

Rev. W. T. Corey informs us that a very sad event occurred on Wednesday, the 31st inst. at four miles from Moncton, on river. A son of Jacob Wilson, and another man, whose name is not given, were engaged in hauling a large log, when the latter, who was on the log, fell off, and the log, which was a large one, fell upon him, crushing him to death instantly, and seriously injuring his companion. This is the second severe affliction through which Mrs. Wilson has been called to pass recently. Jacob Wilson, who was a member of the ill-fated *Saburg*, was her brother, and now a beloved son is suddenly cut off in the midst of his life. God grant the sustaining influence of his grace.—*Visitor*.

We regret to hear that the Rev. Dr. Thomson, the esteemed Rector of St. Stephen, is now lying very low, and that little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

An Inquest was held last Monday before S. D. Phipps, Esq., Coroner, on view of the body of John Cochran. The jury found "that the deceased John Cochran died from the excessive use of rum, on the 6th day of Feb. inst.—*Fred. Reporter*.

PAUPER EDWARD ISLAND.—The Legislature of this Island has met for the purpose of the session on the 16th March next, which is three weeks later than the usual time of meeting. The Revenue of the Island is unusually large, amounting to \$261,588 1s. 4d. It exceeds that of the previous year \$22,506 4s. 3d.

The Toronto *Globe* contains an account of a railway accident that occurred on the morning of the 9th inst., on the Grand Trunk Railway, resulting in the instant death of three persons, employees on the road.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 16, 1864.
At two o'clock, His Excellency the Lieut. Governor came forward in the usual state, to the Council Chamber, and was pleased to open the Session with the following speech:—

Mr. President and Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:—

It affords me satisfaction again to meet you assembled in Parliament.

Your address to the Queen on the occasion of the marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has been laid at the foot of the throne, and Her Majesty has been pleased to receive, very graciously, your faithful expressions of loyalty and affection.

In the joy with which the nation at large has lately hailed the birth of the young Prince, I am confident that the people of this Province have fully participated.

The civil war in the United States has not yet ceased nor has it assumed a less sanguinary or destructive character. That the blessing of peace may speedily be restored to that country, is, I feel well assured, your earnest hope and desire, as is mine.

I have received a communication from the Administrator of the Government of Nova Scotia, on the subject of the Legislative and Administrative Union of the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I have directed this communication to be laid before you, and I entertain no doubt that its contents will be met with the most attentive consideration which their importance demand.

The correspondence which has taken place on the subject of the Intercolonial Railway since the close of the last Session will also be laid before you.

These papers will fully explain the nature of the negotiations which have taken place between the different Provinces interested in this undertaking.

Any action in this matter has hitherto unfortunately proved impracticable, but I cannot but believe that the temporary misunderstandings will be ultimately to frustrate the completion of a work so necessary to the political and material progress and security of British North America.

I felt myself compelled to reserve for the signature of Her Majesty's pleasure to the bill relating to certain exemptions from duty at the Port of Saint Stephen.

It is with satisfaction that I am enabled to inform you that Her Majesty has been pleased to concur in this Bill, which has consequently now become law. I have directed the correspondence on this subject to be laid before you.

I recommend you to consider whether provision might not advantageously be made for the winding up of certain cases, of trade corporations and joint stock companies.

I desire to call your attention to the existing state of the law relating to Steam Navigation; and you will not doubt consider whether it may not be so amended as to afford greater security to life and property.

The deposits in the St. John Savings Bank had, at the close of the fiscal year, fully reached the amount now authorized by law, and for a time the Trustees of that Institution were compelled to refuse to receive any additional sums. It is worthy of your consideration whether, without loss to the public Revenue, increased facilities may not be afforded to the industrial classes, for availing themselves of this mode of investment for their earnings.

The freight traffic on the Provincial Railroad has steadily increased in amount, and great difficulty and expense now attend the delivery of lumber and other bulky goods which have been conveyed to St. John by its means. I recommend you to consider whether the inconvenience might not be surmounted by prolonging the Railway to a terminus close proximity with the deep water of the Harbour of St. John.

Measures for the amendment of some portion of the original law will shortly be submitted to you.

I have continued to be interested in the reorganization of the Provincial Militia. The task has been attended with many difficulties, but with the whole I am not dissatisfied with the result. The object of those who have gratuitously aided me in this work, whether as officers or as members of Volunteer Companies, demands my warmest acknowledgments.

The report of the Adjutant General of Militia will be immediately laid before you.

The Estimates for the current year have been framed with a strict regard to economy, but without due reference to the exigencies of the public service.

They will shortly be laid before you together with the accounts of the income and expenditure of the past year.

