

A French miner was run over and killed by the Halifax morning train on Monday, near the iron bridge between New Glasgow town and Stellarton.

Parliamentary.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

ON TUESDAY after some time had been occupied in receiving reports of Committees the House passed several local bills.

Prov. Secretary stated that \$6000 would be added to the appropriation for Roads, and divided equally among the counties.

Mr. Moore made a complaint that monies drawn for Kings county under the navigation securities grant had not been properly expended. He said that \$700 received by the former member (Mr. Dickie) had never been expended. Hon. Prov. Secretary promised to enquire into the matter.

ON WEDNESDAY after routine business, Mr. Holmes called the attention of the House to the action of the Dominion Parliament on the matter of coal duties. After an able speech he moved that whereas the coal of the United States is admitted into the Dominion free of duty; and whereas the coal of Nova Scotia is burdened with a duty on entering the United States; and whereas, this state of things leads directly to the reduction and lessening of the Provincial revenues:—

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Canadian Government to impose an equal duty on American coal as is imposed by the United States on Nova Scotia coal; and that the Government of Nova Scotia be requested to communicate this resolution to the Government at Ottawa.

At the request of the Provincial Secretary the resolution was allowed to lie over for a short time, and the House went into committee on bills.

THURSDAY.—The bill for building a City Hall passed and was sent to the Legislative Council.

Mr. Landers enquired what was to be done concerning the W. & A. Railway Company.

Mr. McKay thought there should be something done, but did not see how the Committee could report other than they had.

Prov. Secretary referred to the Act of Confederation as having produced a change which rendered it a matter of doubt whether the Local or Dominion Government should have charge of these Railways.

Mr. Blanchard thought the Dominion Government should take the roads. He objected to the roads being handed over to certain companies.

Prov. Secretary said the Prov. Government objected to the proposed action until the completion of the line from Annapolis to Yarmouth. The present Ottawa Government gave notice to the Western Company's Railroad that they could not give the Windsor Branch till the Yarmouth and Annapolis road was finished.

The Nova Scotia Government desired the Dominion Government to hold the road till the companies had completed their work.

Mr. Blanchard said the subject had been discussed between the two Governments, and this is the first time there has been any mention of this. It should have been brought up before. He objected to the Government undertaking to manage the negotiation, without first obtaining the sense of the House.

Prov. Secretary said the Government desired to have the Dominion Government hold the roads in trust for companies.

He named Monday for the discussion of railway extension.

Mr. Blanchard referred to a resolution placed upon the table by Mr. McKee, regarding the subject of a memorial to the memory of the Hon. Lt-Governor Howe and Judge Johnston. He had hoped that the Government would have taken the initiative, and enabled him to record their motion. After eulogizing, in eloquent terms, the two great men who had passed away since the previous session, he moved a resolution that the House order that a sum of money be placed in the hands of a committee to erect a memorial to their memory in the House or somewhere in the Building.

After eloquent speeches on the subject from Messrs. Holmes, Ross, Smith (Kings), Smith (Hants), Robertson, DesBrisay, McCurdy, Woodworth, Mr. Blanchard's motion passed unanimously.

ON FRIDAY after routine business the reports of the committee on the charges of Mr. Woodworth against the Provincial Secretary were read. The report of the majority is as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM.

April 23, 1874.

The Committee, appointed to investigate the charges made by D. B. Woodworth, Esq., member for Kings County, on the 10th day of April last past, in the House of Assembly, against the Hon. Provincial Secretary, of having altered certain records in the Crown Land Office after the same had been signed by the Governor and Provincial Secretary, beg leave to report that after having fully investigated the charges preferred, they find that said charges are altogether unfounded, and that the evidence produced has completely exculpated the Hon. Provincial Secretary therefrom.

DONALD ARCHIBALD, (Chairman).

THOMAS JOHNSTON.

A minority report signed by Mr. Holmes states that he declined to sign the report of the majority for several reasons—it does not shew the condition of said records, and is not so full as the circumstances require. He therefore referred to them more particularly and mentions the names of those who had given testimony before the Committee, and concludes by saying:

"While, therefore, the weight of evidence is in favor of the contention of the Hon. Prov. Sec. and is not sufficient to sustain the charge of the member for Kings in its entirety, it must be admitted that the appearance of the documents referred to, and the statements of some of the witnesses were quite sufficient to raise the suspicion that public documents of an important character had been improperly tampered with, and justified the member for Kings in demanding the investigation which has just taken place.

