

Religious Intelligencer.

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faith have nothing to reprobate it with in this event."

The state of France, in connection with religious liberty is very anomalous. The hopes expressed by some Protestant pastor a few years ago, as to the liberal views of the Emperor, must have been sorely disappointed. The remarkable article recently published in the *Moniteur*, professedly a manifesto for freedom of worship, was an elaborate and ingenious defense of the most rank intolerance.

Permission to exercise the Protestant religion in the most arbitrary manner. The decree of the Academic Council in the case of the Protestant school in Var, supplies a striking instance: "Considering that the Sieur Guillot, by coming to La Gaude to open a free Protestant school in a commune where there was no Protestant by origin, born and recognized as such, has introduced such a ferment of discord that the said commune has ever since been constantly divided; and considering that the closing of this school is asked for on all sides—as the only and necessary means of re-establishing calm—it is decreed that the said school shall be immediately and forever closed."

Poor France—between soldiers and priests on the one hand, and an infidel or suprasious population on the other—it must still vibrates between anarchy and despotism. For the present those who are "Protestant by origin, born and recognized as such," may have freedom to worship God if they are sufficiently "calm." They may "believe," if they will not "speak." They may carry the lamp if the light be covered with an impenetrable shade.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

(By Telegraph to the News Room.)

FREDERICTON, March 18.

After reading of Journals House resolved itself into committee of the whole in consideration of a Bill introduced by Mr. Chandler, to provide for the preservation of peace among the laborers on the St. Andrews Rail-

way.

Mr. Tibbits moved a resolution to the effect that the offices of Receiver General and Province Treasurer should be consolidated into one office.

The resolution gave rise to considerable discussion, in which various views were advanced by members as to the measures that should be adopted for the better carrying out of the system of Responsible Government. Progress reported.

Mr. Gray's Bill to amend the Election Law passed with certain amendments.

Several more Separate School petitions presented.

Mr. Cudlip's resolution to appoint a committee of both Houses to investigate the affairs of the Central Bank, was before the House, and gave rise to a tedious and prolonged discussion. An amendment was proposed to the effect that the investigation should extend to all the Banks. The discussion lasted until 5 o'clock, when both amendment and resolution were negatived.

Motion was then made to take up the School Bill. Amid much confusion, and unsuccessful attempts to adjourn, the House decided against the motion, with the understanding that the School Bill would be taken up at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

House then went into Committee on Mr. Gray's Bill to afford relief to wives (not widows as erroneous' copied by some of the papers) and children deserted by their husbands and parents. Progress reported.

Parification Bill passed Upper House. House adjourned 5:35.

FREDERICTON, March 19.

Several Bills were under consideration in the House in the morning.

The Bill to divide the parish of Studholm, in King's County, into two parishes, passed in Committee; also a like Bill for the division of the parish of Upham.

Mr. Mitchell, in accordance with the report of a Select Committee, submitted the following resolution as a rule of the House:

"That no Bill of a private or personal nature be received or entertained by this House unless it shall be certified that the sum of £7 10s. has been paid into the hands of the Receiver General towards defraying the printing and other contingent expenses of this House, which resolution, after some discussion, was adopted by the House.

At 11:30 o'clock the consideration of the School Bill was resumed.

The fifth section passed without opposition.

The sixth section created considerable discussion.

Mr. Allen urged that the Trustees should be paid for their services.

This was not concurred in by a majority of the House.

Mr. McPhelim proposed an amendment, to the effect that the Trustees be paid for their services. Amendment lost by a large majority.

Several other amendments were proposed and lost, and the sixth section carried entire.

Progress was then reported.

A discussion took place on Mr. Desbrisay's resolution relative to the course pursued by the Government on the subject of a Railway to connect New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The Attorney General moved an amendment, the principles of which were not discussed. Progress was then reported.

At 6 o'clock Mr. Gilmour moved that the House adjourn to meet again at 7 o'clock. Seconded by Mr. Wright. Motion carried.

