

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Monday, the Free Grants Act passed slightly amended. This is a great improvement on former Acts, as it provides for building roads by Government and allows less than ten persons to form a settlement.

Wednesday, a lengthy discussion occurred on a bill in relation to the Supreme Court. It proposes to appoint an additional Judge to the Supreme Bench, giving one of the six Judges the Equity business to attend to, in order to the more expeditious transaction of Supreme Court business. The bill was agreed to in Committee.

Thursday, bills were introduced relating to elections to Assembly in Northumberland; to enable Town of Portland to issue debentures to extend Main St.; relating to levying taxes in various parishes in St. John Co.

The Estimates were laid on the table. Estimated receipts for 1879 are \$571,000; expenditures, \$569,000.

A Tannery is to be started at Moncton by Messrs. Crue & O'Neil.

Last year the Province paid \$2,142 bounty on 714 bears exterminated.

The first locomotive made at the Moncton Works, was successfully tested on Saturday.

The Tracadie Lazaretto cost the Province last year \$980.81.

A young lad and lassie at Salisbury who had been doing the agreeable to each other for some time, have had their dearest wishes thwarted by "cruel parents," who were utterly opposed to their tying the silken knot. A few days ago he brought a grist out to the mill, at the Station, and what was more natural or proper than that he should offer her a drive? What was more natural than that her trousseau should be tied up in one of the meal sacks, and his "store clothes" in another one? The sequel was easy to guess. Hastily arraying themselves at a friend's house, they calmly walked down to the Minister's house and knocked, and in a few minutes came out—he smiling, she blushing—made one flesh.

The sleighing is about done.

Harvey, A. C., is petitioning for Railway connection.

Mr. Geo. W. Day, publisher, St. John, has made an assignment of his estate for the benefit of his creditors.

Mr. Edward McSweeney has been elected Mayor of Moncton.

At Newcastle, on Sunday, Mr. H. N. Patton fell down stairs, and fractured his skull, causing death next day.

The Deputy Minister of Justice, Mr. Lash, has decided that under the law the Dominion Government need not retain charge of the St. John Penitentiary after the new Penitentiary is proclaimed, and that the Province must take care of all its own short term prisoners.

About noon Thursday, Mr. Wm. Baxter, store-keeper, Waterloo street, heard his shop door cautiously opened. On approaching from an adjoining room, he observed two boys, one in the act of holding the door, while the other was leaning over the counter in close proximity to the money drawer. As Mr. Baxter pounced on them so suddenly, they were thrown off their guard, and prevented from carrying off anything, as was certainly their intention. The would-be thieves were allowed to depart with a caution.

Mr. Robert Lipsett, of Nashwaak, lost his house and most of his furniture by fire, one night last week. The fire was fortunately discovered by a neighbor, or the inmates, would probably have perished in the flames; some of the family escaped through an upper window.

About half past six o'clock Thursday morning the roof of Mr. Adam Young's foundry, Indian town was found to be on fire. A large hole was burned in the roof before the fire was extinguished. Damages light and fully covered by insurance.

The trial of Wm. Thompson of Paradise Row, Portland, arrested in Bathurst on the 20th of January, charged with appropriating \$2,700 lost by Daniel Moynihan, was concluded in the County Court of Gloucester, Thursday. The prisoner was recommended to the mercy of the Court by the jury, and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the Penitentiary. Mr. M. recovered \$2,551 of the lost money. David H. Eaton of Montreal, and Samuel McKenne, of Bathurst, received a reward of \$100 each.

The pedestrian mania has at last reached St. John.

Harris' rolling mill, Portland, which has been shut down for repairs since December, has resumed work.

Since the imposition of the duty on corn meal of 40c. per barrel, this article has been offered in New York at thirty cents per barrel below the lowest price at which it was held a week ago, and forty cents below the price of a fortnight ago. So the consumer in the Dominion, it appears, will have the duty paid for him by the producer in the United States, and his meal may cost him no higher than it did before.

Recently a lumber camp situated on the upper course of the St. Croix, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with all its contents. There were four men in the camp when the fire broke out, and they barely escaped a similar fate. One of them woke up and found the camp was all on fire and warned the others, but one of them did not obey the summons; so one of the men at the risk of his life re-entered the burning camp and carried him out. They had just got out of danger, when the fire reached a double-barreled gun and three gallons of kerosene, which both went off nearly simultaneously. Had they been in the camp, when the kerosene exploded, they would have all been burned to death.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The cost of completing the Western Counties Railway from Yarmouth to Digby would be \$250,000, and from Digby to Annapolis, \$452,000.

