

PARLIAMENT.

In answer to questions put by members, Sir Hector said the Government had under consideration the question of rebuilding the Digby pier on its present site.

Mr. McLellan stated that the gross debt of the Dominion at present date is \$381,314,532, and the assets are \$72,791,837, leaving a net debt of \$308,522,695.

Mr. Foster said it was not the intention of the government to impose prohibitory regulations on the lobster fishery for canning purposes around Prince Edward Island.

Sir John in answer to Counsel, stated that the Government had appointed a medical commission to inquire into Riel's mental state after his conviction, that the commission consisted of two medical practitioners, and also procured a report from the visiting physician in Regina. These reports would be laid on the table.

Mr. McLellan laid on the table the report on superannuations during the last fiscal year. The salaries of the persons superannuated amounted to \$42,380 a year. The new salaries and the allowances to meet superannuated amounted to \$36,691, thus the saving effected by superannuation was \$5,689.

In answer Sir Caron said the amount which had been paid from 1st July, 1885, to 1st March, 1886, on account of the recent rebellion in the North West was \$2,000,286.

In answer Sir Hector said it was the intention of the government to make immediate repairs on Digby pier.

In answer, Caron said the commission appointed to settle claims arising from the rebellion had made a report which would be laid before the house shortly.

From an answer by Mr. Carling, it appears that the population in the North West by the recent census was ascertained to be, not including Keewatin, 48,400.

Amoyt asked for copies of all documents in the case of Her Majesty against Riel—passed.

Amoyt asked for orders-in-council respecting the several respite granted to Louis Riel before his execution. Thompson answered that there were orders-in-council on that subject.

A deputation of twenty members representing mining constituencies, waited on the Minister of the Interior, urging the collection of mining statistics, as frequent complaints reached them from persons in other countries desiring to know about our mineral wealth. Hon. Mr. White promised to give the subject the fullest consideration, but pointed out that matters of such kind belonged to the Provincial Governments, and not to the Dominion.

The department of fisheries has issued an advertisement stating that tenders will be received up to the 25th inst., for the charter of six swift sailing fore-and-aft schooners, of between 60 and 90 tons register, six years old. These vessels are to be employed as a fisheries police force on the sea coasts of Canada, they will be manned and officered, and in conjunction with such of the Dominion steamers as may be unemployed, will enforce the law of country respecting inshore fisheries.

In answer McLellan said the increase of the net public debt from March 1st, 1885, to March 1st, 1886, was \$15,832,422.

In answer, Thompson, Minister of Justice, said that the government had no communication with the magistrate who tried Riel about the exercise of clemency of the crown, and that he presumed when the magistrate said he could hold out no hope that her majesty would exercise mercy on Riel, he made the statement, as judges occasionally do, as indicating his own view that clemency should not be exercised.

In answer McLellan stated the gross public debt increased from 1st March, 1885, to March 1st, 1886, was \$24,983,632.

In answer, Thompson, Minister of Justice, said the government had no intention to introduce any general bankrupt law this session.

In answer, Thompson said there was no order in council ordering the execution of Louis Riel, but probably the member asking the question, referred to an order in council declaring the conclusion of the government that the law should be allowed to take its course. That order was dated 12th November, 1885.

In answer to the question, what was the motive of the third respite granted to Riel, Thompson said it was granted to give time for the report of the medical commission appointed to investigate Riel's sanity to reach Ottawa.

Amoyt asked for copies of all commissions, instructions, etc., furnished by the Government to magistrate Richardson in connection with the trial of Riel.

Thompson said, as far as he knew, no such documents existed.

N. B. LEGISLATURE.

On Monday of last week the general standing committees were appointed as follows:

Agriculture—Hetherington, Nadeau, Perley, White, Hibbard, Quinton, Turner, Burchill, Colter, Morton, Humphrey, Leblanc, McManus, Leblais, Baird.

