

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The Accounts for the past, and the Estimates for the current year, shall be submitted without delay.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

Our especial gratitude, as a people, is due to the Almighty for our exemption from Pestilence during the year that has past.

To that source we must also gratefully ascribe the success which, in the last season, has attended the industry of the Husbandman, and rewarded the toils of the Fisherman.

The Revenue, though somewhat diminished in productiveness, when compared with that of the preceding year, as was anticipated, from the reduction of Duties, and the first effects of suddenly expanded Commercial freedom, is nevertheless, amply sufficient to meet all demands upon it, and affords satisfactory evidence of the increased energies, and growing prosperity, of the people.

The Normal School—opened at Truro during the past Autumn, under circumstances most auspicious—is now in efficient operation.

A measure, having for its subject the improvement of the general educational condition of the Country, will be submitted for your consideration.

Our Railway system is progressing favourably, and I trust that, when the Accounts of the expenditure, and liabilities, connected with it, are laid before you, the utmost prudence and economy will be found to have been observed by those to whom the Legislature has entrusted the conduct of this important branch of the public service.

The Reports and Accounts respecting St. Peter's Canal, and the Lunatic Asylum, when submitted to you, will show that those public works have advanced satisfactorily during the past season.

On the subject of the Mines and Minerals, in connexion with the claims of the General Mining Association, an opinion of the Imperial Law Officers of the Crown, and a Correspondence with the Colonial Secretary, will be laid before you, which will doubtless engage your most earnest attention.

A measure will be submitted to you, founded on the example of the Mother Country, and on our local experience, for facilitating the collection, and improving the administration, of the Revenue.

The substitution of a simpler and more economical process for re-vesting forfeited lands in the Crown, in place of the existing system, will be proposed to you by my Government.

The selections of Stock which I have made, in accordance with the desire, expressed in the closing Session of the last Parliament, will, I trust, commend themselves to your approval.

I venture to indulge a confident expectation that the further promotion of Agriculture, in its various relations, will, in the present Session, command the interest of the Representatives of a people thoroughly capable of appreciating the importance of that great object.

Some modification of the existing Laws for protection of the River Fisheries appears to me imperatively called for, and I trust that your local experience will suggest such improvement of them as will ensure the attainment of the purpose for which they were enacted.

You will be gratified, I am sure, to learn that I have resumed the occupation of Government House, seriously injured by the late fire, but renovated and refurnished in a style that bespeaks your munificence, whilst it demands my grateful acknowledgements.

Stewart Campbell, Esq., the Speaker of the Former House, was elected Speaker without opposition, and the usual Officers of the House chosen, Alexander James, Esq., the former Assistant Clerk, being appointed Chief Clerk, and James G. Tobin, Esq., Assistant Clerk, the Rev. Dr. Twining was re-elected Chaplain of the House.

It is surely a just matter of gratitude to God that amid the wars and tumults that are desolating or impoverishing so large a portion of the old world, these peaceful Provinces are exempted from all the worst evils which are the inevitable consequence of war, and that we are permitted to see our country flourishing in the arts of peace and industry.

We shall, as we have already said, endeavour to furnish our readers with as full reports as possible of all matters of general or local interest, which we think it will be important for them to know.

The House was occupied on Monday in appointing the usual standing committees.

Petitions were presented against the return of J. H. Fuller, Esq., for the County of Richmond, and H. Martell, Esq., for the Township of Arichat, to be taken into consideration on Saturday next.

General Intelligence.

THE BAZAAR on behalf of the Halifax Mechanics Library, on the 14th inst., promises to be a successful effort, as we hear a large number of ladies are making preparations.

THE Grand Jury for the County of Halifax, in their presentment, suggest that the County Jail should be incorporated with the proposed County Court House, they also recommend that the bread for the prisoners, instead of being as at present made of superfine flour should be made of a mixture of flour and cornmeal.

They reiterate the opinion expressed by former Grand Jurors that the Poor House is remarkably well kept, reflecting much credit on the keeper and matron of the establishment.

We copy the following from the *Halifax Catholic* of Feb. 2nd. One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six!

The Order of Observing Lent.

In the Archdiocese of Halifax, for 1856.

Every Week Day in Lent is a Fast Day on one Meat and a Collation.

By virtue of powers delegated to him by the Holy See, the Archbishop permits the use of Flesh Meat at breakfast and dinner on Sundays; and at dinner only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during Lent.

It is strictly prohibited to use Fish and Flesh Meat at the same repast; and Eggs are forbidden on Ash Wednesday, Spy Wednesday and Good Friday.

