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Dominion Parliament.

OTTAWA, March 20.

In the House of Commons to-day the resolution authorizing the Government to acquire the Eastern Extension Railway of Nova Scotia was concurred in and a bill founded on the resolution introduced.

The House went into committee of supply and passed the estimates for legislation, administration of justice, penitentiaries and militia services.

OTTAWA, March 21.

A report from the debates committee was presented recommending that the salaries of the Hansard reporters be increased to $2,000 a year.

Sir Charles Tupper's resolution respecting the arrangements with British Columbia for the construction of the Nanaimo and Esquiamault Railway, in British Columbia occupied the attention of the House for several hours. After explanations, Mr. Homer, member for New Westminster, opposed the resolution because, he said, the Governments of the Dominion and British Columbia were giving away $20,000,000 worth of lands for sixty miles of railway. He contended against the location of the Esquimault graving dock, and moved an amendment to the effect that resolutions should not be adopted, but that the whole subject be referred to a select committee for inquiry.

Messrs. Blake, Shakespeare and Baker supported the resolutions; Messrs. Gordon and Reid, British Columbia members, opposed them. The latter offered another amendment to the effect that a cash subsidy of $750,000 should be paid over to the British Columbia Government to be used as they should think proper. Both amendments were declared lost. The resolutions having been adopted and a bill founded thereon introduced, Sir Leonard Tilley moved that the House go into committee of supply.

Hon. Mr. Mills rose to move a want of confidence motion concerning the position of Sir Charles Tupper. He argued that under the act providing for the appointment of High Commissioner he should reside in London and not half the year in Canada.

Sir John Macdonald said the present arrangement should be regarded as highly satisfactory. He eulogized the conduct of Sir Charles Tupper as high commissioner.

Hon. Mr. Blake argued that the offices of High Commissioner and Minister of Railways were incompatible, and it was impossible that the duties of both positions could be properly discharged by the one person. When it was proposed to appoint a High Commissioner the Premier had urged that it would not do to have Ministers of the Crown visiting England occasionally, but that there should be a resident Minister in England all the time. It was stated that treaty negotiations were going on all the time, and that the interests of Canada demanded that there should be an ambassador constantly on hand to take advantage of favorable opportunities for extending Canada's trade relations. As far as treaty-making was concerned, the policy of the Government had been utterly barren of result.

The motion was put and lost by a vote of 95 to 51.

The House then went into committee of supply, and passed the railway estimates.

OTTAWA, March 24.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Costigan a resolution was adopted authorizing the introduction of a bill to amend the general inspection act, and providing inspectors who have obtained certificates in other districts may be appointed in other districts in which there are no qualified applicants for the office; inspectors so appointed to have power to appoint deputy inspectors of fish and fish oils under certain restrictions; that no barrel or package for the reception of fish shall be sold without inspection under penalty for each package so sold; that the several qualities of herring shall be more precisely defined; that masters of vessels entering or clearing at a custom house shall report all packages of pickled or smoked fish uninspected on board such vessel; that the fee for inspection of each barrel of herring shall be seven cents, and for each half barrel four cents.

The customs act amendment was read a second time. It provides that penalties under that act may be collected in any court of competent jurisdiction, and also that any person found guilty of smuggling, or presenting false or fraudulent invoices, shall be liable to fines of from $50 to $200, or imprisonment for terms of from one to twelve months.

Hon. Mr. Costigan moved the second reading of the bill to prevent the adulteration of food and drugs. When asked for an explanation he looked around, searched his desk for memorandum, and, after a while, Sir John Macdonald told the clerk to pass on to the next item, amid laughter from the Opposition. The Minister of Inland Revenue fared little better when he moved the second reading to amend the weights and measures Act.

Messrs. Mills and Weldon contended that the subject of the proposed amendments came within the purview of the Provincial Legislature.

Hon. Mr. Costigan appealed to Sir John, who suggested that the discussion be postponed. This was agreed to.

After recess, when the House went into committee of supply, Mr. Paterson (Brant) rose to move an amendment in reference to immigration. When the Syndicate bargain was entered into in 1881, it was urged that the Government would be relieved of the entire expenditure upon immigration. That was the principle argument used in support of that bargain; but now, after four years, it was found that the Government's expenditure upon immigration had increased enormously, while the Syndicate could not show that they had expended a single dollar upon immigration. He quoted figures taken from the Canada census to show that the country had not been able to retain its natural increase of population, and within the last five years we had lost a number equal not only to the entire immigration into the country, but many of our own people as well. The Tories who used American statistics to show that the country was being depopulated in 1877 and 1878, were now estopped from impugning the accuracy of these returns when they showed that four times as many people had gone out annually under the present tariff as there had under the late Government. The school returns of Ontario showed a falling off in population during the five years past, and a similar state of affairs was visible in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The school returns for Nova Scotia showed that the number of pupils enrolled in 1876 was 94,162; in 1877, under the late government, the number had increased to 99,094. But in 1882 there was only 95,912, or a decline of 4,932 in three years under the N. P. In New Brunswick the number of pupils enrolled was: In 1875, 59,675 and in 1879, 70,889; in 1882, 64,581. Under all the circumstances he thought there was no more room for mechanics in Canada, though the government were still spending money in bringing mechanics from Europe to this country. The manufacterers now found themselves obliged to refuse employment to many deserving persons and the Government should pay attention to the request of the working men of the country, as expressed by a memorial of the Trades and Labor Council of Toronto, presented to Parliament, asking that the system of granting assisted passages to mechanics should be discontinued. All they asked was that the taxes paid by them should not be spent in bringing men from Europe to cut down the wages in an already overstocked labor market.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Rinfret, Curran, Blake, White (Cardwell) and Charlton until one o'clock, when the members were called in and the amendment was lost: Yeas, 50; nays, 101.