Accounts—Burchill, McManus, Baird, Stockton, Park, Hanington, Lewis.

Corporations—Ellis, Leighton, Murray, Stockton, Humphrey, McLeod, Perley.

Law practice and procedure—Ritchie, Blair, Pugsley, Stockton, Wetmore, Hanington, McLeod.

Vacancies on committees were filled as follows: Library—Wilson; privileges, Wheten; standing rules, Flewelling; contingencies, Wilson and Murray.

The bill to allow unmarried women and widows holding property to vote at school meetings and hold the office of school trustee was agreed to by the committee of the whole House.

Among the bills introduced on Wednesday was one to abolish the Legislative Council.

On Thursday, Provincial-Secretary McLellan presented his financial statement. It showed that the estimated receipts for 1885 had been \$619,058 86, while the actual receipts were \$617,194.07. The estimated expenditure for 1885 had been \$604,362.10, and the actual expenditure was \$584,472.66. The following are the estimated receipts for 1886.

Dominion Subsidies—	
Population 321,233	\$489,475 64
at 80 cts. per head	\$256,986 40
Government and	
Legislative grant	50,000 00
Export Duty In-	
demnity	150,000 00
Interest on Bal-	
ance of Debt	32,489 24
Territorial Revenue	125,000 00
Fees, Provincial Secretary's	
Office	6,000 00
Agricultural Department	1,500 00
Interest from Banks	85,000 00
Lunatic Asylum Admissions	1,250 00
Fees on Private and Local Bills	400 00
Miscellaneous	9,000 00
	\$633,425 64

The abstract of Estimated Expenditure of 1886 is as follows:

Administration of Justice	\$15,700 00
Agriculture	17,300 00
Auditor General	85,000 00
Beaver Bounties	2,000 00
Blind Asylum, Halifax	720 00
Contingencies, &c., &c.	13,000 00
Deaf and Dumb Institutions	2,000 00
Elections	167,244 48
Executive Government	26,650 00
Fisheries, Colonial Exhibition	4,500 00
and Immigration	5,000 00
Free Grants Act	5,000 00
Interest Bonded Debt	85,000 00
Legislature	26,670 00
Lunatic Asylum Maintenance	35,000 00
Marriage Certificates, Registry	1,200 00
Natural History Society	250 00
Public Health	4,000 00
Public Hospital, St. John	2,000 00
Public Printing	13,500 00
Public Works	187,260 12
Rifle Association	300 00
Refunds, Crown Lands	600 00
Surveys and Railway Inspection	2,000 00
Stampage Collection	7,000 00
Unforeseen Expenses	2,000 00
	\$629,744 60

Memo: Estimated Receipts, \$633,425 64

Estimated Expenditure, 629,744 60

Balance, \$3,481 04

Hon. Mr. McLellan in his budget speech claims that while during 1885 the floating debt of the province had been greatly reduced, all the services had been provided for and the expenditure kept within the income.

Mr. Wetmore reviewed the financial statement at considerable length, and moved the following amendment: "That Mr. Speaker do not leave the chair, but resolved, that in the opinion of this house large measures of reform are urgently called for in the public interests, which reforms should embrace among other reforms looking towards a reduction in the public expenditure, a reduction in the number of members in the executive government, a reduction in the number of departments in the executive, a reduction in the number of clerks and employees in the public offices, a change in the mode of doing the public printing, whereby the cost may be largely reduced, and also the making of such changes in the government, legislative and departmental machinery of this province as will insure substantial reduction in the cost thereof."

Mr. Stockton opposed the amendment.

The motion that the speaker shall now leave the chair was given precedence over the amendment. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Blair, Gillespie, McLellan, Ryan, Mitchell, Ritchie, Quinton, Kilian, Nadeau, Glasier, Hetherington, Leblanc, Wheten, Labllois, Wilson, Leighton, Ellis, Stockton, McManus, Dr. Lewis, Hibbard, White, Baird, Morton, Flewelling, Burchill, Murray, Pugsley, Palmer—29.