The presentation of a Testimonial from a large number of the Citizens of Halifax, to ex Mayor, Henry Pryor, Esq., took place at Mason's Hall, on Wednesday evening last. It consisted of three pieces of silver plate—an epergne and two claret jugs, all of very handsome pattern. Each of the pieces bore Mr. Pryor's coat of arms, and the following inscription:—

PRESENTED

To

Henry Pryor, Esq.,

By the Citizens of Halifax,

To evince their appreciation of his services, extending over a period of three years as Mayor of the City, during which time he filled that important office in a manner highly honourable to himself, and satisfactory to his Fellow Citizens.

A. D. 1856.

A large number of gentlemen were present, and at which B. W. Salter, Esq. presided. Speeches were made by the chairman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Alex. Primrose, and others;

The contract for the proposed alterations in the Bank of Nova Scotia—amounting almost to the construction of an entirely new building, has been taken by Mr. Robert Davis of this city.

THE BRIGANTINE BELLE.—The owner and seamen of the Merlin having instituted a suit in the Vice Admiralty Court of Halifax for salvage, his Worship James Stewart, the Acting Judge of the Court, on Monday decreed.—That after deducting the expenses reported by the Registrar to have been incurred by the owners of the Merlin for repairs, new shaft, &c., the sum of £650, as salvage in the case, to be apportioned thus:—£325 to the owner of the Merlin, £60 to the captain, £27 to the chief-mate, £23 to the second mate, (who had received some injury), £100 between the eight seamen, and £115 to be rateably divided among the rest of the crew, according to their several rates of wages.

DISEASES OF THE LIVER.

When the celebrated Dr. Rush declared that drunkenness was a disease, he enunciated a truth which the experience and observation of medical men is every day confirming. The many apparently insane excesses of those who indulge in the use of spirituous liquors, may be thus accounted for. The true cause of conduct, which is taken for intemperance, is very frequently a diseased state of the Liver. No organ in the human system, when deranged, produces a more frightful catalogue of diseases. And if, instead of applying remedies to the manifestation of disease, as is too often the case, physicians would prescribe with a view to the original cause, fewer deaths would result from diseases induced by a deranged state of the Liver. Three-fourths of the diseases, enumerated under the head of Consumption, have their seat in a diseased Liver. Dr. M'Lane's celebrated Liver Pills, prepared by Fleming Bros., are a certain cure.

Purchasers will be careful to ask for DR. M'LANE'S CELEBRATED LIVER PILLS, manufactured by FLEMING BROS. of PITTSBURGH, PA. There are other Pills purporting to be Liver Pills, now before the public. Dr. M'Lane's genuine Liver Pills, also his celebrated Vermifuge, can now be had at all respectable drug stores. None genuine without the signature of FLEMING BROS.

Sold in Halifax, by JOHN NAYLOR, and WM LANGLEY.

Letters Received.

Jan. 29th.—Capt. W. Churchill, 24th, (rem.) J. W. Barss, 26th. J. Cossett, 26th. Rev. A. S. Hunt, 24th.

Jan. 30th.—Mr. H. Starratt, (rem.) W. H. Everett, (rem.) —, River Philip.

Jan. 31st.—W. McCully, 28th. Rev. M. Ross, 15th, (1 sub., rem.) Rev. J. E. Cogswell, 28th. S. Webb, 28th. Rev. Murdoch Ross, 9th, (3 sub., rem.) E. M. Saunders, 29th, (rem.) Rev. A. S. Hunt, (1 sub., rem.) Rev. C. Tupper, (1 sub., rem.)

Feb. 1st.—C. McVicar, Esq., 22nd, (rem.) Rev. D. Lawson, 28th. Z. P. Armstrong, 29th, (1 sub.)

Feb. 2nd.—Rev. Obed Parker. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 29th. Capt. W. Churchill. John Whitman, 25th. Rev. C. Randall, 30th, (rem.) Rev. W. H. Caldwell, 18th ult.

Feb. 4th.—Thos. Willett, 21st ult., (rem.) J. King, 1st, (rem.)

All directions in the above attended to.

We have received this morning, (too late for the present number), a communication, respecting the appointment of a Professor of Modern Languages in Acadia College, which will appear next week.

Monies Received.

DOMESTIC MISSION.

Received for the above, from Mr. Jacob Layton, of Upper Stewiacke, £3.

The above should have been acknowledged before, but was overlooked.

Has any other person been mercifully restored from sickness to health, who wishes to acknowledge the goodness of the Lord in the same way?

D. W. C. DIMOCK, Sec.

Onslow, Jan. 29th, 1856.

FRENCH MISSION.

Letters have come to hand containing money for the French Mission and Mission House, viz:—

From Rev. C. Tupper, Rev. W. Chipman, Rev. R. S. Morton, Rev. J. E. Balcorn, J. R. Patillo, Esq., &c., all of which will appear in the yearly accounts.

W. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.

Extract of a Letter from New Brunswick.

"Since the opening of the New Chapel the cause has assumed a very encouraging aspect. The congregations are comparatively large and very attentive. Five members have been added to the church. We have likewise an interesting Sabbath-school and Bible-class."

Yours truly,

B. SCOTT.

Newcastle, Miramichi, Jan. 18, '56.

Notices.

TEA MEETING.

A Tea Meeting will take place at the New Baptist Chapel on Wallace Road, on Thursday, the 7th day of February, at four o'clock, p. m., and on the Sabbath following, being the 10th, the House will be opened for Divine Worship, and on Monday the pews will be sold to defray the expenses of said House. Ministering brethren are urgently and respectfully requested to attend.

Yours respectfully,

SAMUEL WEBB.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

A special meeting of the Board of Governors will be held in the Library, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at three o'clock, p. m. A full attendance is requested.

J. M. CRAMP, Secretary.

Wolfville, Feb. 1, 1856.

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the Library of Acadia College on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at three o'clock, p. m. A full attendance is requested.

A. S. HUNT, Secretary.

Cornwallis, Feb. 1, 1856.

Consumptives, Attention!—Set it down on the "tablets of memory" that *Gerry's Pectoral Tablets* entirely supersede the necessity of loading the stomach with large quantities of medicine, in order to produce any effect on diseased lungs. These Tablets gently dissolve in the mouth, immediately penetrate through the absorbents to the diseased organs, and quickly perform their healing mission. In its early stages, Consumption may be cured by them.

Price one shilling sterling by retail medical dealers everywhere, and Wholesale in Halifax, by the Proprietors agents, G. E. MORTON & Co.

An inveterate case of Scurvy cured by Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Miss Mary Martin, of Kentville, Nova Scotia, was afflicted for fourteen years (commencing when only 8 years old) with scurvy; many remedies were tried, but in vain. About eighteen months ago, the parents determined to see what effect Holloway's Ointment and Pills would have upon her; these two remedies quickly performed their part, cleansed the blood, and generally strengthened the constitution, the Ointment healed the cutaneous eruptions, and happily continued thoroughly restored her to health after fourteen years almost incessant suffering.

Married.

On the 22nd ult., by the Rev. R. F. Uniacke, Mr. J. W. Marvin, to Sarah S., daughter of Mr. Edwd. Fryett.

On Wednesday, by the Rev. Mr. Hannan, Edward J. Robinson, Esq., of Chester, to Miss Catherine J. Doyle, of this city.

At Clony, on Monday, by the Rev. John Martin, Mr.

A. McKay, to Miss Jane Munro, both of Kemptown county of Colchester.

At Hillsburgh, Jan. 23rd, by the bride's father, Mr. Edward Clark, to Theresa L., second daughter of the Rev. Obed Parker.

At Brookfield, Colchester, Co., on the 22nd ult., by the Rev. D. Lawson, Mr. James Densmore, to Maria, daughter, of Archibald Hanlon, of the above place.

On the 11th ult., by the Rev. George M. Clark, Mr. J. H. Munro, of Pictou, to Miss Margaret H. Sutherland, of Clyde River, County of Shelburne, N. S.

At Vernon Cottage, Nov. 27th, by the Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Mr. Allen Whipple, to Miss Little, both of Onslow. Also, at the same place, Dec. 6th, Mr. Joseph M. Yuill, to Charlotte A., daughter of Mr. S. Corbit, both of Londonderry. Also, at the same place, Dec. 25th, Mr. Gardner Johnston, to Eliza, daughter of the late A. Wilson, of Onslow. Also, Dec. 27th, at Londonderry, Mr. David A. Davidson, of Londonderry, to Isabella, daughter of the late J. Mahan, of former place.

Also, Jan. 29th, Mr. John Brown, of Onslow, to Miss Susan Miller, of same place.

Died.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., in the 24th year of his age, Anthony, son of John Finlen.

On the 29th ult., Catherine Dunn, aged 47 years.

On the 29th ult., Mrs. Margaret Nelson, daughter of the late Mr. Wm. Jenkins, in the 44th year of her age.

On Thursday, the 31st ult., Sarah C., wife of Alex. Gibson, aged 47 years.

On the 31st ult., after a painful illness, James Fitzhenry, in the 13th year of his age.

On Friday, 1st inst., after a lingering illness, Annie M., third daughter of the late John Bayer.

On the 1st inst., Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. George Buist, aged 7 years.

On the 25th ult., Mr. Patrick Rooney, a native of Ireland, aged 25 years.