The House then went into committee of supply and passed items for various services in connection with the Department of Agriculture.

OTTAWA, March 26.

Shortly after the opening of the House of Commons, to-day, Mr. Methot, member for Nicolet, resigned his seat having accepted a seat in the Legislative Council of Quebec.

In answer to Hon. Mr. Blake's inquiry respecting a telegram sent by Mr. Temple, M. P., to C. W. Beckwith, of Fredericton, N. B., Sir Charles Tupper said the Government had no knowledge of such a telegram being sent and that the decision of the Government respecting the granting of a subsidy to the Miramichi Valley Railway was in no way dependent upon the withdrawal of the protest against Mr. Temple's election.

In moving for copies of the correspondence in the case of James Hearn, preventive officer at Arichat, N. S., who has been superannuated, Mr. McMullin showed that not only was great injustice done a deserving officer in this instance, but that the whole superanuation system is grossly abused by the Government. Taking the average of all officials pensioned since 1878, it was found that they were receiving $5 a year for every dollar they had paid into the superannuation fund. In no instance was the amount paid into that fund sufficient to pay one year's superannuation allowance.

After recess the discussion on Foster's prohibition resolution was resumed. White (Cardwell) movement an amendment to the effect that Parliament will adopt a prohibitory law when public opinion has pronounced unmistakably in its favor. This after some discussion was accepted by Foster and was carried.

Mr. Kirk said that he always admired Mr. Foster's eloquence, but on this occasion he listened to him with pain and surprise because of the waste of so much argument and eloquence on a resolution such as the present amended resolution was. Mr. Foster had been accepted by the temperance members as their leader, and he (Kirk) was surprised that he had accepted Mr. White's amendment, which reduced the whole resolution introduced by him to milk and water, with milk the smaller quantity. He regretted that he had not divided the House on Mr. White's amendment. Mr. Foster had said that the people called him an enthusiast. He (Kirk) thought that to hear him talk one would think so, but when he came to action there was no backbone in him. This motion, as amended, was simply a copy of a resolution passed by this House nine years ago, and he thought the country had advanced in the prohibition sentiment since then. The passing of the Scott Act in 1878 proved this, and the country was now prepared for prohibition. He wished the House divided on this square issue.

Mr. Scriver expressed similar opinions.

Mr. Robertson (Shelburn) moved an amendment to the resolution as amended, to the effect that public opinion demanded immediate prohibitory legislation. This amendment was put and lost by 55 to 107. Sir Leonard Tilley was treated with derisive cheers as be rose to vote against the amendment. Messrs. Bowell, Shakespeare, Hesson, Farrow and other professors of temperance voted with the majority.

When the main motion was about to be put, Sir Leonard Tilley rose and said that he did not intend to vote against the principle of prohibition. In 1855 he had assisted to pass a prohibitory liquor law, in New Brunswick, but that act could not be enforced, and in one year, when the Government appealed to the people, they were defeated and the law was repealed. It would be injurious to pass a prohibitory measure now when it could not be sustained.

Mr. Irving said that Sir Leonard Tilley had misrepresented the facts with respect to the results of prohibition in New Brunswick. He pointed to the experience of the State of Maine as a proof that a prohibitory liquor law could not be enforced with beneficial results.

The vote was then taken on the main motion as amended by Mr. White. The resolution was carried by 122 to 40.

The House then adjourned.

Mr. Weldon will inquire on Friday next whether it is the intention of the Government to establish a general inland revenue warehouse in St. John, N. B., to enable merchants not having a special warehouse to bond tobacco brought by them from Montreal or elsewhere, ex-warehouse; or whether arrangements will be made to enable merchants in St. John, N. B., to pay the excise duties on tobacce, ex-warehouse, from Montreal at St. John and not at Montreal.

THE MAYORALTY.—A pretty vigorous canvass of all the Wards in the city is being made by the three candidates in the Mayoralty election, which takes place next Tuesday week. Meetings are held every night; large and active committees are at work, and the probabilities are that a large vote will be polled. Monday next will be the last day for paying taxes by those who wish to vote at this election.

In four elections which took place in the Province of Quebec, on Wednesday last, the Liberals were successful in three—a gain of two seats.

The Legislature of this Province will, it is expected, be prorogued either to-day (Saturday) or Monday.

A Suakin despatch of March 26th says: English troops marched eleven miles yesterday under intense heat. Twenty-five per cent. of the men fell out of the ranks, many were sunstruck. The advance to Tamanieb has been delayed in order to give the troops a day of rest. The Tenth and Nineteenth Hussars, and mounted infantry, advanced to-night to the wells of Tamanieb, whither the remainder of the forces will advance early in the morning. A cavalry reconnoissance, to-day, ascertained that Osman Digma's force, whose number is uncertain, holds the rugged and rising ground at the end of the valley where Tamanieb is situated. If Osman fights at all it is not expected that a battle will take place until Friday morning. Owing to the intense heat and bad water, Gen. Graham intends to limit the march to clearing the valley of Tamanieb. The proposed cavalry expedition to Berber has been dropped. Three hundred Arabs have joined the British camp, but the leading sheiks, excepting Morghani, keep aloof.

