

Parliament.
Mr. Armstrong gave notice of a resolution on Wednesday next, that in the opinion of the house commercial union with the United States would be eventually advantageous to both countries and that it is therefore the duty of the government to use all proper means to secure such union.

The government has announced that it is not their intention to introduce any tariff legislation during the present session.

The report of the department of the interior was laid on the table. The statement of home-stead and pre-emption entries and sales made at agencies during the year is: home-steads, 319,500 acres; pre-emptions, 87,747; sales, 114,544, a reduction compared with the previous year in pre-emptions, but a large increase of homesteads by actual settlers.

Mr. Metcalfe, chief of the intelligence office company, shows six thousand more immigrants than in the previous year.

British Columbia members urge measures to restrict the opium traffic. In six years the import of crude opium into British Columbia increased from seventeen to one hundred and five thousand pounds, or over five hundred per cent. Victoria has thirteen opium factories in operation, of which the greater portion is smuggled across into the United States.

Mr. Mills of Annapolis presented a petition in re the incorporation of Annapolis and Atlantic railway company.

Mr. Laurier was afraid to press a division and the motion was carried. In reply to Mr. Edgar's questions, Hon. Mr. Foster showed that Canadian vessels do not usually pay dues from which the treaty exempts Americans.

Sir Richard Cartwright on Friday will move a resolution that it is highly desirable that the largest possible freedom of commercial intercourse should obtain between Canada and the United States; that it is expedient that all articles manufactured or the natural products of either country should enter free of duty, except those subject to excise; that it is further expedient that the government of the Dominion should take steps at an early day to ascertain what terms, conditions and arrangements can be effected with the United States for the purpose of securing unrestricted reciprocity of trade therewith.

Mr. Guillet's enquiry in re John V. Ellis, after considerable confusion, was ruled out of order by the Speaker, as containing statements of fact and opinion. Mr. Guillet will amend his enquiry.

In reply to Mr. Mitchell, Sir Charles said he was warranted in saying that there had been negotiations on trade relations by the Washington Commission, as well as on fishery matters. He said no arrangement had been reached in reference to the Behring sea difficulty.

Sir Charles announced that he had brought down the estimates in advance of his financial statement, which would, according to the English custom, be made at a later day. The estimates are as follows:

Service.	
Public debt (including sinking fund).....	\$11,875,381
Charges of management.....	185,018
Civil government.....	1,304,524
Administration of justice.....	686,524
Police.....	16,500
Penitentiaries.....	357,351
Legislation.....	709,080
Arts, agriculture and statistics.....	147,950
Immigration.....	114,389
Quarantine.....	78,864
Pensions and superannuations.....	336,391
Militia.....	1,326,500
Railways and canals (income).....	273,850
Public Works (income).....	1,755,350
Ocean and river service.....	207,000
Lighthouse and coast service.....	586,360
Scientific institutions.....	61,250
Marine hospitals, etc.....	62,000
Steamboat inspection.....	25,000
Fisheries.....	375,560
Superintendence of insurance.....	8,500
Subsidies to provinces.....	4,188,454
Geological survey.....	60,000
Indians.....	1,005,702
Northwest mounted police.....	748,426
Miscellaneous.....	475,189
Collection of Revenues.	
Customs.....	854,430
Excise.....	351,627
Culling timber.....	54,900
Weights & measures & gas.....	87,970
Inspection of staples.....	2,500
Adulteration of food.....	25,000
Minor revenues.....	4,000
Railways and canals.....	3,729,516
Public works.....	190,025
Post office.....	2,967,623
Dominion lands.....	181,268
Total consolidated fund.....	\$35,421,440
Redemption of debt.....	\$ 3,064,386
Railways and canals (capital).....	5,249,790
Public works (do).....	310,700
Dominion lands.....	110,000
Total capital.....	\$ 8,764,876
Grand total.....	\$44,186,316

Public Works Chargeable to income
The new appropriations are:

