

Parliamentary.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

On Monday 30th ult., the Hon. Atty General brought forth his bill for establishing County or District Courts, and made a long speech in explanation of its provisions and in advocacy of its enactment. It proposes to make seven Districts as follows:—

District No. 1.—To be composed of the County of Halifax.

District No. 2.—Of the Counties of Lunenburg, Queens, and Shelburne.

District No. 3.—Of the Counties of Annapolis, Digby and Yarmouth.

District No. 4.—Of the Counties of Kings, Hants, and Colchester.

District No. 5.—Of the Counties of Pictou and Cumberland.

District No. 6.—Of the Counties of Inverness, Antigonish and Guysborough.

District No. 7.—Of the Counties of Cape Breton, Victoria and Richmond.

For each of these districts there is to be one judge appointed, who shall be a barrister of not less than seven years standing, and who shall hold office during good behaviour.

A clerk to be appointed for each Court by the Governor in Council, whose duty shall be similar to those performed by the Prothonotary in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Woodworth presented a long petition from Peter McNab, praying to be released from the Asylum for the Insane. He affirms that he is not insane, but is detained in the Asylum for political purposes, and asks for an enquiry to be made into his case. The *Chronicle* in referring to the petition says:

"Most of the statements made in the so-called petition of Peter McNab, presented in the House of Assembly, on Monday are, as we have said, false, and appear so on their face, and as the work of an insane man the petition is not entitled to any attention. We may say, however, that there is one partially true statement in it, and that is that Mr. McNab received \$200 in advance from Mr. Anand. Unfortunately for Mr. Anand, that is a fact."

The Hon. Prov. Secretary moved that the hon. member have leave to withdraw the petition. The matter was debated at considerable length and on division carried by 22 to 5.

The House then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY was occupied with financial matters.

Hon. Provincial Secretary laid on the table the Estimates, and made explanations of them. The following is an abstract:—

ESTIMATE OF THE EXPENDITURE OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA FOR THE YEAR 1874.

ASSETS TO 1ST JANUARY, 1874.

Balance from 1873 per Treasurer's account.....\$30193.16

Less—Due on Immigration Grant of 1872 and 1873.....9025.25

Advances for Roads and Bridges, 1873.....\$2167.90

1873.....65042.76

LESS LIABILITIES TO DATE.

Undrawn road moneys of 1873.....\$5704.63

" Navigation Securities.....2995.00

".....\$689.63

".....\$7751.03

PROBABLE REVENUE FOR 1874.

Subsidy.....\$54000.00

Department of Mine.....9000.00

Hospital for Insane.....25000.00

Crown Lands.....20000.00

Marriage Licenses and other Fees, Provincial Secretary Office.....4500.00

".....634500.00

Estimated Expenditure for 1873.....\$72011.03

Balance.....\$38225.03

Assets and Subsidy.....\$762011.03

HEADS OF SERVICE.

Agriculture.....\$8000.00

Do. for Exhibition.....4000.00

Contingencies.....900.00

Crown Lands.....20000.00

Criminal Prosecutions.....1500.00

Coroners Inquests.....2000.00

Education.....180000.00

Immigration.....5800.00

Legislative Expenses.....40000.00

Local Works.....6500.00

Mines.....11000.00

Miscellaneous, &c. &c.....17000.00

Navigation Securities.....13000.00

Public Printing.....8000.00

Poor's Asylum.....20000.00

Provincial and City Hospitals.....4000.00

Roads and Bridges.....170000.00

Special.....30000.00

Road Compensation.....500.00

Salaries.....22500.00

Steamboats, Packets and Ferries.....14236.00

Transient Poor.....1500.00

Lunatic Asylum (Construction).....35000.00

".....683086.00

Balance.....\$88225.03

The House was occupied the remainder of the day in Committee on Bills.

On Thursday after some routine business the Hon. Attorney General brought in a bill relating to the Halifax Grammar School, the object of which we believe is to appropriate the Halifax Grammar School Funds towards the establishment of a Public High School.