Nays: Wetmore, McLeod, Adams, Hanington, Colter, McAdam, Park, Perley, Dr. Black, Humphrey—10.

Hon. Mr. Turner was absent. The house then went into supply, Mr. White in the chair.

On motion of Hon. Mr. McLellan, seconded by Hon. Mr. Blair, it was ordered that supply be granted to her majesty.

The speaker having resumed the chair, the house agreed with the committee on its report recommending that supply be granted, and the house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for further consideration of supply.

The items for the administration of justice and for agriculture passed, the committee reported progress and were granted leave to sit again.

On Saturday, Mr. Adams spoke for some hours in condemnation of the Government's policy.

He was followed by Hon. Mr. Blair, who defended the acts of the administration. He still had the floor when the House adjourned on Saturday evening.

News of the Week.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

There are forty-four post offices in St. John county.

Four men who are employed in Chesley Bros. foundry have a combined weight of 866 pounds.

Moncton's new post office and custom house building was occupied Mar. 1st for the first time. The building cost about \$35,000.

The franking system has been abolished in the legislature. Each of the members has been presented with \$6 worth of postage stamps.

A man named Dubie of Madawaska, had the toes of one foot cut off, in a R. St. John lumber camp, the other day, and was sent to Campbellton to have the wounds dressed. He died of lockjaw on the road, and was buried at Campbellton.—Chatham World.

New post offices have been established at the following places:—Jordan Mountain, Havelock, King's Co., A. F.

Marr, postmaster; Little Salmon River Mills, St. Martins, St. John, Geo. J. Vaughan; Public Landing, Westfield, Kings, W. J. Cheney.

A few days ago a man visited a number of residents of Portland and Indian town offering for sale a number of "choice singing canaries." He disposed of two in Indian town, getting \$5 for one, which he represented as "one of the finest singers he ever heard." The next day the person who purchased the "fine singer" discovered his "canary" was nothing but a sparrow ingeniously colored with diamond dye. Others have been similarly victimized.

A young man named John Cunningham, employed in Messrs. T. S. Simms & Co.'s brush factory, met with a serious accident Friday forenoon. While feeding the rotary machine his left hand was caught in it, and the three first fingers were broken in two places, and a part of the hand terribly lacerated by the knives. The doctors were obliged to cut off a part of the hand.

James Estabrooks, a youth of 17 years, was committed Wednesday by Commissioner Cahill, at Sackville, for burning barns belonging to Albert Smith, on the morning of 11th ult. The accused, when first examined, denied any knowledge of the affair; afterwards he admitted he went into the barn on the morning of the fire and lit a cigar. He threw away the match which ignited some loose hay. There were some 50 tons of hay in the barns.

Parties who frequent the woods around and about Fredericton Junction report quite a number of deer in that section of Sunbury County. Deer were numerous in this province years ago, and were the Indians say, driven out by wolves. With the extinction of deer the wolves disappeared. The reported presence of wolves this winter on the border of Queens and Sunbury would make it appear that with the return of the deer their old enemies have also put in an appearance.

The Eastport Standard says that the other day at Grand Manan, Walter Cheeney and a companion went to Cheeney's ledges and found a great number of large seals on the rocks. They landed and attempted to kill them with clubs, but the seals showed fight and drove the men to the boat. They returned soon afterwards with guns, and shot thirty-five of the largest of the flock, the skins of which will yield a handsome profit.

The following appointments have been made:

County of Westmorland—Henry R. Emmerson to be judge of probate, *pro hac vice*, for the estate of Blair Estabrooks, late of Sackville, deceased.

City and county of St. John—George A. Hetherington, Samuel Crothers and Daniel E. Berryman to be justices of the peace.

County of Northumberland—Angus McAllister to be a justice of the peace.

