

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

The Attorney General introduced a bill to abolish the Legislative Council in 1890. He explained that the failure of the Council to meet the Assembly for conference on the subject made it necessary to ask the House to pass the bill. He further said that the bill as it stands does not provide for any compensation to members for being required to give up their seats. It was the government's intention to add one or two sections providing for compensation for the older members of the council, for those appointed previous to July 1, 1867. No doubt such a proposition would be agreeable to the public sense. It was proper that the men who were appointed to that body 20 years ago, and who had reason to believe that their appointments would be for life, should receive compensation. Not so, however, in reference to the more recently and younger members of the council; it was not proposed to give them any retiring allowance, for they had taken positions in the council knowing that there was a feeling in the country in favor of abolishing that body. It was eminently proper that the older members—those appointed previous to July 1st, 1867—should receive an annual allowance, and in their accepting it they saw nothing detracting from their personal character or dignity. He warned those in the council who were not now favorable to the abolition, and who had previously declared themselves against that body, to remember that the eyes of the people were upon them. He was unwilling to believe that any one appointed to the council by this government would sacrifice their honor and principles and go back on their public declarations in reference to their attitude towards the legislative council.

The bill was agreed to without division of the House. Dr. Atkinson moved his resolution, that in the opinion of this house the constitution of the province should be amended so as to provide for biennial sessions of the legislature, supporting it in a lengthy speech.

Mr. Baird seconded the resolution also speaking at considerable length. Mr. White moved and Mr. Killam seconded an amendment, that the present was an inopportune time to consider this question, the former supporting the amendment in a 15 minutes' speech. Messrs. Wilson and Hetherington opposed the resolution. The amendment was carried on the following division:—Yeas—Blair, McLellan, Ryan, Mitchell, Ritchie, Turner, Hanington, Black, Tweedie, Park, Killam, Wilson, Glasier, Harrison, Leblanc, Burchill, Labilloy, Taylor, White, Hatcher, Quinton, Stockton, Lewis, Hibbard, Palmer, Hetherington, Berryman, Russel, Bellamy, Moore.—30.

Nays—Young, Murray, Baird, Douglas, Humphrey, Atkinson, Ketchum.—7. The Legislative Council threw out the Government's bill for the abolition of that branch. Five—Messrs. Harrison, Holly, Thompson, Flewelling and Barbarie—Voted in favour of it.

News of the Week.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The St. John School Board asks the city to assess \$53,000 for the current year, which is \$2,000 less than the amount asked for last year.

A new line of telegraph is being stretched between Bangor and St. John.

The Albert Maple Leaf says: There was a marriage at German-town, last Saturday evening, in which a young man of this village was a prominent party. The groom is "sweet 16," and the bride is 11 years his senior.

Guy, Bevan and Company has followed that of R. A. & J. Stewart into insolvency. These two firms have probably absorbed about three-quarters of a million of the money which the unsuspecting public had placed in the hands of the bank.

During the present week several horse dealers have been in the Province buying up horses for the United States market. On Wednesday last 17 animals, half of which number were purchased in Petitcodiac, were forwarded to Boston. The animals were valued at \$1,833.

A Silver Fox Skin, one of the rarest and most valuable of furs, was purchased from a resident of Long Island, by Messrs. C. & E. Everett, for \$80.

The residence of Mr. Geo. Kitchen, about a mile above the city was completely destroyed by fire Friday night. A defective flue was the cause. The building and a portion of the furniture were covered by insurance.

The Highway Bridge in course of construction at Fredericton Junction is being pushed rapidly along.

No complaint can now be made of the passenger rolling stock on the Fredericton branch. A splendid car, newly painted and varnished, has replaced the car that had been there for some time.

An effort is being made to put street cars upon the streets of Fredericton. Mr. Zebley, the manager and promoter of the street railway in St. John, is the originator of the scheme.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Halifax Recorder says that W. H. Ray, Esq., ex-M. P. for Annapolis, has been called to the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia.

At New Glasgow on Thursday morning, a commercial traveller named B. Heath, of Toronto, dropped dead on the railway platform.

Chas. W. Clements' house at Salem, N. S., was destroyed by fire on Monday afternoon. The house was a handsome and valuable one. The disaster was caused by the explosion of a lamp.

The railway department Ottawa has received encouraging advice from Cape Breton regarding progress of work on the island railway. Operations will be carried forward on a more extensive scale as soon as the snow disappears, giving employment to thousands of men. So far several miles of road have been graded, ready to receive rails. Extensive docks will be built at Port Tupper on the Straits of Canso.

