

## Parliament.

On Wednesday Hon. Mr. Thompson, minister of justice, introduced four of the promised government measures. These were:—An act to abolish forfeiture for treason and felony,—in explanation of which it was stated that in place of forfeiture the estates of persons incarcerated for these offences were to be administered by persons appointed for the purpose and out of proceeds of estate compensation was to be taken for injuries inflicted by the convict.

An act to amend the act respecting elections of members of the house of commons. This comprises the principal provisions of the bill of last session and also in the direction of relieving candidates for disability arising under present law from trivial acts of persons in no wise their agents and committed against their express desire. Seven years disqualification is prescribed for persons guilty of illegal practices.

An act to amend the act respecting punishments, pardons and commutation of sentences. This is merely to remedy a defect in the present law in its application to the Northwest territory.

An act to consolidate and amend the law respecting fraudulent marks on merchandise. This is an adaptation of the English act of 87, and which the colonies have been asked to adopt. In the act protection by criminal process, is confined to registered trade marks, and summary conviction has been substituted for indictment.

Sir Richard Cartwright inquired of the finance minister, the Premier being absent, whether the government had taken cognizance of the retaliatory bill now before the United States congress.

Sir Charles Tupper replied that the government had not had its attention drawn to the bill to which reference was made. He thought, however, that the bill had been introduced under the mistaken impression that Canada was unwilling to carry out the arrangements appearing on the statute book respecting reciprocity in tariffs on natural products, and that the action which the Canadian government had just taken would entirely remove this impression. Since the discussion on this matter in the house before the holidays, a communication had been received from Sir Lionel West, conveying information that certain articles included in the list published in our statutory offer had been placed on the free list by the United States, and upon this intimation the government had considered the matter and had passed an order in council putting the same articles on the Canadian free list. A proclamation to this effect would appear in the next official gazette. He was sure that the action taken in this matter would commend itself to both sides of the house, as it had been the avowed policy of both parties to obtain a free interchange of natural products of both countries. It had been the general desire to secure a reciprocity treaty on fair terms, and failing this, a reciprocity of tariffs, or as far as possible for the free exchange of at least those natural products embraced in the treaty of 1854.

The following goods are placed on the free list: Green fruits, viz., bananas, olives, pine apples, plantains, tamarinds, apples, blackberries, gooseberries, raspberries, strawberries, cherries, cranberries, peaches, plums, quinces, and apricots; mangoes and melons; seeds—viz, anise, star, canary, caraway, crude coriander, chia, crude cinnamon, crude fenugreek, crude fennel, jute, brown and white mustard seed, sugar beet, seeds of fruit trees and sesame; plants—viz, trees and shrubs, apple, peach, pear, plum, cherry, quince, and all other fruit trees; gooseberry, raspberry, blackberry currant and rose bushes, grape vines, shade, lawn and ornamental trees, shrubs and plants.

The restricted Reciprocity discussion, which consumed three weeks, was closed Saturday morning. The amendment to Sir Richard Cartwright's resolution, moved by Hon. Geo. E. Foster was carried by 124 to 67.

## N. B. Legislature.

The house went into committee of supply, Mr. Palmer in the chair. The item of \$2,500 for stock farm was passed without discussion.

On the item of \$20,000 for importation of stock, Hon. Mr. McLellan said it was proposed to import 20 sheep and 20 fillies. It was proposed to sell all this stock outright to farmers, and others. The item passed.

The item of \$25,000 for departmental buildings was discussed from 10 o'clock until nearly 1 o'clock in the morning, and then passed. When Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and the resolutions were reported to him, Mr. Hanington moved an amendment declaring it inexpedient at present to appropriate any large amount for new departmental buildings.

The amendment was lost, the

vote for the resolution being: Yeas, Blair, McLellan, Ryan, Mitchell, Ritchie, Turner, Alward, Morrissey, Leblanc, Killam, Wilson, Russell, Giesler, Harrison, Phinney, Theriault, Labilliois, Taylor, White, Hutchison, Quinton, Stockton, Murray, Lewis, Hibbard, Palmer, Douglas, Ketchum, Burchill, Berryman, Bellamy, Moore, 32; nays, Hanington, Tweedie, Young, Humphrey, Atkinson, 5.