The cavalry had a two hours' skirmish with the rebels near Tamanieb. Several rebels were killed; the enemy retired. Before the skirmish Colonel Stewart sent mounted natives to all the rebels that the English would not quarrel with them and would not injure anybody unless fired upon, and that if Osman Digma would surrender his life would be spared. The rebel scouts retired without listening to the proposals. Major Chermside, with two natives, then advanced for a parley when the rebels fired a volley. A lively skirmish ensued. The cavalry finally retired slowly amid jeers of the enemy, the rebels holding a strong position. Only infantry can be used against them. The number is estimated at 3,000. They have plenty of cattle. The scarcity of water has caused the death of 40 camels, and rendered 80 unfit for work. During the march officers frequently ordered the laggards to double pace, threatening that otherwise they would be court-martialled. Another week of such fierce heat will render the British crack battalions an easy prey to Osman Digma.

GUITEAU'S CURSE.—When Guiteau was sentenced he exclaimed: "God will punish you for this!" Some one thinks it singular, if not significant, that Corkhill, the District Attorney, should be out of his office; one of his associate counsel be a common drunkard; that two of the jurymen are dead and two have failed in business; that three medical experts who testified to his insanity are dead and one insane; and the chemist who discovered the poison in the bouquet which Mrs. Scoville sent to her brother on the day of his execution has become insane. If, as Cook maintains, Guiteau was a tool in the Star Route knavery, this view of the effects of his maledictions will be a great comfort to them. For not only have they succeeded in escaping all punishment, but are becoming influential in the party, while those who prosecuted them have been snubbed.—*Detroit Free Press.*

A New York despatch of March 25th says: Yellow fever is frightening many European canal employes from the Isthmus of Panama. Thirty-six returned to France by the steamer before last, whilst the last carried some 90.

A London despatch of March 25th says: A Government drop warrant has been issued against William Redmond, member of Parliament for Wexford borough, for a seditious speech which he delivered prior to his departure for Australia.

Foreign Jews have been forbidden to stay in St. Petersburg without permission from the government.

Osman Digma is telling his followers that he possesses the charm of rendering English bullets harmless.

The Irish Land Commissioners have reduced the rental of the Limerick property of the Marquis of Lansdowne, Governor General of Canada, from £2,400 to £1,800.

John R. Purdie of Smithfield, Virginia, writes to the New York *Herald*: "I have on file pages of notes tending to show that the network annually increasing of metallic rails and telegraphic wires spread over the earth's surface from the Atlantic to the Pacific constitute the chief factor in the frequency and duration of summer droughts and the increasing frequency and violence of floods, inundations, tornadoes, &c., which have prevailed not only in the United States, but the world over, wherever the placing of these electrical agencies has become the rule, with scarcely an exception in the civilized world."

New Brunswick Legislature.

FREDERICTON, March 20.

The following bills were read a second time: To authorize the Moncton Cotton Manufacturing Company to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of debentures; to amend the Act authorizing the funding of the floating debt of the Province, and for other purposes.

The following bills were read a third time: To amend chapter 99 of the consolidated statutes so far as relates to the County of Charlotte; to establish a common field in certain marsh lands in Albert County; to amend chapter 99 of the consolidated statutes, so far as relates to the County of York.

The Bill to enable the Town of Woodstock to assist the N. B. Railway Company to build workshops and buildings in said town, was agreed to, as was also the Bill to incorporate the Women's Home Missionary Society within the bounds of the Presbyterian Church in St. John.

Mr. Quinton moved the House into committee on the Bill to incorporate the Castle Hotel Company. Some objections were taken to a section in the Bill providing that liquors might be retailed in the hotel, it appearing that the original lease of the premises contained a provision prohibiting that. Progress was reported.

Hon. Mr. McLellan submitted the supplementary estimates. For assisting the Grand Manan Steamship Company $2,500 was granted.

Considerable discussion arose on an item for $11,173.31 for balances due on January 1st, 1884, on account of public works authorized previous to March 3, 1883, when the late Government went out of power. He explained that before the present administration took office tenders had been asked for certain works and people notified of the acceptance of their tenders, and it had in good faith to these parties been decided to enter into the contracts. He would not say that the works were not needed, or were useless, but he complained of the reckless manner in which expenditures had been incurred, out of all proportion to the sums available for the purpose.

With the supplemental estimates was submitted a financial statement of the floating debt of the province December 31, 1883, and the estimated debt December 31, 1884.

Hon. Mr. McLellan said the reason why these comparative statements were submitted was that his figures had been challenged and doubted, and he desired them to be placed on the tables of the House and in the journals, where the members and the country could examine and scrutizize them.

Mr. Wetmore criticized the statement at some length, and Mr. Hanington said it was made with a view of prejudicing the country against the old Government.

Hon. Mr. Blair said that it might be that the members of the late Government did not relish the statement, but whether it touched them or not it was a matter of fact and proper to be made a matter of record; on Dec. 31st, 1882, the floating debt was $321,374.50; on Dec. 31st, 1883, it was $291,202.09.

FREDERICTON, March 21.

The Act to provide for the survey and reservation of lumber lands was agreed to in committee. The Act provides for the reservation of a strip of land four rods in width, on the banks of the rivers referred to in the Fishery Act. It caused considerable discussion, but was finally agreed to without amendment.

