on the table.

The House then went into a committe of the whole (Mr. M'Leod in the chair) on a Bill for the assessing for the police force, and the lighting and cleaning of the streets of the City of Saint John, which being read, was ordered to be engrossed.

Hon. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency, laid before the House the Report of the Board of Education, also the returns of Supervisors of Roads.

Mr. HATHEWAY presented a general Bill for the regulation of towns and parishes, on which is ordered a committee to report upon the same.

House in committee of the whole, went into a Bill for the incorporation of certain bodies of Wesleyan Methodists, Mr. Johnston in the chair.

Hon. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY explained that the Bill was precisely similar to a Bill passed in the Legislature of Nova Scotia: the principal object of which was that they might be enabled to sue and be sued, and thereby have their properties properly secured to them.

Mr. HATHEWAY professed himself interested in the Bill, inasmuch as he belonged himself to the connection. He did not approve of the trustees being appointed by the Conference. He thought the proper parties to elect trustees were a majority of the pew holders. He would therefore offer a section to be added to the Bill, by way of amendment, which he did; but on the Hon. Secretary saying that it would have the effect of destroying the Bills which had been carefully drawn up by the parties concerned, and was consonant with their feelings, Mr. Hatheway withdrew his objections.

Mr. HANINGTON was in favour of the Bill as it then stood; he could see no objection to it whatever.

His Honor the SPEAKER said as most of their funds were voluntary subscriptions, if they did not like the conduct of the trustees they could stop the supplies. The Bill was then read and ordered to be engrossed.

The House then went into a committee of the whole on the Restook Boom Company, the object of which was to extend the time of the incorporation, whereupon His Honor the Attorney General read a letter from parties concerned in the lumbering business, setting forth that if said extension was given it would be highly injurious to them. Mr. Harding produced a letter of a similar nature.

Mr. HATHEWAY stated that the parties seeking an extension of the Bill were peculiarly situated, that the season was now far advanced, and that they contemplated making improvements which must be done while the ice was on the river; that the boom to be valuable to them required a great outlay of capital, and that if it were not done, the boom would be destroyed.

Mr. M'PHERSON said the passage of the Bill at this time was absolutely necessary; he disagreed wholly with the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Harding; the parties opposing were wealthy men, and having a boom lower down the river, wished no improvement on the upper one, in order to bring the grist to their own mill. The Restook Boom, he said, was in shallow water, and the proprietors wished to remove it to deeper water, to enable them the better to get their timber. The parties objecting were foreigners, and he did not think they should be accommodated at the cost of British subjects. These parties were now in a great measure enjoying a monopoly, he therefore hoped the bill would be proceeded with without delay.

Mr. JOHNSTON observed that one of the letters stated that the Restook Boom was a nuisance, but he also observed that they had not stated in what way it was so. Certainly, if the boom was made efficient, and he understood the extension asked for was for the purpose of making it so, and if the lumberers could raft at the upper boom it must be much cheaper for them than to send their timber straggling down the river to be brought up by the lower boom, or picked up on the shores of the river; in that case it must be of the greatest importance to the company to have the time extended. He would therefore go for the Bill, although he had no desire that the complaining parties should be shut out from a hearing. They were rival companies, and should be dealt justly with. He would therefore not object to the putting off the commitment of the Bill for a reasonable time, to see if they can make out a case.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL did not know the parties whose communication he had read, but in order to deal out even-handed justice to all, he would propose that two or three weeks should be allowed them.

Mr. WILKINSON said it was insanity the Bill should be dealt promptly with; it would not admit of delay, as if the improvements contemplated