County of Charlotte—Alexander G. Milne, Richard Dixon and Charles Matthews to be justices of the peace.

County of Gloucester—Ulric C. Trudel to be a justice of the peace.

County of Carleton—Samuel H. Shaw to be a labor act commissioner for the parish of Brighton.

NOVA SCOTIA.

It is estimated that 800 sailors arrive at the port of Halifax every week, or some 40,000 a year.

The Halifax list makes a volume of 97 pages and contains the names of about 9,400 electors. The Herald says it is expected that when completed this number will be increased at least 20 per cent.

The financial depression is being keenly felt in the Annapolis valley. Apples have not been so low in price for many years, and it is hard to dispose of the excellent crop of potatoes of last year at remunerative prices.

A sad drowning accident occurred at Digby basin on the forenoon of March 1st. Two young men—John Walker and Huestis Burnham—aged respectively 15 and 21, while endeavoring to recover, in an insufficient boat, a duck which Walker had shot from the shore, were capsized and drowned.

A heartrending accident occurred on Saturday night, by which three lives were lost. It seems that Alex. McDonald, his wife and three year old child left their home at South Cove, Little Narrows, intending to drive to the residence of Mrs. McDonald's mother, north side Little Narrows, about five miles distant, stay over night and go to church with her the next day.

They drove across the lake and when within gun shot of their destination, the ice gave way and all were precipitated into the water. It was about 8 o'clock; and although their cries for help were heard for miles, they were not discovered, owing to the darkness, until it was too late. The horse and sleigh were got out, but the occupants had disappeared. A search was at once made and the bodies of the mother and child were found at the bottom of a small pond which had formed on the main ice, and had only been skimmed over with the frost. Search was continued on Sunday for Mrs. McDonald's body, but up to the present it has not been found. He leaves a family of four small children, the oldest being only twelve years of age. The sad event has cast quite a gloom over the community, and much sympathy is expressed for the children so suddenly bereft of their parents.—Buddock Reporter.

OTHER PROVINCES.

Beaugrand was re-elected mayor of Montreal by 1,962 majority.

A horrible murder was committed on Monday evening at St. Catharines, Ont., at the residence of Lewis Tyrell (colored). Lewis has an insane brother living with him, and while he was away from home the insane man killed Lewis's wife by beating her on the head with a club. The murderer has been arrested.

Sir Ambrose Shea received quite an ovation on his return to St. John's, N. F., the other day. A newspaper there says 10,000 people turned out to receive him and rent the air with cheers. In a speech to the crowd he blamed the provincial government for the cancellation of his appointment as governor and pledged himself to oppose them till they are overthrown. And then the people took the horses from the sleigh and hauled him home themselves with accompanying music from two bands.—Tel.

The Charlottetown Examiner says: An old farmer, D. Matheson, of Dundas, P. E. Island, ploughed with his team for several hours on the home-stead a few days ago, and another farmer in the same vicinity was stumping on the same day. In most parts of Nova Scotia, it is said, there has been very little snow at any time this winter and in Halifax only a few days sleighing. There was little snow in this province up to the middle of January and less than the usual quantity since then.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Cholera has been discovered at Venice on board a Greek brigantine, which has been ordered to quarantine.

The Burmese crown prince's son is dead. His army of 3,000 men has been dispersed, 600 of them following his brother into a dense forest in Unepore Sitka. A local Burmese official has surprised and killed Prince Mounghain.

Eight men who had been convicted of taking a prominent part in the Trafalgar square and Hyde park riots were on Friday sentenced at Middlesex sessions. All were condemned to penal servitude for terms ranging from one to five years. The judge justified the sentence by denouncing the so-called popular demonstration of workmen.

Amid great excitement, the French chamber of deputies rejected the motion for the immediate expulsion of French princes from France. The vote was 345 to 176 in favor. M. Rivet's proposal to leave to the government the initiative in the expulsion of the princes was rejected by a vote of 333 to 188. The order of the day, expressing confidence in the capacity of the government to deal with the question, was adopted—353 to 112.

