

Local Legislation.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell submitted a statement of the commissioners of the general public hospital, St. John, showing their indebtedness, also the agricultural report for last year.

Mr. Palmer was made chairman of supply.

Dr. Alward made his inquiry as to whether the supply of vegetables for the provincial lunatic asylum for last year has been furnished under contract, etc.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell said no vegetables had been furnished under contract for last year, nor since 1891, so far as he knew. Quite a quantity of the vegetables used at the institution last year had been grown on the asylum farm.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell rising to address the house on the question of supply, said he did so with some trepidation, when he came to consider the ability of the gentlemen who had preceded him in that office, and many of whom were of such ability as to shine in any legislature. But he would endeavor to lay before the house a clear statement as to the financial position of the province. In doing so he would first deal with the financial condition of the province at the time the present administration came into power, in March, 1883. At that time the debt of the province was \$850,800, upon which they were paying \$46,695. In addition to this there were a public debt of \$221,000 and the subsidies to railways under construction and other works, together with the subsidy for the bridge at Fredericton and the subsidy for the ferry dock at St. John, amounting in the aggregate to at least \$1,500,000. So that, under the circumstances, it seemed as if the present government was facing no small task and that the financial condition of the province was about to be taxed to a very considerable extent. In the course of the last seven years, during which the present government has been in power, the bonded debt of the province had increased at a very rapid rate. In addition to the public works there were also the interest to be paid for other things such as the increased cost of the lunatic asylum at St. John, and also the construction of new and sufficient departmental buildings in Fredericton. The bonded debt now amounted to the sum of \$2,140,000 and upwards. Hon. members who were present last year would be aware that the whole indebtedness amounted to \$2,106,200. During the past year there had been added to the bonded indebtedness, on account of the construction of the Central Railway, \$17,000; on account of the Transatlantic Railway, \$13,000, and on account of St. John Railway Bridge and Extension Company, \$4,500, making in all \$34,500 added to the bonded debt as it was then existing, and swelling it to \$2,140,700. In the course of the construction of the public works to which he had alluded, the government had come to the house and asked authority to withdraw from the amount at Ottawa a sum sufficient to construct those works. And they had withdrawn from such sum the following amounts:—

In 1885.....\$75,000
In 1887.....42,000
In 1888.....45,000
In 1889.....20,000

Making in all the sum of \$182,000

Against these amounts so withdrawn were the amounts expended on the following works:

On the lunatic asylum.....\$26,925 25
On the Fredericton bridge.....50,000 00
On the lunatic asylum.....\$ 2,510 61
On the Fredericton bridge.....\$34,022 20
On the lunatic asylum annex.....3,744 37

In 1889.....
For departmental buildings.....20,656 00
For lunatic asylum.....450 00
Iron bridges under the act of assembly passed in 1888.....7,462 06

In 1889.....
On the departmental buildings.....16,045 86
On the lunatic asylum.....11,525 00
Iron bridges.....14,493 63

In all there had been paid for the building of permanent bridges and other public works of a permanent nature \$187,652.11, as against the \$182,000 withdrawn.

Referring to iron bridges he contended that they were properly chargeable to capital. Such works being of a more permanent nature would not entail such a heavy drain for repairs, etc., as would bridges constructed of wood.

Referring to the receipts and expenditures for the past year, the former of which was \$651,032.27 and the latter \$659,854.41, there was a balance, he claimed, in excess of the estimates of \$11,776.86. Referring to the proposed receipts from the stumpage he claimed that the condition of the lumber men in the northern counties would be very much improved by reason of that reduction.

Taking up the items of expenditure for the past year it would be found there was estimated for the administration of justice \$19,050 while the expenditure was but some \$11,663.12 or an estimate in excess of expenditure of \$4,385.88.

In the next item, agriculture, they had exceeded the estimate by \$2,258.60, but a large part of that was due to the fact that there had been no estimate made for the show at Moncton and also by the expenses attributable to the horses. The stock farm also had drawn upon the treasury. Speaking of agricultural societies he remarked that there were now something like 60 of these bodies, and he was informed that all the societies now existing were in a more prosperous condition than they had been in years past.