McNair's cove, pier repairs.....	\$ 4,500
Bay St. Lawrence.....	12,000
Bayfield wharf repairs.....	3,500
Blue rock.....	3,000
Broad cove.....	2,300
Eatonville pier.....	3,000
Liamore.....	1,000
Mabou.....	1,000
Sheet harbor.....	2,000
Spencer's island pier.....	5,000
Yarmouth—removal of rocks.....	1,000
Total.....	\$38,300

New Brunswick
River St John..... \$ 5,000
Rocher bay..... 750
Baie Verte ballast pier..... 3,000

N. B. Legislature.

The session of the Legislature was opened with the usual ceremonies on Thursday last. The following is the Governor's Speech:

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

"It is my pleasing duty to welcome you on again assembling for your legislative duties, and to congratulate you on the general contentment, and the many evidences of increased business prosperity throughout the country.

"I have great pleasure in informing you that the unsettled claim of this Province, growing out of the Eastern Extension matter, has been pressed vigorously upon the attention of the Dominion Government, and I have no doubt Parliament will be asked to make an appropriation in settlement thereof at the present session.

My government has felt it to be its duty to claim a preference as a crown debt for the balance of provincial funds on deposit in the Maritime Bank at the time of its suspension. As the liquidators of the bank have been advised that this claim for a preference is not sustainable, I have approved of a special case being stated for the opinion of the courts upon the question.

On the invitation of the government of the sister Province of Quebec, delegates from my government attended a conference at the city of Quebec, in October last, of gentlemen representing the Executives of four of the Provinces of Canada to consult upon question of inter-provincial interest.

The resolutions unanimously adopted at the conference will be communicated to you, and I invite your favorable consideration to such bills as may be found necessary to lay before you in furtherance of the conclusions at which the Conference arrived.

I have caused plans and specifications to be carefully prepared with a view to the erection of the departmental buildings mentioned at the opening of your last session, and I trust these plans will be found on inspection to provide for the departmental offices and records at a moderate cost, and with the needed security and accommodation.

With a view to stimulating a branch of agricultural industry, for which this Province is particularly well adapted, I shall ask you to make a grant for a considerable importation of sheep.

From the readiness with which you have always responded to calls in aid of the farming interest, I look with confidence for a liberal appropriation in respect of this and other proposals of a like character which shall be submitted to you.

Under the authority of the act passed at the last session of the Legislature, a commission was appointed upon whom I devolved the duty of examining into the whole subject of the constitution of existing civil courts in the Province, and the law practice and procedure, with a view to the suggestion of such amendments therein as might be deemed expedient. The commission has entered upon its work and has made a partial report, which will be laid before you.

I shall invite you to consider the present laws relating to agriculture, embracing the question of the Provincial Board, the distribution of local societies, and the disbursement of the agricultural grant. I am led to entertain a doubt whether, under existing conditions and circumstances, the best results are being attained of which the present expenditure is capable.

I have directed the accounts of the income and expenditure for the past year, as well as a statement of the receipts and payments of the current year up to the opening of the present session, to be laid before you.

Estimates of the probable income and expenditure for the current year will also be submitted to you, and I think you will find that the estimates of expenditure have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

The resolutions of the Inter-Provincial Conference, agreeably to one of the conditions upon which the same received the unanimous sup-

port of the conference, will be submitted for your approval.

In addition to the measures I have indicated,—

A bill to make provision for the organization of the Public Departments.

A bill for the consolidation and amendment of the laws relating to lands and other property of the crown.

A bill relating to mines and minerals.

A bill for the consolidation and amendment of the game laws; and other measures of importance will be laid before you, and with full confidence in your patriotism and zeal in the public service, I leave you to your deliberations.

There has not been any business of importance done yet. Committees are busy. Departmental and other reports have been submitted.