It is estimated that over two thousand large loads of oyster shells and mud have been placed on farms in the vicinity of Port Philip and Pugwash, N. S. this season; and next year mud digging will be carried on extensively; one bed at the mouth of River Philip is over 25 feet deep with oyster shells.

Judge Weatherbee has six months leave of absence, and intends taking a trip to England.

The stockholders of the defunct Liverpool bank are to have a consultation with the minister of finance, with a view to settlement of the government claim.

The Pictou miners are still out on strike, and it is not known when they will go to work. The strike is having a bad effect on business generally, and it is in the interest of all concerned that a satisfactory and speedy settlement should be arrived at.

Robert Logan, a miner in the McGuire gold mines, Brookfield, N. S., was crushed to death on Wednesday last, by some rock falling upon him.

The suppression of one hundred saloons during the week in the city of Halifax has not led to any social or business disruptions. The wheels of traffic roll on as before. The main difference is in the depletion of saloon receipts, and in the larger amounts which several working men have been able to spend for the home comforts of their families.

A fire in Canning, N. S. on Friday morning destroyed the house of Mr. Albert Borden, and he was burned to death in it. He was acting Post-Master of the Village.

At Antigonish on Saturday an attempt was made to rob the Merchant's Bank. The would-be robbers' name is Steele. He went to the bank and asked Agent Currie to come into the private room on business. As soon as they went in Steele pulled out two revolvers and fired, the ball striking the agent on the temple. They grappled and in the struggle Steele was thrown, but Steele fired a second time, the ball grazing the rib below the heart and going into the wall. The boy in the outside office ran for help and Steele was arrested. When told that he had killed Currie he took it quite coolly. There was about \$50,000 in the bank at the time.

OTHER PROVINCES.

Charlottetown P. E. I. purposes erecting a new city building and fish market building, and making other improvements.

A proclamation has been issued calling the Manitoba legislature to meet for despatch of business on April 24th.

The Marine department has received a report from Captain Barry, of the "Neptune," regarding the navigability of the straits between Prince Edward Island and the mainland during the winter months. He is of opinion that the crossing from Charlottetown is feasible after the formation of ice in Hillsboro bay. He does not consider it safe for vessels to run between Charlottetown and Pictou once heavy ice comes down in shoals and piles in the bay.

UNITED STATES.

John Taylor & Co.'s pork packing establishment at Trenton, N. J., was burned Friday night. The loss will reach nearly \$250,000.

On Thursday morning a freight train went through a bridge nine miles from Liberty, Virginia, on the Norfolk and Western railroad. The bridge was in process of repair and eight or nine men were killed and several others wounded.

The boarding house of Bond & Clancy at Colby mine, Michigan, was burned Wednesday morning. Twelve mine laborers, all single men, perished in the flames. The building was a two-story frame structure and burned like tinder, leaving no time for alarm after the fire was discovered. Several persons were seriously injured.

The Bangor Commercial says of Maine lumberers:—Much suffering is reported among the horses in the up river lumber camps owing to the deep snows. Supplies cannot be hauled in and one lumberman said to day that horses a long distance in the woods would have to be killed. This will be a heavy loss to the operators, who have been making but little since the deep snow commenced. We hear of one crew but a short distance in the woods where the men placed the horses upon long sleds and hauled them out one by one, the animals being unable to get out themselves. Such are some of the experiences of the Maine lumbermen.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Chinese advices tell of a dreadful tragedy at Aisia Ship, China, 10 miles northeast of Hongbow. Over 300 tramps appeared in the village and the inhabitants, greatly irritated by their presence, inveigled the whole body into the temple, and during the night set fire to the edifice. Only 40 of the tramps escaped from the blazing building, the remainder being burned to death.

On Thursday eighty-five men were entombed by the explosion in the Bulli Colliery Sydney, N. S. W. The accident occurred in a tunnel a mile and a half from the mouth of the pit. Seven bodies have been recovered.

The Tagblatt says that Prince Bismarck's precise words at the recent banquet were: "Peace is completely assured. The year 1887 will be a year of peace. There is no cause for anxiety in the east or in the west."

Friday night a division was taken in the commons, on Morley's amendment to the government's motion to grant urgency for the coercion bill, and the amendment was rejected by a vote of 349 to 260.

The resolution to grant urgency for the crimes bill was agreed to and the first reading of the bill was fixed for Monday.

On Wednesday, an explosion by which seventy miners were killed, occurred in the Bulli colliery at Sydney, New South Wales.

A Russian policeman, arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the plot to assassinate the Czar, attempted to commit suicide. It is reported he made a highly important confession disclosing a widespread conspiracy.