I rejoice to be enabled to inform you not only that during that period the expenditure fell within the estimated amount, but that the income exceeded the expenditure, and that the income exceeded the expenditure, and that the income exceeded the expenditure.

The Coast and River Fisheries are still remunerative, and I trust that the measures adopted by you for their protection during the last Session will, if strictly carried out, avert the gradual but certain extinction with which they were at one time threatened.

I have reason to hope that some increased attention will be paid to the mineral wealth of the Province. Ample room is however, still left for further exertion in connection with this branch of our resources.

During the course of the Summer and Autumn, I visited various localities in the Province where I had not previously been, and there are now but few parts of the Province with the appearance of which I have not been personally acquainted. Everywhere I have found a loyal and contented population, who have on all occasions given a cordial and hearty welcome to the Representative of their Sovereign.

My residence in this Province has endeared New Brunswick and its people to me, and must ever cause me to entertain a deep and lasting personal interest in its future prosperity and welfare.

I am assured that your deliberations will tend to reflect the advantage of the public good, and I rejoice to enable you to devote your calm and quiet attention to the advancement of the Province as such as to its interests, and to the promotion of the public good, and I rejoice to enable you to devote your calm and quiet attention to the advancement of the Province as such as to its interests, and to the promotion of the public good.

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FREDERICTON, Feb. 17.
House in Session all day.

Williston brought in a Bill relating to School House in Douglastown; Mr. Dow one relating to coal limits in the Province.

Stevens' motion for the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the feasibility of the proposed Western Extension was ruled out, because it involved an expenditure of money, &c. He gave notice that he would again bring it up on Saturday next.

A motion of Young, Williston and Young were added to the Consistent Committee.

Cutlip from the Consistent Committee reported an appropriation of eight dollars for each member during the Session. The Clerk is to furnish his own and the Law Clerk's stationary. Carried.

Address in reply to Speech passed in Upper House.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 18.
Mr. Williston brought in a Bill for repair of roads and bridges in Northbrook, Northumberland.

Mr. Young a bill to amend chap. 106, 106 1/2, revised statutes, of Error, Punishment and Expenses. At 12 o'clock the order of the day was taken up.

Mr. Stevens viewed the Speech favorably and moved the resolution of the Committee.

Smith followed, speaking lightly, and treating some of the matters referred to with ridicule, saying, among other things, that instead of being congratulated, the apparent failure of the Intercolonial scheme was to be regretted.

Consideration of Address in reply to Speech occupied till 4 o'clock.

Cutlip moved that latter part of 5th paragraph, which expresses regret at failure of Intercolonial Railway negotiations, be expunged. Supported by Mr. Williston, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Fisher opposed; lost by vote of 22 to 8; remainder passed without opposition.

Boyd gave notice of motion for returns of goods entered at Port of St. Andrews, carried over the day.

Williston, George Boyd, Young and Munroe, appointed Fisheries Committee.

Young brought in a bill for encouragement of Sea Fisheries. House adjourned.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The Danish question is still a prominent topic in the English Journals. Hopes are expressed that peace will be preserved, but we must confess, they are based upon a very slender foundation. We have given below, the opinions of some of the leading journals on this intricate subject.—*Witness*.

It is announced that the *Great Eastern* would be perpetually sold on auction, Feb. 17, unless she is previously sold on private contract.

There were discussions in London on the 24th, that there were dissensions in the Cabinet, and that Earl Russell had resigned. The *Morning Post*, on the following day, under the head of "Idle Rumors," contradicts the reports, and says:—

"There is no crisis, and the Cabinet is acting in perfect harmony. The general opinion, yesterday seen to be based upon two very simple facts:—Lord Russell has returned from Osborne, and Lord Derby has gone further on a visit to the Queen. All the rest is pure nonsense."

The *Army and Navy Gazette*, alluding to the startling announcements of the war preparations going on in the East, says:—

"Up to the present moment the principal work of the War Office has been to work up its ordinary estimates for Parliament with an especial view to combined economy with efficiency, while the 'Horse Guards' is in its usual place of command."

In France the debate upon the Address continues and the discussion of the Mexican question. In the consideration of the Mexican question, M. Thiers made a bold and vigorous speech, reviewing the policy of the Throne, which he concluded by demanding that France should treat with Juarez, so as to preserve the integrity of the Mexican Republic, and to ensure the expedition would only result in a definite and ruinous occupation. M. Charles de Montigny defended the expedition as being just, and affirmed that it was impossible to treat with Juarez. In regard to the expedition it is reported to be increasing, and the insurgent leaders had met with success.

