

At the Provincial Penitentiary on Sunday afternoon six desperate prisoners managed to effect an escape from the prison yard. It appears that between 4 and 5 o'clock all the prisoners were let out, as usual for exercise, before tea, after which they were locked up. As they came in there was a knock at the door and the keeper in the guard room, without looking through the eye hole, according to rules, opened it thinking there was another guard on the other side as there should have been. Immediately six prisoners burst through, slammed to and fastened the door, and seizing four heavy batons, which were hung on the wall, beat the keeper, a man named Tattrie, very badly, leaving him senseless, took the key, and opened the door leading into the hall of the Governor's quarters, the noise they made attracted the attention of the Warden, Mr. Flinn, who was up stairs. He hurried down, in time to grab the foremost man, Turnbull, but a blow from a billy in the hands of one of the others knocked him almost senseless, and he was compelled to release his hold, and they made their escape. They then ran to Rev. John Abbot's boat house, the first north of the penitentiary, and broke it open, but finding no oars there they ran to the next—Col. Sawyer's—where they obtained a boat with oars, and launching it rowed across the arm, landing near Lawson's, and took to the woods. At the penitentiary the prisoners were immediately brought in, locked in their cells and a party of keepers armed with rifles were dispatched in a boat after the escaped prisoners. After some search they returned without having obtained any tidings of them. The Governor also telegraphed to the head of St. Margaret's Bay and Bedford, and informed the various military look-out parties in the vicinity of the city.

The following is from the official record of the escaped men:

1. Daniel Turnbull, under sentence for 5 years, had served about 3 years.
2. Jacob Jarvis, mulatto, 24, under sentence for 7 years, had served over 3 years.
3. Daniel Hughes, under sentence for 5 years, had served about 2 years.
4. Reuben Muree, mulatto, 22, under sentence for 14 years, had not served a year.
5. James Lewis alias Hughes, 22 under sentence for 7 years, had served about one year.
6. Royal Walsh, negro, 21, under sentence for 3 years, had served about 2 years.

Muree is the man who was the author of so many fires at Yarmouth and was caught through the exertions of a Boston detective.

The absence of one of the guards from the corridor leading to the Guards' room has yet to be accounted for. Tattrie's wounds are not serious. He has four or five gashes in different parts of his head. Dr. Black, was promptly in attendance, and dressed the wounds. Mr. Flinn was not badly hurt, but had a narrow escape.

Five of the men were captured on Monday evening and Tuesday morning, some in Halifax and others in Dartmouth. They had changed their dress, and of course gave the police no little trouble in their identification. It reflects credit on our police force that they have so soon succeeded in capturing such a set of desperadoes.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Feb. 7th, 1878.—Halifax Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace, James H. Sellers, of Lawrencetown, Alexander Forsyth.

Inverness Co.—To be a Commissioner of Schools for the Southern District—Rev. Archibald Chisholm, P. P., Judique.

Cape Breton Co.—To be Commissioners of Schools—Rev. M. McKenzie, P. P., Grand Narrows, vice Rev. Dr. Cameron, removed from the County; Rev. Alex. McGillivray, P. P., Grand Mire, vice Rev. Archibald Chisholm, removed from the County, and Rev. S. F. Ken dall, Sydney.

Digby Co.—To be a Commissioner of Schools—Rev. Michael Driscoll, P. P., of St. Mary's Bay.

The Hon. John Creighton, President of the Legislative Council of this Province, died at his residence at Lunenburg on Saturday last, aged 84 years. He was held in highest respect by all parties.

The Hon. Mr. Cutler who is attending the Council daily is 94 years of age.

The old Avon Marine Insurance Company, of Windsor, at the annual meeting, on Tuesday, declared the usual dividend of 250 per cent., being \$65 on paid up shares of \$25 each, besides placing a large sum at rest.—Windsor Mail.