The queen visited Birmingham Wednesday and laid the foundation stone of Victoria assize court building. The weather was fine. Public buildings and private residences were profusely decorated. The streets through which her majesty passed were spanned by triumphal arches and thronged with people and the reception given the queen was hearty and enthusiastic.

FREE TRADE.

The reduction of internal revenue and the taking off of revenue stamps from Proprietary Medicines, no doubt has largely benefited the consumers, as well as relieving the burden of home manufacturers. Especially is this the case with Green's August Flower and Bosche's German Syrup, as the reduction of thirty-six cents per dozen, has been added to increase the size of the bottles containing these remedies, thereby giving one-fifth more medicine in the 75 cent size. The August Flower for Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, and the German Syrup for Cough and Lung troubles, have perhaps, the largest sale of any medicines in the world. The advantage of increased size of the bottles will be greatly appreciated by the sick and afflicted, in every town and village in civilized countries. Sample bottles for 10 cents remain the same size.

SATISFIED CONFIDENCE.

W. J. B. Girard, of St. Edwidge, Clifton, P. Q., says, "I am well satisfied with the use of Burdock Blood Bitters; it has cured me of dyspepsia that I had for three years. I used five bottles, and shall tell every person I know that may be attacked with similar sickness, and should not be afraid to guarantee every bottle used."

CURE FOR CROUP.

Prompt relief to prevent suffocation from the accumulation of tough mucous—the formation of false membrane—and the constriction of the air passage, is necessary in case of a sudden attack of croup. Hagyard's Yellow Oil should be used at once, afterwards Hagyard's Pectoral Balm.

Dr. Barker, of the Brighton (England) Hospital, says, "Ridge's Food resembles mother's milk so closely that infants are reared and well reared, exclusively upon it." Another physician, at the head of an orphan asylum, says, "I have been using this preparation for five years or more, and have the almost unbounded faith in it." Another says, "I had long tried to procure for a pair of twins in my practice a food that would not accideate, etc." Ridge's Food fulfills the condition perfectly.

A LUCKY ESCAPE.

"For six years I suffered with my throat and enlarged tonsils. I was very weak; I doctored four years, and had advice from three doctors; they said I would have to undergo an operation. I tried B. B. B. instead. One bottle cured me." M. A. Squelch, Raglan, Ont.

HIGHLY SPOKEN OF.

Mr. James M. Lawson, of Woodville, Ont., speaks in high terms of Yellow Oil for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and painful complaints. Yellow Oil is used internally and externally in case of pain; also coughs, colds, sore throat, etc., and has made many remarkable cures of deafness.

A GOOD MOTIVE.

Harry Ricardo, of Toronto, agent for Fine Art Publications, states that he was so troubled with deafness for eight years that he could scarcely attend to business, until he tried Yellow Oil. He desires to make this cure known, for the benefit of others afflicted.

THE STORY OF HUNDREDS.

In a recent letter received from Mrs. Sarah A. Mills, of Wheatley, Ont., she says, "I was a sufferer for six years with dyspepsia and liver complaint. My food did not digest, and I grew weaker every day. I lost appetite and had little hope of recovery. I tried many remedies, but all in vain, till I took Burdock Blood Bitters. The first bottle gave relief; after taking seven bottles, I am thankful that I now enjoy good health."

The True Philosophy of Medication is not to dose for symptoms, but to root out disease. Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure, the Great Blood Purifier, has proved itself equal to this task. It is most searching without being a violent remedy for Constipation, Biliousness and Indigestion. It is as well adapted to the needs and physical temperaments of delicate females as to the more robust sex, and is a fine preventive of disease as well as a remedy for it.

J. H. Earl, West Shefford, P. Q., writes: "I have been troubled with liver complaint for several years, and have tried different medicines with little or no benefit, until I tried Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, which gave me immediate relief, and I would say that I have used it since with the best effect. No one should be without it. I have tried it on my horse in cases of cuts, wounds, &c., and think it equally as good for horse as for man."

G. A. Dixon, Frankville, Ont., says: "He was cured of chronic bronchitis that troubled him for seventeen years, by the use of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil."

Severe colds are cured by the use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, a medicine of extraordinary penetrating and healing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs, and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favourite with ladies and children.

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MARKET REPORTS.

Table with columns for commodity (Pork, Beef, Mutton, etc.), unit (per lb., per bush, etc.), and price. Includes sub-sections for Fredericton and St. John.

ST. JOHN.

Table listing prices for various commodities in St. John, including flour, molasses, and general groceries.

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Advertisement for Ridge's Food, featuring an illustration of a baby and text describing the food's benefits for infants and invalids.

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