With regard to contingencies, they had estimated \$12,500 but the expenditures had amounted to \$14,827.36.

Referring to the item for the deaf and dumb institution, which was the same as last year, he took occasion to say that this institution, to a great degree, was under the care of the province, while in the neighboring province of Nova Scotia it was, to some extent he believed, a charge upon the counties. Of the expenditure for edu-

cation the estimate was \$156,650 and the expenditure \$153,732.56.

In the expenses of the executive there has been a saving of \$287.77, the estimate being \$25,700 whereas the actual outlay was \$25,412.23.

Turning to the estimated receipts for 1890 it would be found that they estimated to receive as subsidies from the dominion government \$483,815.02. In addition to this source of revenue there was a territorial revenue of \$135,000 and the estimated fees of the provincial secretary's office, \$7,500. This was made up of marriage license fees and fees on letter patent; and commissions from the agricultural department there was estimated to be received \$3,000 and from the services of horses, \$6,500. There was also estimated to be received from the lunatic asylum admissions, \$9,500, and from private and local bills \$600, while the estimate from miscellaneous services was \$4,200, making a total of \$645,615.02.

Mr. Stockton followed, criticizing the financial management of the Government. Mr. Blair, Dr. Atkinson, Mr. Hanington, Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Phinney also discussed the financial condition of the province. The House then went into Supply. The items are being closely considered, and are here passed slowly.

Several notices of inquiry have been given.

A discussion took place between Messrs. Hanington and Blair in reference to papers moved for by the former. The Attorney General said he could not promise all the information this session, as Mr. Winslow had told him the information asked for is scattered over some 60 pages of the books in the board of works department.

Mr. Hanington said he wanted the dates on which all the cheques were issued. He thought the information asked for had been purposely withheld.

Mr. Blair said the books of the board of works department were open to the hon. member, who could see each and every item of expenditure, with the dates, etc. If information were needed on any special item or items, that special information would be brought down, but the government would not engage to furnish all the information asked for this session.

Mr. Hanington thought the information could be easily furnished if the government desired to do so.

Supply has engaged the attention of the House during the past week.

Mr. Pugsley committed a bill amending the act incorporating the Moncton and Harvey Short Line Railway Connection Company. Mr. Pugsley explained the objects of the bill, the chief one being to give the company power to build a line of railway from a point at or near the head of Grand Lake to Edmundston via the Grand Falls.

Mr. Hetherington opposed the bill. It would interfere with an existing charter, and it was proposed to build a railway through one of the best timber districts of the province. The fires caused by the locomotive would destroy the forests.

Mr. Ketchum thought the bill would interfere with the rights of the St. John Valley and Woodstock and Centreville companies.

Dr. Atkinson opposed the bill on the ground that it would interfere with existing charters.

Mr. Pugsley said the route proposed in this bill would, in all probability, be adopted by the Grand Trunk Railway Company, in which case St. John would become the maritime province terminus of that great company.

Dr. Alward said the bill was of importance to St. John and the whole province, as the proposed line would, no doubt be used by the Grand Trunk Railway. Agreed to.

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News of the Week.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Gazette announces the following appointments.

In the County of York,—Jeremiah H. Barry to be Registrar of Probates; Edmund E. Kennay to be a Justice of the Peace. In Queen's County,—John W. Dickey to be a Vendor of Liquors under the Canada Temperance Act, for the Parish of Gagetown.

Moncton's Chief of Police, Thibedeau, has resigned, and Policeman Foster has been appointed in his place.

Carleton Co. delegation has been urging the Government to build a bridge across the river at Hartland.

The St. Stephen town elections last week resulted as follows: Mayor, Hugh McKay; councillors, Queens ward, James McKenzie and John D. Bonness; Kings ward, J. C. Henry and Frank Smith; Dukes ward, W. C. H. Grimmer and Patrick O'Shaughnessy.

The Fraser grist and saw mills at the mouth of Little river, Victoria Co., were completely destroyed by fire.