At Stewart Farm, New Guysboro Road, on the 28th ult., Mr. John Murphy, aged 67 years.

At Weymouth, on the 5th ult., Mary Eliza, wife of William Sabean, of Weymouth, second daughter of Mr. W. Barr, of New Edinburgh, aged 17 years, leaving an infant and sorrowing husband with numerous friends to lament her early removal to us, we trust, a better land.

At Weymouth, on the 12th ult., of a protracted illness, Mr. Peter Cosman, aged 62 years. His end was peace.

At Musquodoboit, on the 19th ult., Mrs. Mary Robinson, aged 32 years, relict of the late Thomas Robinson, and second daughter of Mr. John Parker.

Shipping List.

Arrived.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 30th.—Schr's Telegraph, McNab, Nfld., 11 days; Inkerman, King, Fortune Bay, N. F., 10 days.

THURSDAY, 31st.—R. M. S. Arabia, Stone, Liverpool, G. B., 11 days—107 passengers, 9 for Halifax; schr James, Walsh, Nfld., 11 days; Resident, do.

FRIDAY, February 1st.—R. M. S. America, Little, Boston, 35 hours—37 passengers, 22 for Halifax; Am. Steamer Union, Adams, Havre, 15 days—bound for N. York, put in for coal; brig's General Washington, Day, Nfld., 6 days; Boston, Lady, Liverpool, N. S.; schr Helen Maud, Sullivan, St. Jago de Cuba, 32 days.

SATURDAY, 2nd.—Brig Jessie, Hall, Matanzas, 17 days; schr Prime, Porter, Fortune Bay, N. F., 8 days—bound to Argyle.

SUNDAY, 3rd.—Brig Muta, Anderson, Cienfuegos, 16 days.

MONDAY, 4th.—Brig Velocity, Mann, Cienfuegos, 24 days.

TUESDAY, Feb. 5th.—Brig Belle, Spoken, Matanzas, 11 days; schrs Bonita, Coffin, New York, 6 days; Lima, O'Brien, N. York, 11 days.

Cleared.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 30th.—Ship Alliance, Card, Liverpool, G. B.

THURSDAY, 31st.—R. M. S. Merlin, Corbin, Nfld.; schrs Ann, Patterson, N. Y.; Harriet Newall, Parsons, Boston.

FRIDAY, February 1st.—R. M. Steamers Arabia, Stone, Boston; America, Little, Liverpool; packets barque Halifax, Laybold, Boston; brig America, O'Brien, do.; brig General Washington, Day, do.; schr Delegate, Newell, F. W. Indies.

SATURDAY, 2nd.—Union, Adams, New York; schr James, Walsh, Boston.

TUESDAY, Feb. 5th.—Brig Advalorem, Green; B. W. Indies.

Disasters.

SHEET HARBOUR, January 25.—The schr Chieftain, Alexander Fraser, master, arrived here on the 19th inst. from Carbonar, Nfld., bound to Halifax, 30 days out, occasioned by head winds; two men sick from being chilled by the frost. The vessel was disabled in the gale of the 27th and 28th ult.; obliged to throw part of her cargo overboard. The Chieftain is frozen in here. Spoke a schooner on the 13th Dec., bound for Odena, Nfld., with her foresail gone; could not ascertain her name.

The Acadia, Potter, of Digby, N. S., from Glasgow for New York, had put back to Cork, 2nd ult., having been struck by a sea, lat 44 N. long 32 W.; became leaky, bulwarks carried away, head rails and boards gone, bowsprit loose, boats stove, lost studding sails with yards from off deck, men's huses all stove to pieces, wheel broken, and stem stove in. The crew kept constantly at the pumps since the date of disaster, vessel making from ten to twelve inches of water per hour, which rendered it necessary for the safety of ship and cargo to put into the nearest port, and arrived in Cork harbor, 31st ult.

Capt. Lott, of the steamer Asia, hence at Liverpool, reports, on the 6th ult., in lat 46, lon 51, boarded the schr Sarah, Griffin, of Halifax, dismasted, and in a sinking state, and took off the crew, consisting of Capt. and five men.

The Steamship Ericsson, at New York, from Havre, reports, lat 43 30, lon 59 20, spoke brig Sabina, of Yarmouth, N. S., from Palermo for Boston, out 78 days; had experienced very heavy weather, sprung mainmast, main yard, and jibboom gone, and suffered severely in sails; had four men disabled—Supplied her with provisions, twine and needles, and remained close to these until the boat returned to the brig.

REMOVAL! REMOVAL!!

FROM the Old Stand, Market Square, to the NEW BRICK STORE, adjoining the Bank of Nova Scotia, Hollis Street.

J. STAIRS,

Iron & Hardware Merchant.

February 6.