Mr. Freeman reported from the Committee on Temperance a bill refusing licences to coal mining districts, and to bring the City of Halifax under the general law of the Province respecting the sale of intoxicating beverages. In course of the debate that followed the report of the delegation to the United States in reference to Inebriate Asylums was spoken to by several members as unsatisfactory. Mr. Gayton

thought another delegation should be sent. The bill was read a first time.

Mr. Woodworth brought forward a resolution on the case of Peter McNab as follows:—

"Whereas, It has been charged and there are grave reasons for believing that one Peter McNab received from the Treasurer of this Province the sum of two hundred dollars, under circumstances which have awakened the suspicions of a large number of the people of this province as to the propriety of the transaction;

Therefore resolved, That a Committee of this House be appointed, to consist of not less than five, or more than seven persons, to investigate and enquire into the mode, time, and all circumstances connected with the said transaction—for what purpose it was paid, what receipts were given—and what vouchers were produced

And that the same Committee be empowered to hear testimony on oath, and have power to send for all persons and papers asked for by any persons interested in said payment in any way, and to be empowered to punish for contempt."

After a lengthy debate the Hon. Prov. Secretary moved the following by way of amendment:

"Whereas, The Honorable member for King's, on the authority of one Peter McNab, now confined in the Provincial Hospital for the Insane, charged the Honorable the Treasurer with misconduct relative to the payment of the sum of \$200 to the said Peter McNab, and has moved for a committee to enquire respecting the same:

Therefore resolved, That a committee of three members of this House be appointed to examine the public records, and report for the information of this House.

The discussion, as may be supposed, was a pretty warm one, and was continued through the evening, and about 11 o'clock the division was taken, as follows:—

For the Amendment.—Hons. Atty. General, Com. Works and Mines, Prov. Secretary, Messrs. Freeman, Ross, Frenchville, Wythe, Landers, Archibald, Flynn, Taylor, Smith, DesBrisay, Eisenhour, Gayton, Boudrot, Doucette, Johnston, J. McDonald, Hon. Messrs. Ferguson and Robertson.

Against.—Messrs. Blanchard, Campbell, Rettie, Cameron, McKay, Holmes, Woodworth, Vickery, and Pincus.

Messrs. Freeman, Wythe and McKay were appointed as the committee.

MELANCHOLY AFFAIR.—On Wednesday last a dreadful case happened in one of the houses of the city. A man named Mary Slattery had her clothes set on fire by a man named John Kelley. The woman suffered greatly and died the next day. It appears that both parties and other residents of the house had frequently been to Rockhead prison for various misdemeanors, and the man has the worst possible character. An inquest sat on the case on Friday, when the following verdict was rendered: "That the deceased, Mary Slattery, came to her death by her dress being set on fire, with the intention of doing bodily harm, by John Kelley, in a house in City Street, on Wednesday, 1st April, 1874."

That deceased died in the Provincial and City Hospital on Thursday, the 2nd of April, 1874, from the result of burns caused by the burning dress referred to above."

DARTMOUTH.—\$140 was missed from the store of N. Russell & Co., on Wednesday last. Two colored boys named Andrew Beals and Alex. Davis were arrested on suspicion. Detective Hunt and Sergeant Power searched the house in which the boys lived, in Grafton street; and found in a pile of ashes in the yard a glove containing \$92 of the missing money. Mary Jane Beals the aunt of the boy was also arrested and on Monday they were tried before J. Y. Payzant, Esq., the Stipendiary magistrate, and resulted in the commitment of the woman and imprisonment of the boy, Beals for the evidence he should give.

PUGWASH.—The store of Mr. Angus McDonald, was entered one night recently and a watch and a quantity of clothing worth about \$50, were stolen.—*Amherst Gazette*.

PARRSBOURNE.—The Halifax Banking Company is about to establish an agency here. It will be represented by Dr. Townshend.

Ten new vessels are building this spring on the shore below Mill Village.

Lumbering operations have been carried on this winter with unusual vigour.

The Messrs. Eaton will manufacture about five million feet of lumber, and employ in the shipyard and steam mill 160 men.