Reconsideration moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, and carried.

House adjourned.

FREDERICTON, March 20.

The Bill to abolish the grant to King's College, was under consideration in the Legislative Council this morning. The speakers in favor of the Bill thus far were Steves, Chandler, Harrison, Todd, Seeley, Earle, Gordon, against Botsford, O'Leary, Robinson, Saunders.

The School Bill was taken up in the House at 12 o'clock, and the 7th section passed without opposition. To the 8th section Mr. Gray moved two amendments, the first of which was important, the second was to

expunge part of the 4th paragraph, and inserted to this effect, that every teacher shall be required to read daily in school, portions of the Holy Scriptures &c., &c.

The Provincial Secretary stated that provision was made in the regulations of the Board of Education, securing the use of the Bible in Schools in all cases except where objected to by parents or guardians of children.

Mr. Connell's College Bill passed Legislative Council by a vote of 11 to 7.

The Bible question occupied the House most of the afternoon.

Several amendments to Mr. Gray's motion were proposed, among which Mr. Gilmour moved the following—which he supported in a lengthy speech "Considering that the Board of Education shall by regulation secure to all children whose parents and guardians do not object to it, the reading of the Bible in the Public Schools." Several speeches were made and progress reported.

Mr. Gilbert obtained leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Loyal Orange Institutions of New Brunswick. House adjourned ed 4:35.

FREDERICTON, March 22nd.

House opened at 10 o'clock.

Mr. McPhelim's Bill to increase the representation was postponed for three months.

Mr. Mitchell's Lumber facility Bill was also postponed for the same time.

Mr. Wright presented a petition from several Clergymen of St. John, and 800 other inhabitants, praying that no School Bill may pass which does not provide that the authorized version of the Holy Scriptures shall be used in Schools.

Also a petition praying that such Bill may be preserved from all exclusive or sectarian provisions.

The Bill to abolish Judges fees in the Supreme court was committed. A motion was made to report progress. This was objected to by several members on the ground that the House would be prorogued in ten days. After a debate which lasted an hour, the Bill passed by a small majority.

The School Bill was taken up at 4 o'clock, and the discussion on the Bible question was again resumed.

The Speakers in favour of Mr. Gilmour's amendment were Tilley, Smith, Chandler, Lewis, Tibbits, and Mitchell.

Mr. Connell supported Mr. Gray's amendment, one of the principle objections to which urged by the several speakers, was that it would lead to the establishment of separate Schools.

Progress was reported, the Bill to be taken up to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Considerable other business was transacted. House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

FREDERICTON, March 23.

The School Bill was taken up at 11 o'clock and discussion resumed on the Bible question. McLellan, Allen, and Wilmot supported Gray's amendment. Tapley and McMullan opposed it, but were favourable to having the Bible in schools. McPhelim proposed an addition to Mr. Gray's amendment, viz.:—to strike out all the words after the "Holy Scriptures," and insert as follows:—"the portions of the Scriptures to be read to the Roman Catholic pupils in the parish schools in the Province, shall be read from the Douay Bible, and must be read without comment."

Mr. Botsford was opposed to all amendments, and considered legislation on the subject unnecessary.

Kerr and Hannington spoke in opposition to Gray's amendment.

The School Bill was before the House all afternoon. Speakers were Steadman, Gray, Read, Tilley, Johnson, DesBrisay, Macpherson, Fisher, Wright and others.

Hannington suggested to Gray to withdraw his amendment. Macpherson submitted a motion to that effect. Mover expressed his willingness to withdraw the amendment, objected to by Read, Cudlip and others.

Question was then taken, and amendment lost by a large majority. Yeas—Gray, Connel, McLellan, Wilmot, McIvor, DesBrisay, Allan, McPhelim, Macpherson.

After question was taken, Connell arose to move a new amendment; was ruled out of order amid a scene of much confusion.

Gilmour's amendment then carried, only six dissentient voices.