Mr. Burchill committed the bill incorporating the Chatham Electric Light company and the telephone exchange. Agreed to.

When the Fredericton boom bill came up for its third reading, Dr. Atkinson moved an amendment that it be referred back to the committee of the whole with instructions to amend the 17th section so as to make rafting and booms charges \$1.15 per thousand instead of \$1.25 as in the bill.

The amendment was lost, the resolution being carried by 19 and 17.

Hon. Mr. Ritchie committed the bill relating to the Supreme Court of Canada, which provides that the Supreme court of Canada and the Exchequer Court of Canada, or the Supreme Court of Canada alone, according to the provisions of the act of the Parliament of Canada known as "The supreme and exchequer court act," shall have jurisdiction in the following cases:

(1) Of controversies between the dominion of Canada and this province. (2) Of controversies between any other province of the dominion which have passed or may hereafter pass an act similar to this chapter and this province. (3) Of suits, actions or proceedings in which the parties thereto, by their pleadings have raised the question of the validity of an act of the parliament of Canada or an act of the legislature of this province, when in the opinion of the supreme court of New Brunswick, such question is material, and in such case the supreme court of New Brunswick shall, at the request of the parties, and may without such request, order the case to be removed to the supreme court in order to the decision of such questions. Agreed to.

The bills incorporating the Eel River Valley Railway Company, for the establishment of District Courts, and to confirm the mortgage given by the Central Railway Company to the Central Trust Co., New York, were discussed in committee and progress reported.

The bills authorizing Charlotte municipality to sell part of the Eastern commons to the St. Andrews Land Co., to incorporate the Albert & Westmorland Telephone Co., to incorporate the National Mining Association of New Brunswick, and to provide for the erection of an almshouse and workhouse in Albert county were agreed to.

The bill to amend the Liquor License Act of 1887 was withdrawn. The amendments proposed were all in the interests of the rum-sellers, and the House was not disposed to entertain them.

Bills permitting the Baptist Seminary, St. Martins, to issue debentures; to permit the St. John school trustees to lease their property, were agreed to.

The Legislative Council did not pass two of the law commission's bills (1) relating to trial by jury and (2) relating to practice and procedure in the courts.

The legislature was prorogued at 7.30 Friday evening.

## News of the Week.

## NEW BRUNSWICK

On Friday last Mr. Thos Myles, an old and well known resident of St. Marys, dropped dead on Queen St. in this city. He had just walked from his home across the bridge.

Thursday night in Richibucto, the safes of Henry O'Leary and Martin Flanagan's stores were blown open and completely destroyed by burglars. O'Leary lost about one hundred dollars, and two watches, one gold and one silver. The papers in the safe were somewhat damaged. Flanagan's safe was completely gutted and the papers much damaged. No money was missing. Some of the tools used were stolen from O'Brien's blacksmith shop.

John A. Chesley was elected Mayor of Portland on Thursday, without opposition.

A boy named William Breen, was drowned in Lower Cove, St. John on Friday. He fell from a floating cake of ice.

The saw and lath mills at Marysville are running full blast and all the mills hands are at work again.

The right to do the corporation driving on the St. John and tributaries was sold last Wednesday to W. Giberson of Andover, who is to receive 14 cents per thousand from Grand Falls and Aroostook, seven cents from Tobique, five cents from Salmon river and one cent from Florenceville, Guimic and Woodstock.

Over 1,900 immigrants are expected to land in Halifax this week. The first instalment of 211 was brought by the Grecian last week. The remainder are expected by the Pomeranian, Sardinian and Carthaginian, bringing 600, 910 and 250 respectively.

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Gabriel Bear, a St. Mary's, Indian, has been sent to jail for a month for beating his wife, Commissioner Farrell having brought the charge before the police magistrate.

The Intercolonial railway used last year 184,653 tons of coal.

Queen's county—J. DeVeber Neales, to be clerk of the peace, in room of T. Medley Wetmore, removed; Charles A. Harding, to be clerk of the circuits, in room of T. Medley Wetmore, removed; Henry A. DuVernet, to be a commissioner of the parish of Gagetown civil court, in room of T. Medley Wetmore, removed.