MEMBER OF DR. LIVINGSTONE.—The last mail from the Cape of Good Hope brings the sad intelligence of the killing of Dr. Livingstone. It requires confirmation, and we trust that it may turn out that the great explorer still survives. We take the following from a letter dated at Cape Town Dec. 21:—

"Our last intelligence from the interior is of a most painful nature. The whole of the country has been taken by the people of this colony in the Livingstone expedition, as well as the Central African mission, has not at all abated since the intelligence of the recall of Dr. Livingstone; and information is eagerly sought for upon the subject. On Tuesday last Mr. M. J. Smith's ship arrived in Simon's Bay, and the utmost anxiety prevailed as to the news from the Zambesi. The feelings of the inhabitants may be imagined. The doctor, it appeared, after the receipt of the news of his recall, had started for Lake Nyassa, taking with him five Makololos, but no European. Unfortunately, after gaining the Upper Shire, the boat—his only means of conveyance—was lost overboard, and they were compelled to continue the journey on foot. It was on the 14th of July that the news was received that the doctor had been killed. The news was confirmed by the natives on Lake Nyassa. Although the account of the horrible tragedy bears all the impress of truth, it is difficult to believe that the doctor, who is reported to be the worthy doctor, although badly wounded, is not yet dead."

THE SLEIGHWHEELER QUESTION.—The *Morning Post* of the 30th says: "We believe that the Governments of Russia, France and Sweden have signified their willingness to assent to the proposed Sleighwheelers Convention, and that the integrity of the Kingdom of Denmark. The same paper also submitted to the great German Powers. We hear that at Berlin its acceptance has been made a Cabinet question."

The *Times* of the 30th says: "The state of affairs is simply this: France and Russia, though at first agreeing with the views England has taken, decline to interfere further, and leave to this country the task of opposing, if advisable, is the action of the German Government. Neither is a case in which our honor and interest are so much concerned as to require us to proceed further than mere remonstrance, is a question on which opinions are likely to differ, and which the meeting of Parliament in a few days, will enable the judgment of the country to be expressed on matter so important to the peace of Europe. Of the sympathy of the House with the little Danish Republic, the object of this aggression, there can be no doubt but the practical question is whether England can do more in support of the Treaty of 1862, than remonstrance, and those whose conduct directly tends to a breach of it. On Thursday next the Government will not doubt be able to describe to Parliament the efforts they have made to prevent the shedding of blood in Schleswig, and what course they think it necessary to follow hereafter."

The *London Herald*, if rightly informed, says that in the Province with the appearance of which I have not been personally acquainted. Everywhere I have found a loyal and contented population, who have on all occasions given a cordial and hearty welcome to the Representative of their Sovereign.

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The *London Times*, in its city article says the general feeling in Austria and Prussia will be so much as to fulfill their threat of war in gratifying democracy, by whom they are now unscrupulously gilded on, contributes to prevent the markets from experiencing the decline that might otherwise be witnessed.

VERY LATEST.
LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 30.
Marshall Wrangel, of Prussia, has demanded the evacuation of Schleswig.

The *Observer* says that the British Cabinet are still hopeful of preserving the peace of Europe.

LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 31.
A Cabinet council was held yesterday afternoon.

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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Scalds, bruises, burns, &c., and abrasions of the most serious character, are rapidly soothed and cured by this powerful ointment. If blood be impure it will be necessary, while using the ointment to take the pills also. Sold every where.

New Canada, Horton, Feb. 12, 1864.
I have had a severe attack of diphtheria some years since, which left me afflicted half my time with sore throat, until last year I commenced to use Graham's Pain Eradicator with the most beneficial results. I had been some months free of it. About a month since I was again attacked with the diphtheria, and not having any of the Pain Eradicator on hand, I used the remedies employed on the former attack for two days without benefit; I then got Graham's Pain Eradicator, and used it for a few days, and the sore throat—it had been so much swollen that I could scarcely swallow; it cured me in twenty-four hours, and I have seen similar effects in other cases in my family and friends.

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Portland Mission.

LECTURE OF JOHN BOYD, ESQ., AT THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

By Special Request, JOHN BOYD, Esq., will lecture in the Mechanics' Institute, on the evening of FRIDAY, the 26th inst. Subject:—

"FROM LONDON TO PARIS?"
Doors open at 7 o'clock; Lecture to commence at 8 o'clock. Tickets 10 cents, but had best be had at the Book Stores, from the principal Druggists, or any member of the Committee.

Proceeds of Lecture to be applied in aid of Portland Mission.

THOMPSON KEENEY, Local Committee.
SAMUEL DEVENY, WILLIAM YOUNG, JAMES LINDSAY.
Portland, St. John, Feb. 17, 1864.

NEW GOODS.—HORSFALL & S