The bill relating to lumber scalers on Crown Lands was also agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Blair moved for a committee of three members to act with a committee of three members from the other branch of the Legislature, in the preparation of a joint address to the Governor-General on the financial condition of the Province and its just claims on the General Government. In moving it, he said he thought it only fair to state that inasmuch as the object sought to be attained was not of a party nature, but one in which all had an identical or common interest, he had extended an invitation to the leader of the Opposition to second the resolution, but he had declined to do so and it would be seconded by Hon. Mr. McLellan. The object was to present to the Dominion the claims which the Province has on that Government. Other provinces had been getting concessions and he hoped that in this instance he would have the support of both Government and Opposition, and the hearty assistance of every member.

Hon. Messrs. Blair and McLellan and Mr. Ellis were appointed the committee.

The afternoon was principally spent in discussing the bill to vest the appointment of the Recorder of the City of St. John in the Common Council. All the St. John members and Mr. Barberie took part in the discussion, which was at times exciting. The bill was rejected on a vote of 17 to 18.

FREDERICTON, March 23.

This afternoon was principally spent in discussing the Government measure providing that the term of years for debentures under the Act for funding the the floating indebtedness, be for not less than 30 years, and not more than 40 years, and also that the Government may have power to issue debentures to the extent of $50,000, to aid in the construction of a bridge over the St. John river at Fredericton.

Hon. Mr. McLellan said the change proposed had been found necessary, in order that the debentures might be floated at a favorable rate.

Mr. Hanington contended that, in view of the possibility of getting the Eastern Extension claims, and also of the increased mileage and the fisheries, the province could get along without funding the debt. The clause in the bill for the issue of debentures for the bridge was put in to catch some members, but if he was in the place of the leader of the Opposition he would not vote for it. To say that some $20,000 could not be taken out of the revenues for a bridge was a disgrace to the province.

Hon. Mr. Ritchie said that supposing the Eastern Extension claims were paid, there would be in 1887 and 1888 debentures falling due to the extent of over $130,000. Then there were some debentures that the Government had the option to redeem in 1886 and so the money could be very well utilized. The debentures were paying six per cent. and if they could succeed in placing the loan upon the market at five per cent., and with that money take up those debentures, he thought it was a good policy. If the Government had gone on under the old act, and given a bonus of $50,000 to a company, with which to erect a toll bridge, he believed that in a few years the people would demand that they should be treated the same as other people and almost compel the Government to buy the bridge from the Railway Company or erect a new one. It was too late in the day to give a company the money of the people to build a bridge, and then have the people pay toll.

Mr. Wetmore believed that the Government was pursuing a wise and proper course, and the one which he advised the late Government to adopt. He favored the bill, and the member for Westmoreland could think what he pleased about his conduct. He believed the policy sound, and would vote for it.

Hon. Messrs. Blair and McLellan and Mr. Hanington also spoke, and the discussion was at times exciting.

On a division, the measure was carried by a vote of 28 to 8, Messrs. Wetmore and Colter voting with the Government.

FREDERICTON, March 24.

The bill in amendment of the act relating to the construction of railroads and other works was considered in committee, Mr. White in the chair. This measure is to provide the Government with authority to change the route of the Miramichi Valley Railway from the north side of the river to the south.

Mr. Park, in a speech of over two hours length, opposed the proposed change.

Mr. Burchill spoke quite warmly and eloquently in favor of it, producing largely signed petitions from the rate payers of Northumberland to support his stand. He contended that if the road was built on the present contract it would be locked in and could have no deep water terminus of its own, which objection would be obviated by the passage of this act.

The debate in the evening was continued by Hon. Mr. Blair and Messrs. Hanington, McLeod, Wetmore, Park, Colter, Ellis and others, and on a devision the bill was declared carried by a vote of 25 to 7, Messrs. Wetmore and Colter voting with the Government.

Mr. Adams said he censured his leader for his conduct in voting for the bill, and he was surprised to find him caught by a provision in the bill.

Mr. Wetmore said that whenever it became a question between party feeling and the interests of his county he would do as he had done, and if the opposition thought otherwise, they had the wrong man to deal with.

The House adjourned at 1.15 a. m.

FREDERICTON, March 25.

The following bills were read a second time. To impose a duty for municipal purposes upon licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors in the city of St. John:—

To incorporate the Harvey Skating Rink Company.

To repeal art. 6 of chap. 101 of Consolidated Statutes and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.

To amend the St. John Bridge and Railway Co. act.

The following bills were read a third time:—

Bill relating to the Miramichi Valley Railway Company.

To change the polling place in the parish of Harcourt, Kent County.

To authorize the trustees of the Baptist Church, Woodstock, to sell and convey certain lands.

The bill to incorporate the Elgin Manufacturing Co. was agreed to, with certain amendments, as was also the bill to incorporate the trustees of Brussels Street Baptist Church, of the city of St. John.

The bill relating to the Sheer Boom Co. was read a second time.

Mr. Quinton moved the House into Committee to consider the bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Public Hospital of the City of St. John to raise a loan to pay off certain debentures.

The day was spent in discussing bills in Committee of the whole.

Among those agreed to were a bill to enable Portland to expend the balance of its sewerage debenture fund in sums to suit the convenience of the Council and the bill to incorporate the Castle Hotel company.