Preparations are being made for holding a Provincial Exhibition, in the City of Halifax in 1879. A bill to authorise the erection of the necessary buildings has been prepared and submitted to the Sessions of the County, the City Council

of Halifax, and the Town Council of Dartmouth.

A joint meeting was held on Friday last in the City Council Chamber, of the said committees.

On motion Mr. Motton was requested to act as Chairman of the meeting and Prof. Lawson as Secretary.

Extracts from the minutes of the Halifax County Agricultural Society were read, embracing a resolution expressive of the desirability of holding the Provincial Exhibition in Halifax in 1879, and recommending the erection of exhibition buildings as county or city property, or otherwise. A draft of a bill was submitted.

Camp hill, north of the Cemetery, has been spoken of as a most appropriate site for the Exhibition building and grounds.

A sad accident occurred to a boy named McPhee, on Friday last, at Richmond. He was playing with a dynamite detonator when it exploded, blowing one of his fingers right off and otherwise injuring his hands, scorching his face badly and tearing his left eye out of its socket. The boy is suffering very much.

The Technological School is filling up what has hitherto been a blank in Halifax, and doing good service. Dr. Lawson is giving a series of preliminary lectures every Tuesday evening to an Agricultural Class. His subject last evening was "The soils of Nova Scotia their modes of formation, constituents, &c., &c. There are 36 entries for the Drawing Class, and Dr. Honeyman is making arrangements for giving lectures to a Geological and Mineralogical Class.

GRAHAM'S PAIN ERADICATOR.—Point Fortune, Ont., Sept. 2, 1868.—A few applications of Graham's Pain Eradicator, has completely relieved me of Rheumatism that had afflicted me for several years.

I believe it to be the best medicine to be found for that purpose.

JAMES BEGGES.
38 Victoria Street, Toronto, April 30, 1870.—I had been troubled with Rheumatism in my shoulder for three or four years until last January that I took Erysipelas in my elbow from which I suffered great Pain until I used Graham's Pain Eradicator, and was in a short time cured of both.

WILLIAM ROBERTSON.
READ CAREFULLY.—Samuel Osborne, Sophiasburg, says: I was afflicted with Dyspepsia for nearly four years, my lungs becoming affected towards the last. I was induced to try the Shoshonees Remedy. After using three or four bottles I felt much better and gained strength rapidly, my health improved steadily and rapidly, and when I had taken three or four bottles more, I was quite restored to health and strength, and have experienced better health than for forty years before. I had been under the treatment of a number of physicians before, but never received any material aid until I used your remedy.

A. McKay, Truro, N. S., says: He was very bad with Liver Complaint, but used the Shoshonees Remedy, and in a month I was as well as I had ever been in my life. I am now in business and wish you to send me three dozen by steamer.

A. Wood, Concession, says: That he has tried the Remedy for Liver Complaint and Dyspepsia with great success. I have also used the Shoshonees Pills and find that they are as good as any I ever tried.

Henry King, Geneva, N. Y., says: My wife was intensely afflicted with dyspepsia for a long time. We consulted physicians of three different schools, and received no benefit. She has taken three bottles of the Great Shoshonees Remedy, and is now hearty and well.

Rev. John Scott, says: Mr. McKenzie Botting suffered from an attack of Rheumatism, and was unable to move without help; but after taking a few bottles of the Shoshonees, was able to walk as well as ever. Price of the Remedy in pint bottles, \$1; Pills, 25 cents a box. Sold by all medicine dealers.

March 6. 2m. eow. to June 3.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.
On TUESDAY, after the presentation of petitions, &c., Mr. Longley complained that the returns laid on the table in answer to his request made several days ago, in reference to the amounts owing to the Government by each County for road and bridge service, were incomplete. He asked for them to date. The return on the table only showed the amounts owing to Dec. 31st.

Hon. Provincial Secretary promised to furnish them.

Mr. Woodworth moved for a Committee to further investigate the charges he had made in the former House against Mr. W. B. Vail regarding grants of Crown Lands made to Messrs. Esson and others.

