

Provincial News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 29th.

The House disposed of routine business this morning, with a small number of members. A large number of petitions were presented.

Mr. Gray was to have continued his speech at half-past 10 o'clock, but did not commence until a quarter past 2. He reviewed the arguments that had been used by the members and supporters of the Government, and closed his speech at 5 1/2 o'clock. Mr. McLaughlin, as the mover of the Address, addressed the House in a short speech, when the Speaker put the amendment, and the House divided as follows:—

For the Government—Messrs. Tilly, Johnson, Fisher, Waters, Brown, Smith, Tibbits, L. R. Harding, Gilmour, McAdam, Hatheway, McPherson, Lutz, Ferris, Ryan, McLellan, Laundry, Sandeman, Cutler, Kerr, Samson, and McLaughlin—22.

Against—Messrs. Connell, Boyd, Hayward, Gilbert, Wilmer, J. A. Harding, Gray, Armstrong, Godard, Stevens, Parry, McPhee, McLeod, Street, Montgomery and Bradford—15. The Speaker in the Chair; Mr. End absent.

The remaining sections of the Address were then adopted, and a Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency with the same.

FREDERICTON, March 1, 1856. House occupied with the usual routine business. Many members absent.

Several petitions were presented for the repeal of the Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Several Bills passed, among them one to incorporate the town of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton.

The Address, in reply to the Speech, was presented to His Excellency at Government House, at half-past two o'clock—Members of both Branches attending.

House assembled at half-past two. Some discussion took place about the recommendation of Reports.

Mr. Allen was introduced by Messrs. Fisher and Mac, hereon, and took his seat as the member returned for York.

Mr. Boyd gave notice of his intention to move for the discontinuance of all grants to denominational schools.

House adjourned at half-past three o'clock. FREDERICTON, March 3.

Very little business done in the House today. In the morning some bills received a second reading, among them, one to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen, &c., of the City of St. John, to purchase or lease a lot of land for the purpose of a Hay Market in the said City.

The Bill to repeal the Prohibitory Law stands as the order of the day for Monday next. The Bill was brought in by Mr. End. Many members were anxious to defer its consideration for a longer period, but the majority were anxious to take it up as soon as possible.

Progress was reported on the Bill relative to the Police Force of the City of St. John. The Bill to incorporate Victoria College, passed the House.

There was much discussion in the afternoon upon some bills principally of a local nature. Several members absent—House adjourned at 5 o'clock.

FREDERICTON, March 4th. The House this morning passed a Bill giving an extension of time to the Grand Falls Railway Company for completing the work as required by the terms of the contract.

A Bill was also passed in Committee to incorporate certain Congregational Churches in the Province.

On motion of Mr. End, Friday next was set apart to go into consideration of Supplies to be granted for the public service.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the proposition of the Telegraph Company for repairing the Debates, reported that it was inexpedient to entertain such a proposition.

Mr. Wilmer (in the absence of Mr. Gray), moved for the presentation of the Address respecting European and North American Railway Correspondence.

A discussion followed, in which members of Government stated that such documents were intended to be laid before the House as usual. Mr. Wilmer withdrew his motion.

Mr. Wilmer's business was transacted in the afternoon. Members evinced disposition for an early adjournment, and the business of the day was brought to a close a few minutes before three o'clock.

Messrs. Gray, Montgomery, Lutz, Waters, Samson and Parry have been absent since Saturday.

FREDERICTON, March 5th. After the House disposed of routine business, several petitions for the repeal of the Prohibitory Law were presented. The Bill to amend a part of Long and Snows Islands to the Parish of Wickham received a third reading.

A proposition was submitted to the House by Mr. Cutler having for its object the placing of all despatches between the Colonial Secretary and the Executive Government before the people of the Province.

Hon. Mr. Tilly laid before the House copies of Railway correspondence and West-India returns.

Petitions having reference to the Act relating to Water supply for Carleton were presented, and referred to a Committee.

A long discussion occurred upon the Bill relating to the Grand Falls Railway. The consideration of the same was deferred until to-morrow morning. Very little business done. House adjourned at 5 o'clock.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES. A destructive fire occurred in the vicinity of Messrs. R. Lewis & Co's Lumber Yard, Portland, on the night of Thursday last week, by which extensive losses were sustained, and about eighty families turned out of their homes.

The fire broke out in the mill, and spread to the lumber yard, and the firemen were unable to contain it. The loss sustained was estimated at \$100,000.

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He could not understand such circumstances nor persuade himself that these matters of difference, when they came to be laid before Congress of the United States, as they would be before the Parliament of Great Britain, would not receive calm dispassionate and reasonable consideration, which was essential to an amicable settlement and which, he trusted, would prevent any intemperate individuals, on either side, from attempting to plunge the two countries into the calamities of war. (Loud cheers.)

The correspondent of the London Times reviews Senator Seward's speech and says, England won't give up the smallest of her rights to mere American clamour.