In accordance with the resolution Mr. Ellis moved in the matter of Senator Odell. He said the gentleman clearly was not entitled to the position, being neither a resident of York, which county he was supposed to represent, nor of the province. He resided in Halifax and had no right under the British North America Act to hold the position.

Mr. Stockton said Senator Odell was practically a resident of Halifax, and his seat in the Senate of Canada, as a representative of New Brunswick, was void. That he was a resident of Halifax was proven by the fact that he was included in the last census of that city. Nova Scotia and not New Brunswick was receiving any benefits that might accrue to any province from his residence.

Hon. Mr. Blair said he was impressed very much with the remarks of the last speakers. He thought, however, that perhaps the mover might, for the present, withdraw his resolution.

The bill to allow the Sheriff of York, in the City of Fredericton, to summon jurors in cases in which the City of Fredericton is interested, was discussed at some length by the lawyers in the House and the feeling being against the proposed change in the law, the section was struck out.

The bill incorporating the Castle Hotel Company was agreed to on division.

Hon. Mr. Gillespie introduced a bill reviving the continuing acts for the destruction of bears.

Hon. Mr. Blair introduced an act respecting the granting of licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors. It declares the exclusive right of the Provincial Legislature to make laws in respect to the liquor traffic, and authorizes any city, town, municipal council, or other local governing body to fix the amount of duty, tax, or sum of money to be paid by any person for any license to sell liquors—the amount received to be for the use of the city, town, etc. In case any city, town, etc., shall not fix the amount to be paid for any license, the fee shall be the same as under the Liquor License Act of 1883. The act is only to be in force for one year.

FREDERICTON, March 26.

After routine, several bills were advanced a stage.

Stockton introduced a bill to facilitate the Collection of Debts and Demands, which was read a first time.

Hanington committed the bill to authorise the Parish of St. Martins, Shediac, to sell certain lands, which was agreed to.

Stockton committed the bill to amend act relating to the New Brunswick Antimnoy Co., which was agreed to.

McManus introduced bill to amend act to define the duties of constables and policemen, which was read a first time. [The bill proposes to repeal sec. 2 of Act of Assembly, 45 Vic.]

Stockton commited the bill to incorporate the Pharmaceutical Society, which was agreed to.

McLellan gave notice of motion to authorize the Government to rise a temporary loan to the extent of $60,000. [The notice of motion contains long recitals as to the Fredericton Bridge, and that in consequence of the action of the Legislative Council yesterday, it is necessary to provide funds for the carrying out of the contract entered into.]

Turner committed an act relating to the Albert Railway Co., Stockton in the chair. Progress was reported.

Quinton gave notice of motion to refer the claim of Messrs. Bond & Milden to a committee of the House.

Barberie submitted a report of the select committee on Mrs. Lucy A. Jones' claim. The committee reported against the claim.

The House went into committee on the bill to continue the Bear Bounty Act, Wneten in the chair. Ellis and Stockton opposed the measure, which was supported by Hanington. After recess, the bill was agreed to without division.

Stockton presented a very influential petition in support of the Collection of Debts Bill.

McLeod committed the bill to incorporate the Union Baptist Educational Society, which was agreed to with amendments.

The following bills passed through committee: Regulating the erection of wire fencing; relating to Carleton water supply; to enable the Restigouche Salmon Club to hold real estate; relating to the Albert Railway.

Blair again committed the bill to amend the County Courts Act, in which he incorporated part of Stockton's bill for a like purpose. The bill was agreed to.

House adjourned till to-morrow.

PORTLAND WARD ELECTIONS.—Very little excitement is yet observable in Ward affairs but next week will undoubtedly witness a change in this respect. In Ward 1 the indications are that the present representatives—Messrs. J. A. Chesley, Price and Lingley will be unopposed. In Ward 2 a public meeting was held to select a ticket, but it closed without any decisive action being taken. It is said that Alderman W. A. Chesley is to run with Messrs. Burns and Vanwart. In Ward 3 there is no opposition yet developed. A public meeting was held in Ward 4, and it was resolved to support the present men for another term. It is said that Messrs. Thurgar and Doherty will also be candidates. In Ward 5 Messrs. O'Mahoney, Howe and Morrow will be opposed by Mr. John McGoldrick.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Portland City Council was held on Saturday evening for the purpose of considering a bill *in re* the St. John Bridge and Railway Extension Company who were seeking permission to build a trestle-work bridge on the Straight Shore Road running near the Hilyard property and taking up about fifteen feet of the road. The Bill Committee, while at Fredericton, had looked into the bill and made several provisions, all of which were contained in the bill. The company do not wish to utilize the street without paying damages sustained by the city and private individuals.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously that the Mayor be authorized to affix the seal of the City of Portland to a memorial to be forwarded to the Local Legislature asking that the bill be passed.

AQUATIC.—A despatch from the other side of the water says that in order to test Wallace Ross' sculling powers, a number of Thames and Tyne oarsmen have arranged a handicap race on the Thames for April 12. Ross gives from 15 to 60 seconds start. Ross is now giving exhibitions to crowded houses at the South London Palace. He illustrates various styles of sculling, among others those of Hanlan and Bubear.

The date of the sculling race between Ross and Courtney has been changed from May 30 to May 25.