Godfrey Bros., of Yarmouth, advertise in the *Herald* that they are prepared to contract with any persons desirous of raising the sugar beet for all they can produce. They offer to furnish the seed, and pay one-quarter the gross amounts for beets in cash, the balance in goods at cash rates. The price offered is \$4 per ton. The terms, of course, render it impossible for farmers at a distance to contract.

The License Law in Cumberland has been violated by a number of vendors, who were duly prosecuted by the Clerk of Licenses, Mr. C. R. Casey, and judgement were obtained against them. They appealed to the County Court, and last week Judge Morse sustained the convictions on the ground that the appeal affidavits were insufficient and informal.

Mr. Augustus Carter and wife of Pugwash, had a very narrow escape from drowning, on Thursday evening last. They were driving across the harbor towards their home about ten o'clock, the night was very dark and without any warning that they were on dangerous ice, it gave away and horse, sleigh and occupants were in the water. Mr. Carter jumped for his life, dragging his wife with him, but before assistance could be rendered the horse (a valuable one) perished.

The construction of the Nictaux and Atlantic Railway, is being rapidly proceeded with. About 600 men are working on the Nictaux end and 150 on the Lunenburg end. The stone abutments of the bridge at Middleton are being built. The bridge is to be of iron, the span of which will be 180 feet. The company have three stores in full operation, one at Nictaux, one a few miles further south and the other at Bridgewater. The labor afforded by the construction of the road is a great boon to that part of the country.

Dr. Arthur D. Webster (son of the late H. B. Webster, Esq., of Kentville), has received the Government appointment of House Surgeon to Craig-Lockhart Hospital, Edinburgh, with the privilege of attending to outside practice. The position is a good one, and the young Doctor fully deserves the honor conferred upon him.

The vote on the abolition of the Legislative Council was taken in that body Friday afternoon and resulted in the defeat of the proposition by a vote of 13 to 6. One Conservative, Hon. James Fraser Downie of New Glasgow, voted with the Liberals. Two Conservatives and one Liberal were absent. The Council adopted the amendment in favor of limiting the number of members to 13 and making a general reduction of 25 per cent in the salaries of the members of Government, House and civil service generally.

A Joint Stock Company, composed of one hundred shares of \$50 each has been formed for the purpose of carrying on the iron manufacturing business at Yarmouth.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

It is generally understood at Charlottetown that the Government do not intend running the "Northern Light" further, even when the ice breaks up. It has been pretty clearly demonstrated that she is a complete failure.

Business matters remain very dull. The opening of navigation is looked forward to as likely to revive trade.

The crossing at the Capes has been good of late, and we have had regular mails here.

With a population of 95,000 souls and an area of 2,173 square miles, Prince Edward Island has a representative in the Cabinet, four Senators, six members of Parliament, a Lieutenant-Governor, an Executive Council of nine members, a Legislative Council with thirteen members, and a House of Assembly with twenty-nine members; a total governing body of sixty-three besides county, town, township and village Councils. The Island judiciary includes over 800 justices of the peace, three Superior Court judges, three County Court judges and two stipendiary magistrates, before whom a bar comprising forty-eight members is entitled to plead.

The House of Assembly has been dissolved, and writs are issued for a new election. Nomination will be on Wednesday, the 2nd of April, and polling on the 9th.

The *Examiner* says:—"The new Ministry will appeal to the people on the following issues.—The abolition of the Legislative Council, ultimate curtailment of the House of Assembly, the consolidation of the Civil Service, the amendment of the Registration and Ballot Act with the view of rendering its working less expensive, and its provisions more easily complied with; the amendment of the Education Act in order that, without interfering with the non-sectarian principles established, the machinery may be rendered less cumbersome and expensive, and that teachers may have their positions improved; the amalgamation of the Prince of Wales College and the Normal School; the amendment of the Roads and Bridges Act; the repeal of the Assessment Act, and the abolition of imprisonment for debt, except in cases where international fraud is proven.

A rumor is current that John Robinson, the present Assistant Superintendent of the Pullman Car Company, at Montreal, has been appointed Superintendent of the P. E. Island Railway.