Earl Rosebery, British foreign secretary, has instructed Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, British commissioner in Egypt, to reject the demand of Monbar Pacha, Turkish commissioner, that an Egyptian army be organized with a large Turkish element. English occupation of Egypt will continue till the question of the fellahs tenure of land and civil, military and financial reforms have been settled.

The Madrid correspondence of the London Times says that the Carlists, before the death of King Alfonso, offered a reward of \$1,000,000 for his head, and that when a man volunteered to assassinate the king, the Carlists backed out of their proposition.

Fifteen socialists have been sentenced at Padua, Italy, to ten months' imprisonment for trying to incite the populace to civil war.

The English government has telegraphed authority to Lord Dufferin to definitely annex Burmah.

MARKET REPORT.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY GEORGE LYMAN, ESQ. DEPUTY CLERK.

Beef, Country, per lb	\$0 04 to \$0 61
" Butcher's "	" 04 " 73
Lamb, "	" 07 " 08
Mutton, "	" 06 " 07
Pork, "	" 7 " 00
Butter, "	" 18 " 20
" Roll, "	" 22 " 24
Lard, "	" 12 " 13
Turkeys, "	" 15 " 16
Chickens, per pair	" 50 " 60
Geese, each	" 60 " 70
Potatoes, Early Rose, p. bbl.	1 25 " 0 00
" Kidney, " "	1 70 " 2 00
" Other kinds, " "	0 00 " 0 00
Carrots, "	" 05 " 1 00
Beets, "	" 05 " 1 00
Turnips, "	" 05 " 0 70
Fennels, "	" 1 50 " 0 00
Cabbage, per head	" 0 12 " 0 15
" Red, per head	" 0 15 " 0 20
Celery, "	" 0 00 " 0 00
Eggs, "	" 20 " 0 00
Buckwheat, Rough, per cwt.	1 70 " 0 00
" Grey, "	" 1 90 " 0 00
Hams, per lb	" 0 10 " 0 11
Shoulders, "	" 0 08 " 0 09
Hams, smoked, "	" 0 10 " 0 11
Shoulders, "	" 0 08 " 0 09
Bacon, "	" 0 08 " 0 09
Rabbits, per pair	" 0 00 " 0 00

The markets were poorly supplied during the week, except Saturday.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Fisheries will receive Tenders up to the 25th inst., for the charter of six swift sailing Fore and Aft Schooners, of between 60 and 90 Tons, registered Tonnage, to be well found, thoroughly fastened, and not over six years old.

Each vessel to be provided with two suitable boats, and the Schooner, outfit and boats, to be subject to the approval of an officer of the Department before being accepted.

These vessels are to be employed as a "Fisheries Police Force" on the Sea Coasts of Canada, and are to be at the risk of owners.

The officers and the crews will be provided, and the vessels provisioned at the expense of the Government.

Tenders are to be for six months' service, from the date of Vessel being accepted by the Department, the right of cancellation of charter, however, being reserved after three months, upon giving one month's notice of the Government's intention to do so.

Tenders are to state a price at which the owner is willing to sell the vessel offered for charter. The Government to have the option of purchasing at any period during the existence of the charter.

Tenders may be for one or more vessels. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Specifications and forms of tender can be had on application to the Fisheries Department, at Ottawa; W. H. Vening, Inspector of Fisheries at St. John, N. B.; W. H. Rogers, Inspector of Fisheries at Amherst; N. S.; J. H. Dwyer, Inspector of Fisheries, Alberton, P. E. Island; and the Collectors of Customs at Quebec, St. John, N. B., Chatham, N. B., Halifax, N. S., and Charlottetown, P. E. Island.

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By order, JOHN TILTON, Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

Department of Fisheries, Ottawa, 3rd March, 1886.

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