The great champion sculler, Edward Hanlan, accompanied by his agent, arrived at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, February 25, on board the steamer City of Sydney, en route to Australia. The news of Hanlan's arrival, which was entirely unexpected, spread quickly, and very soon after stepping ashore he was surrounded by a curious and admiring crowd, who followed him about, vieing with one another in showing him attentions. During the afternoon he gave an exhibition of his powers in the harbor before 3000 people, being attended by members of the Myrtle rowing club in a gig. The exhibition was both satisfactory and astonishing, and at its close he was presented with $200, King Kalakua heading the donation with $50. In conversation with a reporter Hanlan said his earnest desire was to measure sculls with Michl. Rush after arriving in Australia, after which he would like to meet Wm. Beech, Laycock and Trickett.

TWO RESIDENTS of Economy, N. S.—W. W. Morrison and John Paton—got into an altercation a few days ago, during which Morrison inflicted some ugly gashes on Paton's head with a draw knife. The wounded man is recovering.

LOCAL & PROVINCIAL.

NOTICE.—All communications, advertisements etc., intended for insertion in the FREEMAN, should reach the office not later than Thursday morning of each week.

BURGLARY.—Mr. Bain's store, Chatham, was burglarized a few nights ago and a lot of articles taken.

SEVERAL of of our local saw mills have started.

ADVICES from all sections of the Province show that the falling off in this season's cut as compared with last year will amount to about fifty per cent.

HON. I. BURPEE has presented the Portland Public Library with a number of new books. Count DeBury has also forwarded two handsome volumes to the library.

REV. JOHN CONNOLLY, S. J., has been conducting a mission at the pro-Cathedral, Chatham. The attendance has been very large and the services very interesting.

THE International Line will commence running three trips a week about May 1st, the earliest date on which the summer schedule has ever been adopted. It is expected that about the first of June the steamer Falmouth will be ready to go on the line. About that date four trips a week will be run. Tourist travel will probably be very large this summer.

When a cold or other cause checks the operation of the secretive organs, their natural healthy action should be restored by the use of Ayer's Pills, and inflammatory material thereby removed from the system. Much serious sickness and suffering might be prevented by thus promptly correcting those slight derangements that, otherwise, often develop into settled disease.

We have received from the old Travellers Insurance Company, of Hartford, a copy of the official engraving of the Bartholdi Statue to be placed in New York harbor. It is the only correct picture of that noble gift, and faithfully represents to the eye the enormous statue, completed aund in the midst of its magnificent surroundings.

THE Halifax *Recorder* says that a letter to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, of that city, states "that a cat has been seen at the window of an empty house on Gottingen street and is probably hungry." It would take a large number of S. P. C. A. people to look after all the "probably hungry" cats that infest our back streets, alleys and woodsheds.

A LARGE FORTUNE.—Mary Hagarty and Daniel McSwean, of North Sydney, C. B., have fallen heirs to a fortune of $70,000, left them by a relative in New York State. McSwean is a bachelor, and it is said that already a small army of young women will be candidates for the position of Mrs. McSwean.

ASSAULT.—A young woman named McBey was struck on the mouth, while walking along Main street, Portland, on Sunday night. She had to be conveyed to a doctor to get the wound dressed. At the Portland Police Court, on Tuesday a young man named Brayson was convicted of the offence, and was fined $20.

THE barque Antwerp, the captain and crew of which gallantly rescued the captain and crew of the steamer Cubano, which was recently abandoned at sea in a sinking condiiion, arrived here on Sunday, having been 82 days on the passage from Londonderry. The shipwrecked crew were landed at St. Michaels, the largest of the Azores.

ACCIDENTS.—Chas. Anderson was thrown on a saw in Messrs. Hayford & Stetson's mill, Carleton, on Monday morning, and had his left arm so badly lacerated that it was afterwards amputated near the shoulder.

A lad named Shaw, who lives on the Loch Lomond Road, fell from a waggon on Wednesday, and broke his arm.

On Tuesday a man named Best had one of his ribs broken while endeavoring to put a belt on a wheel, in Flewelling's mill, Hampton.

CIRCUIT COURT.—Frank Patton, charged with the burglary of goods from Mr. Corkery's leather store, Germain street, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

On Tuesday Catherine Doherty, Isaac Williams, and Sarah Martin, who were found guilty of larceny, were sentenced to two year's imprisonment each in the penitentiary at Dorchester. A five year's sentence in the penitentiary was imposed on Francis Williams, who was found guilty of stealing a quantity of boots and shoes from Messrs. Waterbury & Rising's store.

THE PAULSENS, renowned and overpraised skaters, sailed for their Norwegian home a few days ago.

THE Forty Hours Devotion commences in St. Peter's Church, Portland, next week.

GUNNING ACCIDENT.—While Chas. Bennington, an Englishman, a visitor at the house of Mr. Andrew McIntosh, Middle Island, Miramichi, was out gunning on St. Patrick's Day, the gun burst and part of the barrel struck him on the forehead and nose knocking him down and rendering him insensible for a couple of hours. After he recovered from the shock he staggered home weak from loss of blood and at last accounts was slowly recovering.

WM. RUSSELL was sentenced, at Fredericton, on Tuesday, to ten years imprisonment in the penitentiary, having been found guilty of larceny. Preparations were being made to have the prisoner conveyed to Dorchester when the Deputy Sheriff was served with a writ of *habeas corpus* granted by Judge Fraser, on the application of the prisoner's counsel, the chief ground of the application being that during the trial the jury had been allowed to separate. The prisoner was remanded to jail and the matter was to be argued on Thursday.

FIRES.—John Bell's store, Chatham, was destroyed by fire on Friday of last week; insurance $800.