I am also of the opinion that the ruling of the majority of the Committee excluded evidence which was in my opinion essential to a proper understanding of all the facts necessary to a full comprehension of the whole case."

Mr. Archibald moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. Holmes said he understood the evidence was ordered to be printed, and it would be unfair to adopt the report without hearing the evidence.

Mr. Blanchard said there were rumors that important witnesses were prevented by the ruling of a majority of the Committee from giving testimony.

Mr. J. McDonald thought the report ought to be at once adopted.

Mr. Morrison did not see why there should be any delay.

Mr. Blanchard objected to the report being forced upon the House and country without an opportunity of examining the evidence.

Mr. Robertson said both the minority and majority report stated that the evidence was insufficient to support the charge against Mr. Vail. He thought, therefore, the report of the majority should be adopted.

Mr. Landers seconded the motion that the majority report be adopted.

Mr. Holmes thought it was very necessary that the evidence should first be studied by the members.

Mr. Blanchard rose to speak.

Mr. Vail objected, he having spoken twice should not be allowed to speak again.

Mr. Blanchard declared he would speak as often as he liked. He stigmatized the hurry of the Government as "indecent haste" and moved a resolution to the effect that the majority report be not received and adopted till the evidence had been printed and distributed.

After some warm words had passed from several members the vote on the amendment was taken as follows:

For amendment—Blanchard, Moore, Holmes, Campbell, Rennie, McKee, Cameron, Woodworth and Vickery.

Against—Att. General, Com. Mines, Morrison, Robertson, Ryerson, Francisville, Ross, Freeman, Wyde, Landers, Archibald, Flinn, Taylor, Yeomans, Smith, McCurdy, DesBrisay, Eisenhaur, Gayton, Boudrot, Doucette, Johnson, J. McDonald, Ferguson, Com. Crown Lands.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, seconded by Hon. Prov. Secretary, it was resolved that the evidence taken before the committee be printed with the journals.

Mr. Morrison said it was time that some steps were taken to prevent the pre-empting of such groundless charges, and moved a resolution reciting the nature of the charges which had been preferred against the Prov. Secretary and the action of the Committee and House thereupon, and "that D. B. Woodworth, Esq., has been guilty of a breach of privilege, and that he be dealt with according to the rules and practice of Parliament."

After which the House adjourned.

ON SATURDAY the matter of misappropriated monies by the former member of Kings came up for consideration by Mr. Moore asking for a Committee to investigate said charge.

Prov. Secretary objected to a committee and thought the investigation should be private.

Mr. Moore moved for a Committee consisting of Messrs. Taylor, Freeman, and Blanchard to investigate the Navigation securities in Kings County for 1868, '69, '70, and '71 which was adopted.

Mr. Morrison moved his resolution respecting the conduct of the member for Kings.

Mr. Holmes and Prov. Secretary spoke warmly on the question each against the course pursued by the other. Mr. Holmes moved that action on the resolution be deferred until the evidence was printed.

On the motion being put there appeared:

For—Campbell, McKee, Cameron, McKay, Woodworth, Vickery, Holmes, Moore.

Against—Morrison, Attorney General, Comr. Works and Mines, Ryerson, Freeman, Ross, Francisville, Wyde, Landers, Taylor, Flinn, Smith, DesBrisay, McCurdy, Eisenhaur, Gayton, Boudrot, McDonald, Johnson, Hon. Mr. Ferguson, Com. of Crown Lands, Hon. Robt. Robertson—22.

The debate on Mr. Morrison's resolution was then resumed.

Mr. Woodworth arose to speak but was interrupted by the Attorney General as he considered that the member for Kings should be called on to withdraw as he was the person who had been charged with breach of privilege.

Mr. Woodworth said that the present case was not at all similar to that referred to by the Attorney General. It was stabbing him in the back; a charge had been preferred against him (Mr. Woodworth) of having exceeded the license of debate, and political malignant enemies were determined.