Parrsboro' is beginning to reap the benefits of her railways already; Vickery Davison of Mill Village sold 25 acres of land to the Railway Company the other day for \$4000.00.—Great activity already exists amongst tradesmen and speculators. Dwellings, stores, saloons, slaughter houses, &c., are daily going up.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

B. C. Robbins, 1 sub., \$1. Rev. J. L. Read, E. H. Webb, \$2. Rev. J. W. Willmarth, W. R. Doty, \$6. S. Brown, Esq. A. J. Stevens, J. H. Hall, N. Miller, \$6. A. A. Pineo, Esq. C. W. Bent, Rev. C. Randall, \$4.25. Rev. J. A. Wallace, 1 sub., J. F. Covey, Rev. J. W. Manning, \$1. Mrs. F. McPhee Rev. P. R. Foster, 2 subs., \$6.50. J. M. Parker, Esq., \$27.00. W. Smith, \$4. Rev. H. Achilles, Rev. John Shaw, W. C. Bill, 1 sub., \$2. J. A. McLean, L. M. Weeks, P. H. out of print, W. Kedy, Rev. G. B. Titus, \$1. Rev. J. Bancroft, \$0.40 cts. M. Sandford, \$2. Rev. E. O. Read, T. Patillo, J. E. Rand, 1 sub., \$2. Rev. G. F. Miles, J. B. McNutt, Esq., \$2. I. Shaw.

A TEACHER WANTED.

A GRADE A TEACHER for Queen's County Academy, will be wanted at the beginning of next term. Apply to J. NEWTON FREEMAN, Trustee Sec'y.

Liverpool, Feb. 28, 1874.

March 11.

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British Workman. British Workwoman. Cottage & Artisan. British Messenger. Child's Companion. Children's Friend, each per Annum \$0.28.

Gospel Trumpet. Children's Paper. Band of Hope Review. Child's World. S. S. Messenger. Temperance Banner, each per Annum \$0.14.

Not less than five papers sent to one address at these rates. All may be different. Circulars with list and prices in full sent on application to

A. McBEAN, Secretary.

Dec. 24.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

An order in Council having passed assimilating ("as near as may be") the Passenger and Freight Tariffs between HALIFAX AND WINDSOR, to the Passenger and Freight Tariffs now in force upon the other portions of the Intercolonial Railway,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the rates for Passengers and Freight hereafter to be charged between HALIFAX AND WINDSOR and Intermediate Stations, shall be the rates given in the Tariffs of the Nova Scotia Railway.

LEWIS CARVELL, General Superintendent.

Railway Office, Moncton, N. B.,

January 14th, 1874.

Jan 23.

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CHEAP

STORE

CONGOU, OOLONG, OLD HYSON, JAPANESE OOLONG, ORANGE PEHOB, SOUCHONG, GUNPOWDER, YOUNG HYSON, IL-FRAN, PEHOB,

GOOD CONGOU TEA.

By the lb. 40c. By the box. 30c. By the chest. 31c.

BEST CONGOU TEA.

By the lb. 44c. By the box. 40c. By the chest. 30c.

Best Coffee

IN THE CITY. ALL PRICES.

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MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Post Master General, and marked "Tenders for Mail Service," will be received at OTTAWA, until 12 o'clock, noon, on FRIDAY, the 27th of March, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, six times per week, each way, between

HALIFAX AND SHELBURNE, and on the Branch Routes Between Lunenburg and Mahone Bay, and between Lunenburg and Bridgewater,

on and from the 1st July next. The conveyance to be made on the Main and Branch Routes by Wagon, drawn by not less than two horses.

The route pursued in the conveyance of this Mail to be as above.

The computed distance between Halifax and Shelburne—including the Branch Routes is one hundred and fifty-seven miles.

The Rate of Travel to be not less than six miles per hour, including stoppages for all purposes.

The days and hours of Arrival and Departure to be as follows, subject to a right of the Postmaster-General to alter the same, should he consider it advisable so to do.