A fire at Sackville, on Tuesday morning, destroyed a barn belonging to Mr. Thos. Pickard. Ten head of cattle were burned.

A FIRST CLASS CONCERT, under the auspices of St. Aloysius Association, will be given in St. Peter's Hall, Portland, by several of our best local singers, on Easter Monday evening, April 14. The net proceeds will be devoted to the funds of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of New Brunswick. Other societies in connection wit the Union have promised an entertainment for a similar object and it is to be hoped that they will hurry up about it as the Union's sphere of usefulness might be greatly enlarged by the possession of at any rate moderate funds.

DROWNING ACCIDENT.—Daniel A. Giffin and two lads Wagner and Ambrose were upset from a boat and drowned at Black River, on the 19th inst. All the bodies were recovered. The parties were engaged at the time in getting seaweed which is used along the bay shore as a fertilizer. Giffin, whose body was not recovered until Sunday last, has relatives in Portland.

A NUMBER of I. C. R. conductors have, it is said, been suspended for passing a lady from Quebec to Halifax and return.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Wm. Morgan, Millstream, K. C., $1; John McCormack, Black River, $1.25; J. W. Carmichael, New Glasgow, $3.50; Dominic Michaud, Grand Falls, $1; Chas. Gillin, Hartland, Carleton Co. $1; Geo. Innis, Lower Newcastle, Miramichi, $5; Michl. O'Halloran, Lot 7, P. E. I., $1; C. M. Gardner, French Village, $1.

THE POTATO OUTLOOK.—St. John dealers have received advices from New York that the market is so low there at present that it would not pay to ship there, several lots having lost money. In New York the price of early rose ranges from 90c to $1.25 per barrel, which is equal to 30c to 40c per bushel. When, therefore, we figure duty 15c and freight 10c per bushel from here to New York it will at once become apparent that there is no chance of shipping potatoes to the American market at present, as a shipment of potatoes from here to New York would only about cover duty, freight and commission when sold in that market, letting alone first cost.—Evening News.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT happened on the I. C. R. on Friday of last week. The van of a stationary train was telescoped and set on fire.

APPOINTMENTS.—Dr. J. Benson, of Chatham, has been appointed a physician in charge of the Marine Hospital at Douglastown, in room of Dr. Thompson, deceased. Councillor P. Loggie, of Chatham, has received the appointment of Inspector of poles for the new line of telegraph at Escuminac. Councillor Jeremiah Sullivan, of Hardwick, has been appointed by the Dominion Government to superintend the expenditure of $400 on the Marsh Road between Jimmo's and the Escuminac lighthouse. Advocate.

ERNEST HICKS, aged 26, fell dead in his father's barn, at Upper Dorchester, on the 21st inst.

—The steamer Secret, of the Nova Line, recently purchased and rebuilt at Portland, Me., made a trial trip on Wednesday. The steamer worked admirably and proved every way satisfactory and can easily steam 18 knots an hour. She was expected here in Thursday and would soon go on the route between this city and Annapolis.

—A serious stabbing affray occurred in a meeting at Fort Fairfield, Me., on Sunday last, during which E. C. Smith stabbed Lorenzo Hagarman in the abdomen, probably not fatally.

A London despatch of March 24th says: The latest Egyptian advices indicate that the whole country south of Berber is in revolt. The rebels have surrounded Khartoum on all sides and cut of all communication with that city. The situation of Gen. Gordon is considered serious, but not alarming.

Admiral Hewitt has disbanded the Abyssinian scouts because they trashed the Egyptians and has liberated all female slaves and ordered that runaways be restored to their masters on the grounds that the Egyptian convention allowing slavery remains in force.

The New York *World's* cable despatch says that Parnell's new policy that the farmers of Ireland refuse to pay police tax imposed under the Crimes Act, is receiving fervent practical approval in Ireland. The corporations of Limerick and Cork lead the way in imposing the tax. Limerick declines to submit to the mandamus directing the payment of the extra police quartered there by the former magistrate, Mr. Clifford Lloyd, and Cork refuses money for Captain Plunkett's reinforcements. *United Ireland*, of which Mr. O'Brien, M. P., is editor, in an article indicating the line of resistance, says:—"It the authorities at the Castle want blood money or police let them send policemen to lift it. Then, if the people take advice from Mr. Cobden and Mr. Bright, they will enter upon a fiscal revolt and show England the impolicy of punishing thousands of innocent people for the sins of a few guilty."

The announcement calling out the Irish militia has caused a general surprise, and is regarded as an assured sign that the Government considered that Ireland is becoming settled. Places for training are arranged entirely without reference to the political situation.

Osservatore Romano publishes a circular, dated March 15, by the propaganda fide to bishops, stating that all legacies and donations given to the propaganda will henceforth be received in foreign branch establishments. Branches are to be established in the principal European capitals, and at New York, San Francisco, Quebec and Toronto. *Moniteur de Rome* mentions a rumor that Malta has been selected as the centre for the administration of the funds of the propaganda, under the sanction of the British Government.

A Suakin despatch of March 25th, says that the camp of Osman Digma is 25 miles from Suakin and 13 miles beyond the advance post of the British. General Graham has determined to attack the rebel leader on Thursday, and will afterwards push on to Sinkat with one brigade if practicable.

A London despatch of March 25th says:—In the House of Commons, to day, Lord Randolph Churchill pronounced the mission of Gen. Gordon a failure, and said if the Cabinet's apathy should cause the death of Gen. Gordon the Cabinet could not remain in office a single day.