Mr. Morrison here rose to a point of order and asked that Mr. Woodworth's words be taken down.

Mr. Woodworth proceeded.

Hon. Speaker ordered the galleries to be cleared, the people indulged in hearty biases as they were leaving.

Marriages.

On Tuesday, April 21st, by the Rev. George M. Grant, Mr. Henry M. Kerr, to Miss Jeannie Chase, a troupe.

At Deering, Maine, on the 16th April, by the Rev. W. H. Haskell, the Rev. William Fultz, of Halifax, N. S., to Myra J., second daughter of G. D. Hamlin, Esq.

By Rev. D. Freeman, at Halls Harbor, April 22nd, Mr. William E. Dunham, to Miss Elvira Benjamin.

By the same, Mr. William N. Foley, to Miss Lucy C. Dunham.

Also, by the same, in Peregine, April 22nd, at the house of the bride's father, Mr. George B. Vugban, of Kempt, Hants Co., to Miss Angelica, eldest daughter of Mr. William Greenough.

At Bickfield, Truro, on the 21st of April, by the Rev. J. Bancroft, Mr. Edwin A. Bancroft of Truro, to Miss Minerva C. Hamilton, daughter of Archibald Hamilton Esq., of Bickfield, Truro.

At White Rock, Horton, on the 22nd inst., by the Rev. E. O. Read, Mr. John W. E. Giles, and Miss Eunice, daughter of Mr. W. H. Bishop, of White Rock.

At Liverpool, April 4th, by the Rev. Geo. O. Gates, Mr. Israel S. Marley, of Milton, to Miss Emily A. Parnell, of Mill Village.

Deaths.

At South Williamston, Annapolis Co., N.S., on the 1st day of April, Rebecca Shaffer, wife of Captain J. H. Shaffer, and daughter of the late deacon William and Elizabeth Bishop, aged 71 years. She leaves a husband, seven children, thirty-six grand-children, and two great-grand-children to mourn their loss. Our sister professed faith in Christ in 1829, and was baptized by the Rev. I. E. Bull. Death came very suddenly but found her ready. The funeral was attended by her pastor and Rev. W. Parker.

Thou art gone to the grave, but I were wrong to deplore thee. When God was thy ransom, thy guardian and guide, He gave thee, and took thee, and soon will restore thee. Where death hath no sting, since the Saviour hath died.

W. B.

At N. E. Margate, on the 5th inst., Mrs. Susan Murray, aged 87 years. She was a member of the Baptist Church of this place. A shock of cornfully ripe gathered to the granary of the glorious Paradise above.

In Canaan, April 17, 1874, Almira J. daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Bennett, aged 19 years. The event was improved by a sermon on Is. xxv. 8, to a large assemblage on Sabbath April 19, in the Baptist Church.

At North Sydney, of Paralysis of the brain, on the 17th inst., John Meloney, Esq., in the 97th year of his age.

At Maitland, Feb. 9th, 1874, Mrs. Mary, relict of the late Stephen Goudy, senior, aged 84 years and 6 months. She experienced religion when 17 years old, in a revival at Yarmouth under the Rev. Harris Harding, was baptized at Beaver River, by the Rev. Anthony V. Dumack, and became a member of that Church, July 4th, 1844. She leaves 9 children, 39 grand-children and 38 great-grandchildren to mourn their loss.

At Wolfville, after a short but severe illness, relict of the Rev. Donald MacDonald, aged 32 years. Deceased, whose maiden name was McLeod, was a native of Ugg, P. E. I. She professed religion under the ministry of Rev. S. McLeod, in the year 1893. During her residence in Wolfville, she commanded herself by the meek, unobtrusive and cheerful piety of her demeanor, to all who were acquainted with her. During her illness she suffered intensely, she was enabled to give triumphant evidence of the sustaining grace of Christ. Her last words were "precious promises Jesus." She leaves two children, one a daughter of about four years, the other an infant of days. Bro. McLeod, who greatly afflicted, desires to bow in entire submission to the will of God. A funeral service was held in the vestry at Wolfville on Tuesday last, after which the bereaved husband and little girl left with the corpse for P. E. Island.—Com.—P. E. Island papers please copy.