McPhelim's additional amendment, slightly modified, was also carried.

Several unsuccessful attempts were made to report progress.

Other sections were proceeded with, and whole Bill carried.

House adjourned at 6:30.

FREDERICTON, March 24.

The House opened at 10 o'clock. Considerable miscellaneous business was expeditiously transacted, and much anxiety was evinced by the members to get bills through. The bill to abolish Judges fees in the Supreme Court was recommitted, and a suspending clause added. The bill for the more effectual preservation of the peace on the line of railway from St. Andrews to Woodstock passed in Committee. The bill to divide the parish of Carleton, St. John, also passed. A resolution previously submitted was adopted relating to the taking of steps for the immediate construction of a Light House on the Northern Head of Grand Manan. A bill for the regulation of railways, introduced by Mr. Waiters, passed in Committee.

Mr. McLeod gave notice of his intention to move the following resolution:—

Resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor representing therein the opinion of this House that the time has arrived when the Provincial Parliament should be hereafter convened in the City of St. John, or in its vicinity, and that suitable buildings be forthwith procured for the accommodation of the Legislature and Government at that place, and that this House will make provision for the expenses to be thereby incurred.

Friday was proposed as the day to go into consideration of the same.

FALL OF A PORTION OF THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE!—Between 7 and 8 o'clock last evening, a portion of the flooring of the Suspension Bridge across the Falls, in the vicinity of this city, gave way, and went down with a loud crash. A heavy wind prevailed all day from the North-west, which increased towards night, and the swaying of the bridge

was very great. It is supposed that the rods which attached to the flooring were twisted off, and the timbers fell into the falls below. About one third of the flooring went down together. Shortly after the accident, one of the Fredericton coaches arrived at the bridge, and the night being dark, the passengers had a narrow escape from total destruction. Fortunately they discovered that a portion of the bridge in the centre, had fallen, just in time to escape with their lives.—*New Brunswicker.*

A shocking murder was perpetrated, we learn, in the Howard Settlement, on Saturday morning, by a man named Andrew Davis, the unfortunate victim being his own wife. Immediately after committing the fatal deed, the murderer fled in the direction of Calais. At ten o'clock on Saturday night Mr. Hanson, the Deputy Sheriff at St. Stephen, received a telegram from the Attorney General with full instructions for arresting the murderer. It so happened that he (Davis) was at that very time in Calais where he passed the night. Had proper steps been taken he might have been captured next morning, as he was not in any hurry leaving the city. There is little doubt but that he will very soon be arrested.—*Col. Pres.*

A fire attended, we are sorry to say, with loss of life, occurred in Calais on Monday night. The house consumed was occupied by four families, several of the members of which remained asleep, until the fire had made considerable progress under a very high wind. One little boy, aged seven, son of Andrew Moran, one of the tenants, could not be found, and a small portion of the remains of a child, discovered on the following morning, confirmed the suspicions that were entreated as to his sad fate.—*ib.*

FIRE—A fire broke out between three and 4 o'clock on Tuesday morning, in a house on the Straight shore, (opposite the New Brunswick Iron Works,) owned and occupied by a man named Early. Mr. Early's house together with the one adjoining, belonging to a Mr. Henderson, was totally destroyed, and it was with difficulty that the frame of a large three story house, just erected near by, was saved. Three or four families were burnt out, losing nearly all their furniture. There was an insurance of £50 on Early's property.—*News.*

W. PETERS, Secretary.

There is now in existence over five years, this paper, and the expense of all the printing has been done by a printing establishment of which all the expenses have necessarily increased. The price of paper has raised, printing also has raised, while other expenses have necessarily increased. The price at which it is published has therefore been found to be with a great deal of difficulty in the payment of subscriptions, and the expenses of the paper have increased, and involved us under liabilities which require payment and have must be made on the printed forms, which can be obtained from any Postmaster; must state the sum per annum for which the service will be performed, and be addressed to the Postmaster General.

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