Our Liverpool correspondent gives from private sources, but does not guarantee the statement, that the Derby party and the Gladstone party had each held a secret meeting on the course to be pursued respecting the American difficulty. The Derbys decided to support Palmerston—to rescue English honour from Republican insults; those were the actual words. The Gladstones decided to take every measure to save a rupture with the United States.

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The Senate. Feb. 25—There was a resolution for the President to furnish all the correspondence which had passed between our Government and that of England on the subject of the emigration difficulty, and Mr. Mason said that no apology had been offered by England, as stated by Lord Clarendon, for the interference of our laws, and that there had been no offer of leaving it to the arbitration of a third party.

Feb. 25—Mr. Bell, (Tenn.) made a speech on the Central American Question, in which he advised the maintenance of peace.—N. Y. Observer.

Political Relations. Some expressions have been felt in commercial circles in regard to our political relations with Great Britain, but the best informed, in both countries, look upon a serious rupture between them as not only improbable, but next to impossible. There is much in the tone of most of the articles written on each side of the Atlantic, upon this subject, which is highly objectionable. Many speak of the war which co-exists between our two nations, raising moral objections from trade, as if every case were a badge of slavery unworthy of a nation's method; and as if the encouragement of a partial tariff were the only method of developing a true union. The sympathy with which the prospect of a bloody war is deemed by many, shows that they regard all the prospects of commerce as imperious concerns with the claims of humanity. But this, we know, is not the temper of the nations at large; the few noisy dissenters are not heard, but they are, after all, in a slender minority.—N. Y. Obs.

New York, Feb. 25.—The Herald has the following dispatch from Washington, under date of Feb. 15:

The Cabinet had quite a protracted session to-day. The subject before them was, I understand, our relations with England. It is understood this evening that Mr. Clayton will be dismissed. In that case, intervention between England and the United States will be suspended, as England will, as soon as she learns that her Minister has been dismissed, also refuse to receive our Minister. Thus there will be no diplomatic intercourse for some time at least, between the countries, or until there is an amicable settlement of our difficulties.

New York, Feb. 25.—The "Pac" of this evening has the following dispatch:—Washington Feb. 27.—Mr. May's final dispatch to Mr. Buchanan of Dec. 25th, is contained in the documents sent to the Senate this morning. It demands explicitly of the British Government the recall of Mr. Clayton, the British minister resident at Washington. Mr. May writes:—His connection with that affair (the enforcement) has rendered him an unbecomingly representative of my Britannic Majesty near this Government, and you are directed by the President to ask Her Majesty's Government to recall him? Mr. May also asks the recall of Consul Smith at New York, Rowland in Cincinnati, and Matthew at Philadelphia. In reference to the former he says:—The improper conduct of Mr. Rowland, in the case of the bark *Mary*, has just given offence to the commercial community with which he is connected, and with which he has official connections.

Onion.—From Oregon we learn of a great battle fought at Fort Walla-Walla, which had fallen into the hands of the Indians. The contest lasted from the 5th to the 13th December, and resulted in the triumph of the Volunteers, under Col. Kelly. The Indians lost very killed, and so many wounded; the loss of the Volunteers was also severe.

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Mr. End, M. P. P., is said to be a candidate for the Mayoralty of Fredericton!

Liquor Case. Mr. William Bevan, grocer, King's Square, was brought before Messrs. Justices Dem'ell and Underhill, on Monday last, charged with selling brandy; the hearing of the case occupied that day and a part of Tuesday, several lawyers being employed on both sides; judgment is deferred until Monday next.

Public Meeting. A large meeting of the industrial inhabitants of the Parish of Hillsborough, Albert Co., was held there on the 27th ult., to take into consideration the present Prohibitory Liquor Law. Mr. Samuel Gross occupied the Chair; Mr. Albert Stevens acted as Secretary. The following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

Moved by William Wallace, Esq.; seconded by the Rev. J. H. Hughes:—Resolved, That this meeting regards intemperance as a great moral and social evil, destructive of health, virtue, and happiness, and producing every wretchedness, poverty and crime, exciting party hatreds on society, and erecting a formidable barrier in the path of individual and national progress.

This meeting, therefore, regards with lively satisfaction the Prohibitory Liquor Law, passed at a recent Session of our Legislature, a legal measure, which we believe, absolutely necessary to put an end to intemperance, and the numerous evils, by which it is ever accompanied.

Moved by Rev. P. Duffy; seconded by William Gross Esq.:—Resolved, That this meeting recognizes the laudable efforts of the advocates of temperance, and do now record their devout thankfulness to the same. Anybody being, that men have been placed in office and power, who have enacted a Prohibitory Law, and are leading their lives in passing it forward to its legitimate result—the utter extermination of the noxious traffic.

Moved by R. E. Stevens, Esq.; seconded by Mr. John Stewart; supported by Mr. John Wallace:—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this meeting, the Prohibitory Law deserves a fair and impartial trial by the country, and, therefore, it is not expedient to petition the Legislature for its repeal.

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