At Hebert, Cumberland Co., on 15th April, Ann, the beloved wife of Mr. Michael Pugsley, in the 49th year of her age. She was highly esteemed and respected. A large number of persons were present at the funeral in sympathy with her bereaved husband and her children.

At Dartmouth, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., in the 25th year of his age, Henry Thomas fourth son of Francis and Amelia Young.

At Dartmouth, on the 22nd inst., Rev. Alexander W. McKay, aged 42 years.

On the 21st inst., James J. Bigby, in the 45th year of his age.

At Deering, Londonbury, on the 18th inst., Catherine Douglas, beloved wife of John Wier, Esq., and eldest daughter of the late Dunbar Douglas Stewart, Esq., formerly of Newport, Hants, aged 55 years.

On Tuesday, the 21st inst., after a long and severe illness, Elizabeth, relict of the late John Dugane, in the 88th year of her age.

At Gasperaux, on the 24th inst., John Miner Esq., aged 50 years. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father, and the community has lost a highly esteemed citizen.

Shipping List.

ARRIVED.

TUESDAY, April 21st.—Steamers Hibernian, Archer, Baltimore; Delta, Stephens, London; brig, Chetlain, Roche, Boston; Am. schrs Magic, Kelly, from Western Banks; Lottie M. Lyons, McNeill, do.; schrs. Sarah, Murray, Port Richmond; Mary B. Barron, St. Peter, C. B.; Italia, Hemlow, Liscomb; Mediator, Hunt, Port Medway; Three Brothers, Eisenhaur, Martin's River.

WEDNESDAY 22nd.—Schr. Flying Soud, (Am.), Hiltz, Western Banks; Clare, Beryon, Mahone Bay; Union Star, Richard, Port Bay; Busy William, Richey, Boston.

THURSDAY, 23rd.—Am. steamer Chas. Bennett, Portland; bark D. McPherson, Doody, New York; Am. schrs. Elizabeth Foster, Mc-

Grath, Beverly, Mass.; Charlie, Dunphy, do.; Good Templar, Hines, Gloucester, Mass.; schrs. Lady of the Lake, Fougere, St. Peter, C. B.; Ruby, Sampson, L'Ardoise; Victory, Colford, Port Richmond; Kate B., Bu-har, River Bourgeois; Mabel, Myers, Cape Canso; Somnabulst, Howitt, St. Mary's; Good Templar, Croppay, Marie Joseph; Arcile, Fougere, Tor Bay; Frank, Swin, Barrington; Rival, Cook, Liverpool, N. S.; Laura May, Shenkie, LaHave; Frank Newton, Barnes, Lunenburg; Ida May, Hebb, Mahone Bay.

FRIDAY, 24th.—Schr. Carrie Butler, (Am.), Lowe, Beverly, Mass.; H. J. Foynton, (Am.), Davies, Lavine; British Tar, Evans, Chester; Annie Laurie, Morrison, Arichat; Ajax, Snow, Port LaToar; Morning Star, Boudrot, River Bourgeois; Catherine, Fougere, do.; Union, Mitchell, Ship Harbor; Friend, Lantz, Mahone Bay; Edwin & Eva, Rook, Yarmouth; Mary Jane, Moses, LaHave; Brilliant Star, Smith, Port Medway; Phoenix, Greaser, LaHave; Emily, Cook, do.; Frank, Givan, Barrington.

SATURDAY, 25th.—Brigt Elsie, Love-ove, Maguez, P. E. I. 10 days; schrs. Escort, Huelmeun, Petite Riviere; Vespa, Hall, Cow Bay; Dart, Venoit, Mahone Bay; Mary, Covill, Newell, Barrington; Maria, Carrie, Sheet Harbor.

SUNDAY, 26th.—Am. schrs. Ben Parley Poore, from the Banks; schrs. Sea Queen, Hyson, Mahone Bay.

MONDAY 27th.—Am. steamer Falmouth, Colby, Portland; schrs. T. W. L. Greuser, Greaser, LaHave; Exchange, Sausheonville, Mahone Bay; Caroline, Perry, Whitehead; Jenny Lind, Munroe, do.; Ellen May, West-haver, Mahone Bay.

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45 Windsor " 10.40 12.20 6.12

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