An angry discussion followed, the Prov. Secretary and Attorney General opposing such Committee.

The vote was taken and there appeared the following names:—
For—Messrs. Holmes, McRae, Cameron, McKay, Mosely, Thompson, Woodworth, Longley, Black, Putnam, Patterson, Allison, Troop, Vickery, North and Weeks.—16
Against—Hon. Com. of Works, Hon. Prov. Secretary, Hon. Attorney General, Messrs. Robicheau, Johnson, Lovitt, Eisenhauer, McCurdy, Franchville, Bou-

dro, Hon. C. Campbell, Dickie, Farrell, Archibald, Davidson, Freeman, Hon. Mr. McKinnon, Campbell and White.

The House in Committee passed the bill to incorporate the town of Windsor Mr. Woodworth gave notice of motion to rescind the vote on the proposed Crown Lands investigation.

On WEDNESDAY several petitions were presented and the report of the Fruit Growers Association was laid on the table.

Mr. Holmes complained that the important correspondence between the Western Counties Railway Company and the Local and Dominion Governments, asked for by him some three weeks ago, had only been laid on the table to-day after the bill respecting the W. C. R. Company had been passed.

The House in Committee took up the bill to assimilate the Dominion and Local election laws. It was read clause by clause, and a rider added by the Government. A long discussion ensued, and some personal altercation arose between Mr. Weeks and the Hon. Attorney General.

Mr. Holmes moved that the bill be deferred for three months, which was lost.

On THURSDAY, on the new Election Bill being called for its third reading, Mr. Holmes moved that it be deferred, which was lost by 15 to 18.

Mr. Woodworth then brought to the attention of the House an article which had appeared in the Morning Chronicle, charging an attempt to bribe one of the supporters of the Government by an offer of \$1000, using his name in connection therewith. He pronounced the article a base lying attempt on the part of that paper to divert public attention from other matters. He connected it with the Peter McNab story, and believed that it originated with the same parties as concocted that affair.

Hon. Prov. Secretary said the Government were not responsible for what appeared in any of the papers. He said if it were a question of privilege it should be considered with closed doors.

Mr. Woodworth said this was what the Government wanted, but he did not. Mr. Holmes pronounced the article false in every particular so far as he was concerned. Messrs. Mosely, Thompson and Longley also denied all knowledge of the affair and believed the statement to be altogether false.

The matter was then referred to the Committee on Privileges.

The following is a summary of the estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the current year:

Assets 1st January, 1878.	
Road advances.....	\$81177 79
Insane Asylum.....	57588 52
Mines for Royalty.....	45478 33
Advance to Cape Breton Co.	1250 00
Richmond.....	2500 00
Guysboro.....	1213 91
Gold Specimens.....	1000 00
Co. Yarmouth.....	2319 00
Halifax Education.....	7556 50
	\$200084 05

Less:	
To meet deficit 31st Dec. 1877	\$147923 26
Windsor & Annapolis Railway.....	1985 37
Normal School.....	9000 00
Undrawn Road Monies.....	4282 00
Navigation Securities.....	1065 00
Agricultural Board.....	4000 00
	\$168256 21
	\$31827 84

PROBABLE REVENUE FOR 1878.	
Subsidy.....	\$410000 00
Amount allowed by Dominion Government for Railway and Light House Stores transferred to Dominion in 1867.....	60000 00
Prov. Secy's Office, fees, &c.	6000 00
Royal Gazette.....	4600 00
Insane Hospital.....	40000 00
Mines, for Royalties, &c.....	60000 00
Miscellaneous.....	2400 00
Crown Lands.....	7000 00
	\$590000 00
	\$621827 84