The Prov. Sec. submitted the following estimates for the current year:

Administration of Justice:	
Equity chambers, St. John.....	\$150
Judges' chambers and law library, St. John.....	300
Total.....	\$450 00
Agriculture:	
Stock farm.....	\$1,500
Expenses imported horses.....	1,750
Total.....	6,250 00
Blind asylum, Halifax.....	900 00
Contingencies, legislative and public departments	12,000 00
Deaf and dumb institution, F'ton, toward maintenance.....	1,500 00
Education:	
School houses, poor districts.....	1,500
Re-vote.....	378
Total.....	1,878 00
Fisheries protection.....	1,500 00
Free grants act.....	5,000 00
Legislation:	
Librarian.....	\$500
Insurance on library.....	50
Books.....	500
Total.....	1,050 00
Officers and messengers	
Legislative council.....	1,200 00
Officers and messengers house of assembly.....	1,760 00
Janatic asylum, maintenance.....	35,000 00
Lunatic asylum, annex, etc, re-vote.....	2,000 00
Natural History society.....	125 00
N. B. Historical society.....	\$125
Re-vote.....	125
Total.....	250 00
Public health.....	2,750 00
Public hospitals.....	12,000 00
Public printing.....	12,000 00
Public works:	
Great roads and bridges	95,000 00
Steam navigation, etc.....	9,500 00
Legislative buildings.....	\$7,000
Government house.....	1,500
Normal school.....	2,500
Lunatic asylum.....	1,500
Total.....	12,500 00
Miscellaneous expenses of dept.....	2,850 00
Balance due to bank over expended by board of works as per vira account 31st Dec, 1887.....	1,270 29
By-roads.....	70,000 00
Rifle Association.....	300 00
Refunds, crown lands.....	600 00
Surveys and railroad inspection.....	2,000 00
Unforeseen expenses.....	2,000 00
Total.....	\$282,493 29

On motion of Hon. Mr. McLellan, seconded by Hon. Mr. Mitchell, supply was made the order of the day for Wednesday next, at 2.30 p. m.

House adjourned till 2.30 p. m., Monday.

News of the Week.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mr. Andrew Hayes, of Portland, will leave here Monday for Dorchester, where he has been appointed head baker in the penitentiary in the place of the late Mr. Gough.

It is asserted that a former partner in a St Stephen firm has informed upon certain smuggling operations of the concern, and the result is a \$6,000 payment of back duties to the dominion customs.

A petition has been filed against the return of G. F. Baird M. P. for Queens Co.

Capt. Scott, representing the Marine Department, made inquiry into the charges against Capt. Porter and mate Goudey of the Vancouver. As a result of the investigation he cancelled the certificates of both.

One of the long spans, 224 feet, of the Fredericton bridge has been completed. It is the third from the shore. The fourth will be finished this week.

The export from Fredericton during February comprised 101 carloads of hemlock bark, 1,212 cords, value \$4,848. The bark was shipped by Mr. D. F. George.

Mr. Alex. Gibson has purchased nearly all the available deals about the port for early spring shipment. He will have between fifteen and seventeen million feet.

Andrew Graham, a young fisherman of Musquash harbor, is missing and is supposed to have been drowned on Thursday night. He left in a small boat Tuesday evening to join his vessel at Dipper harbor. It is believed that he has been blown out to sea.

Edith, the youngest daughter of Capt. James Thompson, of Black's Harbor, went to a well near her father's house to draw a pail of water, one night recently. It is supposed that on reaching for water she fell in. Her body was found the following morning.

Postmaster Johnson, of Newcastle died Wednesday afternoon.

Jas. Hayes of St. Marys was fined \$100 on Saturday for violation of the C. T. Act. Capt. Howe, the C. T. A. Inspector is looking sharply after violators of the law.

NOVA SCOTIA.

A correspondent informs the Halifax Chronicle that a syndicate of Boston and New York capitalists have purchased a tract of land on each side of the strait of Canso, a few miles from Port Mulgrave, where they propose to erect summer hotels and establish a fashionable watering place. Mr. Page, the agent and engineer of the syndicate told the correspondent that they had already expended \$25,000, and intended to expend \$150,000, during the coming season in improving the property.

The lobster fishermen of Beckett, N. S., have petitioned the government, complaining against the recent order in council restricting lobster fishing and asking for an extension of time from 15th September to 15th November. In support of their petition they state the great majority of inhabitants are dependent on lobster fishing and if the order in-council restricting the period to the months of May and June is enforced it will occasion a great deal of poverty and distress.