The post offices at McAlpine, Queens Co., and Estmere, Victoria, have been closed. A new office has been opened at Midgic station, Westmorland, Chas. Hicks, postmaster, and one at Upper Andover, Victoria, E. H. Hoyt postmaster.

Charles Criss, of Grand Manan, was fatally injured at Sorrento, by falling 15 feet into the hold of a vessel loading with ice.

A river Captain predicts another big freshet on the St. John river this spring.

Three or four large whales were seen off South West Head, Grand Manan, a few days since; a good sign of herring.

The fishermen are receiving bigger prices for their lobsters than ever before. For "counters," or large-sized lobsters, they get fourteen and a half cents apiece. Our fishermen are anxious that the standard should be increased, so as to include none but lobsters ten and a half inches long.—St. Andrews Beacon.

There are 181 prisoners in Dorchester penitentiary, the largest number ever confined there at one time.

A correspondent at Centreville, Carleton Co., having noticed statements from various parts of our province in regard to the yield of different kinds of grain from the amount sown, sends the *Star* an account of what Mr. W. J. Webb, of that place, accomplished.

He sowed two bushels of two rowed barley on one acre of land and threshed out 52 bushels. He also sowed three bushels of Russian oats on one acre and threshed out 100 bushels of good oats.

Mr. E. S. West, of Centreville, weighed a four year old heifer, part of the Holstein breed, a few days ago, the weight being 1,160 pounds.

A two years old daughter of John Carroll, Moncton, was poisoned Wednesday. A sister, aged four, had obtained from the bureau and given to her a bottle containing a mixture in equal parts of laudanum, tincture of belladonna and liniment, used by Mrs. C. externally. The child is supposed to have drunk about two tablespoonfuls of the mixture. Several doctors were summoned, but their efforts to restore the child were unsuccessful.

There is quite a demand for Tobique Plaster. One hundred tons have been ground at the mill at Andover and are ready for sale.

Those who had the opportunity of hearing the lectures delivered by Prof. Robertson on agricultural subjects last week, were pleased with his practical yet scholarly and entertaining discussions.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The St. Julian hotel, Halifax, the most elaborately furnished hotel in Canada, is in charge of the sheriff and the proprietor, Joseph Marr, has left the city.

Three children of one family in Truro have died of malignant measles within a week. The family is destitute, and their deaths were hurried by an absence of the necessities of life.

The police magistrate at Hawsbury C. B., is principal of the high school of that place and a lawyer with a good practice.

It is estimated that 100,000 lobster traps will be set this season in the waters surrounding the point of land geographically known as "Cape Canso."

A North of Scotland gentleman was in Merigonish, N. S. last week with a view to procuring farms for himself and a number of friends in Scotland.

The Sydney (C. B.) Reporter chronicles the death on the 14th ult. of Christina Morrison aged 90 years and on the 29th ult. of Flora McLeod aged one hundred and one years.

The Drummond Coal Company of Westville talk of building 20 coke ovens.

The Intercolonial railway management intend to make an important change in the condition of Truro railway station and yard. The station buildings are to be removed north of the present site. The esplanade will be obliterated, only a street of 60 feet wide being left in front of the hotels and stores on the north.

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OTHER PROVINCES.

The missing girl, Lizzie Stewart, wanted as an evidence in the poisoning case, was found near Cape Traverse Thursday, where she was hiding. She is now in custody.

In the Manitoba legislature Monday a bill has been introduced to grant assistance to the Hudson's Bay railway to the extent of \$3,000 a mile for 250 miles within the boundaries of the province.

At Guelph, Ont., Hubert Leisch, the old man convicted of manslaughter in causing the death of his daughter's child, was last week, sentenced to imprisonment for life in the Kingston penitentiary.

The P. E. Island legislature was opened Thursday. Mr. Patrick Blake was elected speaker. An appointment of one of the house officers was carried by a majority of one. The government are in a tight place and will have to watch the attendance of their supporters very closely.