A five-year-old lad, son of William McCarron, of Newburg, C. Co. fell into a well near his father's residence, Friday morning and was drowned. The well was deep, but considerable ice had accumulated around the top and the child probably slipped in head foremost.

Constable Jas. Farrell of Shediac went to Painsie Junction on Friday to collect a fine for violation of the Scott Act from Thos. Bastian. The two men had a discussion over the subject of Farrell's visit, Bastian being heard to declare that he was not going to pay anything. Farrell replied that he had a distraint warrant in his pocket. Bastian warned Farrell not to touch anything in the house, but the constable did not heed the warning and proceeded to the shop to execute the warrant. Bastian hastened into his bedroom and obtained a revolver there and as Farrell was at the door leading from the front room into the shop he fired upon him. Farrell was struck on the left side near the groin. Bastian's wife and stepdaughter heard the shot and hurried into the room and Bastian was about to fire again when his wife caught hold of his arm and the shot struck the wall near the ceiling over the door. Bastian then rushed into the shop or bar-room, while Farrell ran out. The wife understood Bastian to say, "They will never hang me." They heard the sound of another shot, and rushing in found him lying dead on the floor. He never moved after they saw him. The wounded constable was removed to his home in Shediac. It was at first thought the wound was not prove fatal but he steadily grew worse and died early Saturday morning.

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## Statement of Accounts for '87.

INCOME.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Premiums—Life.	\$408,768 60	Dividends on Capital.	\$6,250 00
Accident.	18,550 42	Death Claims, including bonuses.	\$76,657 53
	\$427,319 02	Matured End'm'ts, including bonuses.	19,406 13
Less Paid for Re-Assurances.	\$2,543 24	Annuity payments.	1,217 80
	\$424,775 78	Accident Claims.	8,289 11
Interest.	58,038 53	Profits paid Policy-holders.	74,501 93
Rents.	1,545 23	Surrender values.	14,660 15
Profits on Real Est. and Deb. sold.	11,472 00		
		Expense Account.	194,732 65
		Commission.	79,457 02
		Medical Fees.	39,326 27
			8,206 60
		Total Disbursements.	327,972 52
		Surplus over Disbursements.	167,859 02
Total Income.	\$495,831 54		\$495,831 54

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Debentures.	\$136,762 60	Life Reserves [Institute of Actuaries H.M. table, 4 1/2 per ct. int.]	\$1,125,720 47
Stock—Montreal Loan and Mortgage Co., market value	27,082 50	Annuity reserves	9,769 33
Loan on Hamilton Provident and Loan Co. Stock (market value, \$1,440).	3,000 00		1,135,489 86
Loans on Real Estate, first mortgages.	891,908 48	Less reserves on Policies re-assured	3,905 24
Real Estate.	31,286 36		1,131,584 62
Loans on Company's Policies (Reserves on same being \$124,000)	64,388 11	Unearned Accident Premiums	9,594 10
Cash on hand and in bank.	18,280 87	Death Claims [life] reported but not proved or awaiting discharge	17,916 20
Bills receivable.	1,444 03	Death claims resisted	2,000 00
Office furniture	3,330 70	Profits due Policy-holders.	6,656 66
Agents' balances.	3,379 09	Sinking Fund deposited for Debentures.	6,547 73
Committed commissions	10,961 00		
Interest due.	6,861 66	Total Liabilities.	1,174,499 31
Interest accrued.	18,978 29	Cash surplus to Policy-holders	138,005 17
Rents due and accrued.	222 50		
Outstanding premiums on Policies in force (composed largely of amts. on which the days of grace are current).	\$ 68,545 20	Capital paid-up.	\$ 62,500 00
Deferred Premiums	39,174 55	Surplus over all Liabilities and Capital Stock.	75,505 17
	\$107,719 75		\$138,005 17
Less 10 per cent, for collection.	10 771 97		
(The Reserves on these Policies included in the Liabilities are over \$320,000)	96,947 78	[Including uncalled capital the surplus to policy-holders is \$575,505 17.	
Surpluses.	388 51		
	\$1,312,504 48		
Capital stock subscribed, but not called up.	437,500 00		\$1,312,504 48
Total Assets.	\$1,750,004 48		