MAIN ROUTES:

Leave Halifax, Daily at 6 A.M. Arrive at Bridgewater on same day at 6 P.M.

Leave Bridgewater Daily at 6 A.M. Arrive at Shelburne on same day at 5.30 P.M.

Leave Shelburne daily at 6 A.M. Arrive at Bridgewater on same day at 5.30 P.M.

Leave Bridgewater Daily at 6 A.M. Arrive at Halifax on same day at 6 P.M.

BRANCH ROUTES:

Leave Lunenburg Daily at 6.15 A.M. Arrive at Mahone Bay at 7.30 A.M. to connect with Mail for Halifax.

Leave Mahone Bay Daily on arrival of Mail from Halifax. Arrive at Lunenburg in one hour and a quarter.

Leave Lunenburg Daily at 3.30 P.M. Arrive at Bridgewater at 5.0.

Leave Bridgewater Daily, on arrival of Mail from Shelburne. Arrive at Lunenburg in two hours.

The contract if satisfactorily executed, will continue in force for a term not exceeding four years, the Postmaster General reserving the right to terminate the agreement at any time previous to the expiration of the four years—should the public interest, in his opinion require it—upon giving the contractor three months notice of his intention.

All expenses on this route for Tolls, Ferries, &c., must be defrayed by the Contractor.

Each tender to state the price Per Annum, in words at length, and to be accompanied by the written guarantee of two responsible parties, undertaking that, in the event of the tender being accepted the contract shall be duly executed by the party tendering, for the price demanded; undertaking also to become bound with the contractor in the sum of Thirteen Hundred Dollars for the due performance of the Service.

Printed forms of Tender and Guarantee may be obtained of the Post Office at Cheshire, Bridgewater, Liverpool, Lunenburg, Mahone Bay, Mills Village and Shelburne, or at the office of the sub-officer.

A. WOODGATE, Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office, Halifax, 13th Feb. 1874. } March 4.

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GEO. REYNOLDS, Junr.

Oct. 22.

WINDSOR & ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY.

SPRING ARRANGEMENT.

COMMENCING

WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1874.

HALIFAX TO ST. JOHN.

Miles.

STATIONS.

Exp. Pass. Pass. No. and Frgt. Frgt.

0 Halifax—Leave. 8.00 8.30 3.00

Bedford " 8.25 9.10 3.30

13 Wind Junction " 8.40 9.40 3.55

23 Mount Uniacke " 9.18 10.40 4.45

38 Ellershouse " 9.47 11.20 5.22

49 Newport " 10.00 11.33 5.34

45 Windsor " 10.20 12.20 6.12

52 Hantsport " 10.40 12.50 6.42

63 Wolfville " 11.10 1.40 7.24

70 Kentville " 11.40 2.40 7.50

82 Berwick " 12.12 3.40

87 Aylesford " 12.25 4.12

101 Middleton " 12.54 5.00

107 Lawrencetown " 1.15 5.25

115 Bridgetown " 1.35 6.00

129 Annapolis—arrive 2.10 6.45

190 St. John by Steamer... 8.00

ST. JOHN TO HALIFAX.

Miles.

STATIONS.

Exp. Pass. Pass. No. and Frgt. Frgt.

0 Annapolis—Leave. 8.15 8.20

14 Bridgetown " 8.40 8.45

22 Lawrencetown " 9.40 9.45

28 Middleton " 10.07 10.12

42 Aylesford " 11.15 11.20

47 Berwick " 11.35 11.40

52 Kentville " 7.30 7.35

59 Wolfville " 7.53 7.58

66 Hantsport " 8.33 8.38

77 Windsor " 9.20 9.25

84 Newport " 9.56 10.01

90 Ellershouse " 10.07 10.12

103 Mount Uniacke " 10.45 10.50

116 Windsor unc. " 11.45 11.50

121 Bedford " 12.03 12.08

129 Halifax—arrive 12.30 12.35

N. B.—Trains Nos 1 and 6 run in connection with the Steamer "Scud," and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday only.

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P. INNES, Manager.

Kentville, 30th March 1874. April 1.

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