Despatches from St. Johns, N.B., report that the steamer Kite has arrived there with 10,000 seals and has seen another with 12,000 and two others with 5,000 each.

In Toronto Rolly Moffat has been sentenced to three years' penitentiary for larceny from the Ontario bank.

UNITED STATES.

A Burlington (Ct.) special says that nearly 200,000 acres of the eastern portion of the state have been burned over by prairie fires. A number of houses and a large quantity of hay are reported burned.

Despatches from counties in Kansas devastated by prairie fires, report the fires subdued. Fifty-two farms were swept and a similar number of houses, with surrounding barns and sheds burned. The loss to live stock is not very heavy. Great quantities of farm produce were destroyed. The total loss is estimated at about \$250,000. Some of the fire extended over areas 20 miles square.

Louisville, Ky. was visited by a terrible tornado on Thursday last. It came suddenly and swept a path five blocks wide, levelling every building in its path, probably 2500 houses. Besides the destruction of property valued at nearly \$3,000,000, a large number of people were killed. The first report said 1000 persons were killed, but late reports state that the number is much less, though the exact number is not yet known, perhaps 200.

Marion, Ky. suffered from the same wind, much property being destroyed and life lost. Metropolis, Ill., and Princeton, Ind. were also visited by the storm, causing loss of property and life.

In the flooded district along the Mississippi the situation is alarming. In Laconia the circle in Despatch county, Ark., comprises about 20,000 acres. The scene is heartrending. This strip is inundated to a depth of 5 to 20 feet. The inhabitants, numbering between 20,000 and 30,000 people, whites and negroes, women and children, are perched on the house tops and trees. The live stock not already drowned is maintaining precarious existence with the wretched owners, in some instances on the roofs of residences and elsewhere on improvised platforms of the wreckage. Starvation is telling on the cattle and the human victims are in scarcely a less deplorable condition as to food.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Fifteen hundred Japanese houses were burned in Tokio and 78 partly destroyed. Two persons were killed and 25 firemen injured. On the preceding day 187 houses were burned, and on March 5th another fire destroyed 860 houses.

A cablegram from St. Thomas, St. Domingo, states that a political revolution has broken out and a battle has been fought in St. Thomas. The trouble has spread over the entire island.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice have gone to the South of France to enjoy the spring sunshine and escape the cold east winds of the English spring. The visit of the Prince of Wales to Berlin is said to be useful in cementing the good feeling of the two countries.

In a storm off the Japanese coast, January 24, over 900 fishing-boats drifted out to sea, and the 2,000 or more men on board were lost. Fifty fishermen were drowned off Tobishima, and twenty-three on the coast of Maschawa.

In Russia the students are again troubling the anxious authorities. What a task it must be to keep down under autocratic power sixty millions of people! And this is what the Czar's government is trying to do. Some day the experiment will prove a total failure, and there will come a revolution which even the Czar cannot suppress, — i. e., unless reforms are gradually introduced.

MARKET REPORTS.

ST. JOHN.
Corrected weekly by Geo. Lyman, Esq., Deputy Clerk.

Beef, country, per lb.....\$0 05 to \$0 06
" butchers, " " " " " 06 " 08
Lamb, per lb.....0 06 " 08
Mutton, per lb.....0 09 " 10
Pork, " " " " " 00 " 07
Butter, " " " " " 18 " 20
" Roll, " " " " " 22 " 24
Lard, " " " " " 13 " 16
Turkeys, " " " " " 00 " 06
Chickens, per pair, " " " 90 " 100
Geese, each, " " " " " 00 " 00
Potatoes, early rose, per bbl. 1 40 " 00
" Kidney, " " " " " 00 " 20
Carrots, " " " " " 1 00 " 1 20
Turnips, " " " " " 00 " 00
Parsnips, " " " " " 1 50 " 00
Cabbage, per doz " " " 00 " 1 00
" red, per dozen, " " " 00 " 00
Celery, " " " " " 00 " 00
Buckwheat Rough, p. cwt 0 00 " 1 30
" Grey " " " " " 0 00 " 1 80

A DANGER SIGNAL!

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