The steamer *Albert* will leave Pictou on Wednesday morning next at 6 o'clock, for Georgetown, and continue making three trips per week, until the opening of the navigation for the paddle boats, leaving Pictou Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a. m.

UPPER PROVINCES.

PARLIAMENTARY.

Mr. Tilley's Budget speech was replied to at length by Cartwright, who was responded to by Dr. Tupper and he was followed by Hon. A. Mackenzie.

Debates on dismissals of officials have taken up most of the week, Criminations and recriminations between members seem to be the order of the day.

Friday, Dr. Tupper introduced a bill to amend the Truro and Pictou Railway Transfer Act of 1877.

Mr. Girouard introduced a bill to prevent gambling in stocks.

The tariff debate was resumed and continued till adjournment.

Monday, Mr. Connell, moved for correspondence relating to bridges over St. John at Woodstock, and Andover.

Robertson moved for memorials, respecting appropriation of Fishery Award.

Sir A. J. Smith moved for accounts relating to supplies furnished Department, of Marine and Fisheries, by Mitchell & Co., Montreal, 1870-74. A lively debate followed this motion.

Postmaster General Langevin's second daughter died last week.

A new piano factory is being established at Kingston, Ont.

Some of the Councils of the Municipalities of Quebec have passed resolutions not to grant licenses for the sale of spirits or liquor within their limits.

Operation at Redpath's sugar refinery are to commence at once.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

A Berlin correspondent says Schouvaloff's influence is again supreme at St Petersburg.

The Vienna Official *Abend Post* reports that Schouvaloff is being consulted relative to certain proposals brought to St. Petersburg by Lord Dufferin.

Intelligence from Burmah states that the King is constructing fortified works and making other warlike preparations, and has summoned the Burmese residents of Rangoon to return to their own country, threatening to have their families executed in case of non-compliance with his orders. This conflict with the official news received yesterday, and may not be reliable.

The London *Daily News* commenting on a sentence in the answer of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Colonial Secretary to Sir John Bright, last night, that, subject to treaty obligations, the financial policy of Canada is to be settled by the Canadian Parliament, says: "Government are right enough in thinking they can do little or nothing in the matter. It seems out of question to think of any interference of the Crown with the decision of the Canadian Legislature." Sir Michael in his reply to Mr. Bright admitted that the Marquis of Lorne's instructions differed from his predecessors. He is not instructed to reserve bills imposing differential duties for the Queen's direction, but this in no wise interferes with the progress of reservation and disallowance, those powers being fully put forth in the British North America Act 1867. On Mr. Bright subsequently asking if this meant that any proposal to enact differential duties must be submitted to the Home Government before its adoption, Sir Michael said that the fiscal policy of Canada rested, subject to treaty obligations, with the Dominion Parliament of Canada.

The origin of the trouble between the Burmese and the British residents at Mandalay, is that the latter protects and refuses to deliver up to slaughter two Royal Princes and families, refugees at the presidency. King of Burmah, mad with drink, urged on by fanatics and the reactionary party, threatens to force the residency to hostile measures. This, on the part of the Government, it is believed, would be the signal for a general massacre of Europeans.

The Reichstag to day discussed the report explanatory of the action of the Government in instituting a petty siege in Berlin.

Herr Seibknecht (Socialist) strongly censured the measure, which he pronounced as wholly unjustified. He defended the course of the Socialistic deputies in not rising from their seats when cheers were given for the Emperor.

The President threatened to deprive him of his right of speech.

Count Von Eulenburg explained that the Government's reasons for proclaiming a state of siege was that Berlin was in danger, because it was the home of the Socialist agitation. He said that an investigation showed that the instigations of crime were prepared in Berlin and East Prussia.

The French Minister of Finance yesterday repaid to the Bank of France 65,000,000 francs, the last instalment of milliards borrowed from that bank during the Franco-Prussian war.

Habron, who is under the sentence of death for the murder of a policeman, of which crime Charles Peace subsequently confessed himself guilty, has received a full pardon. The Home Secretary promises to do all possible for Habron's future welfare.

The last Russians quitted Adrianople on Sunday.

The British fleet has left Ismid for Gallipoli on the way to Besika Bay.

The German Tariff, Commission has resolved to admit coal duty free.

The Belgian explorer Wauthier has died of dysentery in Central Africa.

The report that Gen. Borel had resigned the his command is contradicted.

The village of Yernet, near Vichy, containing 100 houses has been totally destroyed by fire.