EXPENDITURE.	
Agriculture.....	\$10000
Contingencies.....	900
Criminal Prosecutions.....	2000
Crown Land Department.....	6500
Education.....	185000
Immigration.....	1000
Interest.....	7000
Legislative Expenses.....	38600
Local Works and Asylum.....	50000
Mines Department.....	7000
Miscellaneous.....	14000
Navigation Securities.....	10000
Poor's Asylum.....	16000
Provincial and City Hospital.....	4000
Road Compensation.....	800
Roads and Bridges.....	175000
Printing.....	7000
Salaries, Government Officers.....	13050
Steamboats, Packets and Ferries.....	20000
Transient Poor & Vist. Dispensary.....	2500
Medical College.....	800
Deaf and Dumb Asylum.....	1000
Blind Asylum.....	800
Inebriate Asylum.....	800
	\$576050
Balance.....	\$45777 84

The rest of the day was occupied in giving explanations of the several items.

On FRIDAY, after short time with closed doors a number of petitions were presented. One of these was from Dr. J. K. DeWolfe and other officers of the Asylum for the Insane complaining that injustice had been done them in the late investigation, that they had been tried on charges of which they knew nothing and condemned without an opportunity of defence, and praying the House to interfere on their behalf.

Mr. Holmes gave notice that at an early day he would move for a select committee to enquire into the matter.

Mr. Woodworth again brought up the matter of the Crown Land grants to Messrs. Esson, and gave notice that he would move to rescind the vote of the previous day.

The House in Committee passed several bills. The County Courts Bill elicited considerable discussion and several clauses were amended.

Mr. Holmes gave notice of a motion regarding the payment of subsidies to railways, and the general management of the Province. Also, for a Special Committee to inquire into the complaints made by Dr. DeWolfe in regard to the Government's action.

He also complained that the railway committee had not yet met. Important business was to come before them; several gentlemen were waiting to appear before the committee to advocate their several interests, but the chairman, Mr. Archibald, was absent. Unless the committee attended to its duty, he would move for a new committee.

At Windsor, March 13th, by Rev. E. M. Kelstead, Mr. Everett Redden, of Windsor, and Miss Martha Sweet, of St. Croix.

On the 15th inst., by the Rev. S. F. Huestis, brother of the bride, Evan Kennedy, M. D., of St. John, to Miss Mary Addie, daughter of the late Joshua Huestis, Esq., of Wallace.

At Upper Economy, Feb. 28th, by Rev. A. E. Ingram, Mr. Allison Cook, of Port-au-Piquet Mountain, to Miss Jane Fulton, of Upper Economy.

At Bridgetown, March 12th, John B. Fay, formerly a resident of Halifax, aged 56.

At Dartmouth, March 14th, after a short illness, Elizabeth, beloved wife of James Black, aged 86 years.

At Lewis Head, Shelburne Co., Dr. Thos. Jacobs, aged 36 years.

On Thursday, Jane, the beloved wife of William Willis Rees, in the 33rd year of her age.

On Tuesday, the 12th inst., Annie M., only daughter of Catherine and the late John Dunne, in the 32nd year of her age.

On Monday, March 11th, Chas. Bowers, in the 29th year of his age.

At Newport, on the 7th inst., Thomas Jackson, aged 25 years, eldest son of John and Sophia Pools.

On the 12th inst., Peter Hobin, in the 31st year of his age.

In Toronto, on the 8th inst., of pleurisy, Alexander Heatherington, Fellow of the Geological Society of Great Britain, and late of Halifax, N. S.

In St. John, N. B., on Saturday, March 2nd, Mrs. Rachel A. Roberts, aged 33 years. This sister was baptized about 12 years ago by the late Rev. James Reid, and has "witnessed a good profession before many witnesses." Last September she visited the home of her esteemed parents, Deacon Thomas Fulton and wife, of Upper Economy. Shortly afterwards she became unwell, and returned home to her husband in St. John, and after a lingering sickness of several months, and just at the time when there appeared to be some reason to hope that she would recover, she suddenly "fell asleep to awaken in her heavenly home."

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