Gen. Graham has ordered the concentration of the British at Handonk and Utad, prior to marching out on Thursday morning, to give Osman Digma battle near Tamanieb. Osman has 4,000 combatants. All the leading sheiks have continued their adherence to him. Gen. Graham's messenger, who was sent to ask the sheiks to come to the British camp, returned with the reply from Osman that the sword was the only medium of communication between him and the English.

A Cabinet council, to-day, decided to give Gen Graham discretion to march to Berber if necessary to keep the route clear.

The Fires that rage in the bowels of the earth are like the impurities that rankle in the blood, the former break out in volcanoes, like Ætna and Vesuvius, the latter in Boils, Carbuncles, Erysipelas and Scrofulitic sores. Purify the blood and all these disappear. Hanington's Quinine Wine and Iron, and Tonic Dinner Pills, cleanse and enrich the blood, and may always be relied upon to cure all eruptive diseases. Beware of imitations. See that you get "Hanington's," the *original* and *genuine*. For sale by all druggists and general dealers in Canada.

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Died.

In this city, on Monday morning, 24th inst., after a lingering illness, John Vaughan, in the 64th year of his age, leaving a wife and a large family to mourn their loss.

Drowned, at Black River, on Wednesday, 19th inst., Daniel Alexander Kyffin, aged 48 years.

At Fairville, on the 23rd inst., Mary, relict of the late Phillip McCaghery.

At Birch Reach, Victoria Co., N. B. on the first of March, of dropsy, Theresa Allen, wife of Mr. Thomas McAnulty, in the 43rd year of her age, leaving a husband and four children to mourn their loss.

In East Cambridge, March 22nd, Margaret Crowley, daughter of John and Mary Gallagher, of this city, aged 39 years.

In Carleton, on the 19th inst., after a lingering illness, Thomas Boyle, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, in the 63rd year of his age.

On the 18th inst at Riverside, Albert, Jeremiah Gallivan, tailor, aged 52 years.

COUNTRY MARKET.

THURSDAY, March 27.

The following are the prices now given:

Beef ℔	$ 0 05	$0 08½
Butter, ℔	0 19	0 22
Butter, roll, ℔	0 24	0 26
Cheese, ℔	0 10	0 12
Chickens, pair	0 65	0 75
Calf Skins, ℔	0 11	0 12
Duck,	0 80	0 90
Eggs, doz	0 18	0 20
Geese,	0 75	1 00
Hams and Shoulder, ℔	0 13	0 15
Hides, ℔	0 06	0 6½
Hay ton	10 00	12 00
Lamb, ℔	0 7	0 8
Lambskins, each	0 60	0 70
Lard ℔	0 14	0 16
Mutton ℔	0 07	0 09
Oats, bushel	0 40	0 42
Potatoes bushel	0 40	0 75
Pork,	0 09	0 09½
Socks, per doz	2 50	2 75
Tallow, rough, per ℔	0 05	0 5½
Tallow rendered, per ℔	0 07	0 08
Turkeys, per ℔	0 16	0 19
Turnips, bushel	0 00	0 45
Yarn per ℔	0 50	0 65

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To Our Subscribers.

Many of our subscribers have not yet renewed their subscriptions for the present year. They will oblige us very much by forwarding the amounts at once. Others in different sections of the Province owe for the paper for various periods longer than a year, and as we have had to incur a heavy expense recently in procuring additional machinery, &c., we find it necessary to call on them to pay up. The sums due are not large in any case—in some cases mere trifles—but they aggregate an amount larger than, with our present expenses, we can afford to have standing on our books. We hope, therefore, that all our friends will send along without delay the amounts they owe, thereby enabling us to meet our own engagements and at the same time to make some contemplated improvements in the paper which, we believe, will render it still more deserving of the support of those whose support and approval it has for so many years received.

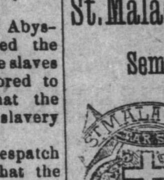
CLUBS!

The term of subscriptions of the following Clubs have expired or will expire on the date set obposite each:

Upham, K. C., Club	Jan.	23
J. Harriman, Newcastle	"	25
John Harnett, Kingston, Kent,	"	27
P. Coughlan, Milltown, St. Stephen	Feb.	1
John Rice, Wilmot, C. C.,	"	8
J. D. Whelan, Sussex Vale	"	10
John Hogan, Titusville, K. C.	"	27
Golden Grove Club	March.	15
D. McCafferty' St. Thomas, Carleton Co	"	18
P. Purtle, Mechanic's Settlement	April	1
Thos. Delaney, Chatham	"	3
P. McSweeny, Memramceok	"	5
Philip Breen, St. Stephen	"	6
Neil Farren, Winter street	"	8
P. McCreary, Norton Station	"	14
Jer. Sweeny, Emigront Settlement	"	14
John O'Sullivan, F'ton Road	"	15

St. Malachi's T. A. R. Society.

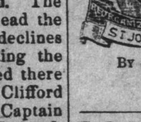
Semi-Monthly Meeting.



THE Semi-Monthly Meeting of the above-named Society will be held in St. Malachi's Hall, TO-MORROW (Sunday) at 7.30 p. m.

BY ORDER, ROBERT COLEMAN, Secretary.

Irish Friendly Society.



THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE Irish Friendly Society will be held in their Hall, corner Union and Coburg streets, on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

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