William Moody, of the Gulf Shore Cumberland County, N. S., will celebrate his 107th anniversary on March 10th. The old gentleman, although confined to his bed the best part of the time, is still in possession of all his faculties, having a remarkably clear memory and a most wonderful appetite.

A young woman had her leg broken on Saturday night in New Glasgow, by a coasting sled striking her. Two other young women were badly hurt in a like manner.

Active steps are being taken to start a creamery in Truro.

An emigrant's home has been established in Halifax.

The Woodsie Sugar Refinery, Dartmouth, N. S., which has been idle for a year, is to be started again the English bondholders interested having formed a syndicate to operate it. A cargo of sugar is now on the way to Halifax from Matanzas and a quantity of the raw article has been purchased in New York.

The trustees of the estate of the late Sir William Young have paid over the \$100,000 bequeathed to Sir William to Halifax charities.

William Taylor, past grand master of the Freemasons of Nova Scotia, died at Halifax Saturday, age 68. He was a clergyman of the church of England, but had resigned owing to a quarrel with Bishop Binney.

An Acadia Mines despatch of Wednesday says: A young man named Keith Davidson was very severely burned to-day by the explosion of molten cinder, which he was removing from a pudding furnace. As the explosion occurred he was fortunately able to turn his body partially around, with his head, back and shoulders were almost completely covered with the red hot lava. He had the presence of mind to throw himself into a trough of water near by, which probably saved his life.

Mrs. Black an elderly lady, was thrown out of her sleigh near Windsor, N. S., last week, and killed.

The Inverness, N. S. county council voted \$4,000 towards the erection of an asylum for the homeless.

Wolfville is to have a policeman. A place for a lock-up has also been provided for by the municipal council.

OTHER PROVINCES.

Natural gas has been discovered in Lake Superior, at Port Arthur. The Canadian Pacific railway company will probably move its shops to that point if the tests to be made warrant it.

Robert Neill, the convict who fatally stabbed guard Rutledge in the central prison on Jan. 13th, was hanged at Toronto Tuesday. He never flinched, and met his doom bravely. He left a document with the governor of the gaol implicating certain parties in two murders—that of John Cochrane, a street car driver, in March, 1886, and of George D. Morse, a cattle dealer, in May last. The bodies of both these persons were found in the bay, and it was supposed at the time they had suicided. Neill's statement shows that they were robbed and murdered. Detectives will take action in the matter at once.

UNITED STATES.

Steamer Julia was blown up Wednesday morning and burned to the water's edge. There were over 50 persons on board. It is known that seven were killed and many wounded. The Julia was a ferry steamer plying between Vallejo

MARCH 1ST.

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In the will of the late W. W. Corcoran, the public bequests are \$100,000 to the Corcoran art gallery, to which Mr. Corcoran had already given \$1,500,000; fifty thousand to the Louise home, to which Corcoran gave in his life \$500,000; five thousand each to three orphan asylums of the district, and three thousand to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Many bequests ranging from hundred to fifteen thousand were made to relatives, personal friends, servants, etc. The remainder of the estate is left in trust for his three grand children.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

In the debate in the commons on motion of Lambouchers to reduce the cost of Chamberlain's mission, Gladstone paid a high tribute to Chamberlain's ability, and said his acceptance of the mission was an act of public duty. He represented Great Britain much better than Minister West could do alone. W. H. Smith, on behalf of Parliament and the whole country, expressed the deepest acknowledgement to Chamberlain for bringing to a satisfactory and peaceful conclusion a dispute which might have been attended with serious difficulty. The cost was voted by a large majority, most of the liberals supporting the government.

The British steamer Excellent, from Messina for Philadelphia, was sunk Wednesday at Gibraltar by collision with the British steamer Memling. The crew was saved. The Memling was badly damaged and was beached to keep it from sinking.

Prof. Lenz, African traveller, writes that there are no grounds for the assumption that Stanley has met with disaster. If any disaster had befallen Stanley news would have reached the nearest Congo station long ago. The first news of the expedition will probably come by way of Zanzibar.

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