Over two thousand file makers and forgers at Sheffield have decided to resist a reduction of wages.

Advices from Russia reported that Colonel Knop of the gendarmerie, has been strangled by the Nihilists.

Charles Stewart Mills & Co., merchants, Liverpool and Pernambuco, have failed. Liabilities estimated at \$300,000.

A despatch to the *Times* from Tirnova says there is every indication of a speedy evacuation of Bulgaria by the Russians.

A despatch from Constantinople to the *Times* says there are symptoms of a much more conciliatory disposition toward Greece.

The *Times* in its despatch from Paris states that the formation of another Atlantic Cable Company is threatened.

The *Standard* says it is rumored that Russia has as good as decided to tax the coupons of her external debt.

A Bombay despatch states that the cotton crop of Berar and the central provinces is estimated at one-half less for the present year than that of the year 1878.

The *Times* says it is stated that the government inspectors have detected twenty cases of pleuro-pneumonia in the cattle cargoes of the steamers Brazilian and Ontario.

The German Socialist, Hirsch, who was expelled from France and then went to Brussels, where he has since been editing a German imitation of the *Lanterne*, has just been expelled from Belgium by a royal order, which, it is reported, was issued at the request of Germany.

The whole force of colliers at Thorp's Gawberhall pits (near Burnley), numbering about four hundred, have struck against certain changes in rules, which are equal to a reduction of wages. The directors state that if the strike continues the pits will probably be closed permanently.

The mill masters, at their meeting in Manchester, have agreed to a compromise of five percent in the proposed reduction of wages on the ground of the recent abolition of Indian import duties. A despatch from Blackburn says the cotton masters have not withdrawn their notice of a reduction of wages.

A despatch to the *Times* from Alexandria says the International Court of Appeal has sent a strong appeal to the European Powers against the Egyptian government's non-payment of sums decreed against it. The Court requests the Powers either to insist upon payment or relieve it of the duty of hearing cases against the government.

Upon the petition of the Consular delegates at Whydah, Dahomey, a Portuguese man-of-war has blockaded that port in consequence of the arrest of a Portuguese subject by the King of Dahomey. The King has blockaded the road leading into the interior.

The royal mail steamer *Severn*, from Hamburg to Southampton, last week ran down, off Dungeness, a pilot cutter having on board twelve pilots and a crew of eight persons. Ten of the pilots and five of the crew were drowned. The *Severn* arrived at Southampton next evening with the survivors—two pilots and three of the crew—whom she saved.

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Cheese, dairy, per lb.	9
do, factory.	9
Potatoes, Early Rose, per bbl.	1 40
do, Copper.	1 40
Turnips.	80
Beets.	90
Carrots.	90
Onions.	5 00
Apples.	1 50
Cranberries.	5 00
Cabbages, per doz.	60
Squash, per lb.	1
Buckwheat Meal, per cwt.	1 40
Grey do.	2 00
Oats, per bush.	32
Beans, white, per bush.	1 70
Pork, fresh, per lb.	5
Lamb.	4
Beef, prime.	5
do, light.	4
Chickens, per pair.	50
Ducks.	40
Partridges.	30
Turkeys, per lb.	12
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1879.

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At 8.00 A.M. (Express) for Halifax, Pictou, Point du Chene, (and Campbellton per accommodation from Moncton) and intermediate Stations.

At 11.00 A.M. (Accommodation) for Point du Chene and intermediate Stations.

At 5.00 P.M. (Express) for Sussex, and Riviere du Loup, Quebec, Montreal and the West.

At 8.15 P.M. (Express) for Halifax, Pictou and intermediate stations.

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At 8.35 P.M. (Express) from Halifax, Pictou, Point du Chene and intermediate stations.

At 6.05 A.M. (Express) from Halifax, Pictou, and intermediate stations.

At 9.15 A.M. (Express) from Sussex, Riviere du Loup, Quebec, Montreal and the West.

At 3.15 P.M. (Accommodation) from Point du Chene and intermediate stations.

C. J. BRYDGES, General Supt. Gov't Railways, may 1

ALBERT RAILWAY.

ON and after MONDAY, the 10th December, trains will leave Hopewell Corner for Salisbury at 6.30 A.M., arriving in time to connect with the Morning Accommodation from Shediac for St. John. Returning, leave Salisbury for Hillsboro and Hopewell, Corner at 11.30, after the arrival of No. 3 Express from St. John.

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