

REDUCTION OF THE LEGISLATURE. The Government's Measure. DEBATE IN THE HOUSE.

SUMMARY REPORT.

HON. MR. SULLIVAN moved the second reading of the Bill respecting the General Assembly, and explained its provisions. These, he said, provided for the abolition of the Legislative Council and for one Legislative Assembly, to be composed of thirty members—two of whom shall be elected for each of the present electoral districts, and be elected every four years.

Mr. Yeo doubted the sincerity of the Government, and thought they should have been prepared to make some concession to the Legislative Council. By mutual concession only could the Legislature be reduced; and if the Government were really sincere they would have adopted a very different course.

HON. MR. ARSENAULT contended that the Government had done all that they possibly could do to carry out the expressed will of the people that the Legislative Council be abolished. In his opinion the Council should long since have been abolished, and the money expended on it used for other and better purposes.

MR. J. R. McLEAN said he did not think a majority of the people were in favor of abolishing the Council, and he thought it would be injurious to do so. There is in the country a wide difference of opinion on the subject.

MR. SINGLAIR contended that the fact that the Government had brought down so important a measure on the very day before the House was to rise was good proof that they were insincere.

HON. MR. SULLIVAN explained that no notice of the prorogation of the House had been given and said that the Government and their supporters would remain another week, if necessary, if any hope appeared that the bill would pass.

MR. SINGLAIR (continuing) said that, in his opinion, second chambers were of any little service. As a rule, they were merely an echo of the first. They were only good when, as at present in this Province, not exactly in sympathy with the Government.

admission of the hon. member for Springfield with respect to the franchise of the Dominion; but he feared that Hon. gentleman would have a score to settle with some of his hon. friends who, only a year ago, made night hideous at Ottawa in contending that by it all our young men were disfranchised.

MR. BEER expressed his regret that the Bill came before the House so late in the session; and contended that the bill was in its terms not courteous to the Legislative Council, and would probably receive very summary treatment from that body.

MR. FARQUHARSON said that the Government was insincere, that the cost of Legislature was too high, and the Dominion Franchise Act was a tremendous fraud.

HON. MR. CAMPBELL dealt with the question at some length, reviewing the steps taken by the Government, and exposing the hollowness and insincerity of the pretensions of the Opposition. He pointed out that in a House of twenty-two members—fifteen of whom were elected under a free franchise, and only seven of whom were the chosen of the property holders—the interests of the property holders would not receive any special protection.

MR. D. C. MARTIN contended that the Government were not sincere in the matter, and said he was in favor of amalgamation.

HON. MR. GORDON reminded the House that the Corn Law Bill and many other Imperial measures of great importance had been introduced into the British House of Commons late in the session; and said that the Bill before the House might still be passed. He thought it unlikely that the two Legislative bodies could work harmoniously together in the one House; and argued that, as we have no floating population, and as our young men have proved themselves to be respecters of the rights of property, it is not necessary that there should be a special property qualification for voters, apart from those who vote under the Free Franchise of the Province.

MR. HOOPER said he was disposed to favor the Government Bill, but thought it was not necessary to raise the qualification of members in the proposed Assembly.

House went into Committee, Mr. Blake in the Chair.

In Committee, MR. BEER submitted the following resolution:

"On and after the passing of this Act, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly shall cease to exist as separate bodies, and shall become united into one House, to be called the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, such Assembly to consist of twenty-two members, seven of whom, one for each district, shall represent the seven Legislative Council districts of this Province, as defined by, and upon the same qualifications for candidates and electors as those set forth in the laws in force relating to Legislative Council elections, immediately prior to the passing of this Act; and fifteen of whom, one for each district, shall represent the fifteen House of Assembly districts, as defined by, and upon the same qualifications for candidates and electors as those set forth in the laws in force relating to House of Assembly elections, immediately prior to the passing of this Act."

HON. MR. SULLIVAN asked if the Opposition could say whether or not a Bill based in this resolution would be acceptable to the Council. No satisfactory answer being given the resolution was voted down, Mr. Perry voting with the Government and their supporters.

The Bill passed in Committee and was reported agreed to.

This morning the Bill was read a third time and sent up to the Council.

Montreal's Customs Troubles.

A renewal of the excitement connected with the seizure of the goods belonging to the firm of Patterson, Kiscock & Co., has taken place in Montreal on account of the arrest of James Andrew Patterson, head of the firm, on three charges of entering false, forged and fraudulent invoices and one of perjury alleged to have been committed at the Custom House when making entries on September 8th, 1885.

Patterson was bound over in his own security for \$500 and two sureties for \$300 each to appear in court on Monday next for preliminary enquiry. It is stated the department is resolved to carry out the proposition with the utmost rigor and to probe the whole matter to the bottom to ascertain the full extent of the alleged frauds and how long they have been carried on. The firm still refuses to surrender its books for inspection of customs officers as is directed by the provision of tariff law, but special agents have seized a pile of invoices belonging to the firm, which were produced in court.

Foul Play.

Word has been brought to Halifax of what appears to be a terrible tale of murder at St. Margaret's Bay. The discovery was made by the finding, by some fishermen on the shore of a lake, not far distant from the head of the Bay, on Saturday, of the body, terribly mutilated, with the head and arms missing, of a young man, about 19 years of age. It is supposed to be the body of a missing man named Harschman, who went sparring eels in that vicinity with his brother-in-law named Slaunwhite, about two months ago, since which time he has not been heard of. Foul play is suspected, as the brother-in-law was heard to threaten Harschman on several occasions previously, and once in particular.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.]

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Early Prorogation Expected

DEBATE ON THE SEIZURE.

OTTAWA, May 13.

The House met at 3 o'clock to-day. There are now only four bills on the Government order, and three Government bills to be introduced.

The estimates are well under way, and the supplementary estimates will not, this year, be a very formidable document. The general impression is that the House will prorogue by the Queen's Birthday.

Twelve petitions against changes in the Scott Act were presented. On motion to go into supply, Hon. Mr. Mitchell spoke on the seizure of the David J. Adams. He said great interest had been taken in the matter in the United States but he did not intend to provoke a discussion.

Foster said this was not a time for an extended discussion. He said that a great many statements had been made in the press—some of them true and some of them not. Vail hoped that the Government would have given fuller information.

Sir John said he had no idea of any trouble between the United States and Canada and the mother country. In the negotiations going on the United States Government would give full credence and confidence to any decision which might be arrived at by the Courts, in the case of seized vessels. Davies said that it seemed strange that the press of the country should be discussing the subject in all its phases, and yet this Parliament should be prevented from joining in. After Mills had spoken the matter dropped.

Hurricane and Death.

MADRID, May 13.

A terrible hurricane has just swept across the middle of Spain. In this city seventy persons are known to have been instantly killed and 200 others have been seriously injured. The wind struck the city with the suddenness of lightning. It is believed the disaster was equally as great in the provinces, but no reports have been received yet.

Disastrous Storm.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 12.

The storm which swept over the states of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Western Pennsylvania last night was far more disastrous than at first reported. The loss to property cannot be estimated at present, nor can loss of life be exactly stated, but it is known that more than thirty persons lost their lives in the vicinity of Xenia, Ohio, alone.

Results of the Riot.

CHICAGO, May 13.

The police department has just made its official report of the bomb-throwing affair, and gives a complete list of the policemen who were killed and wounded. A recapitulation shows that sixty-six were wounded, five of whom died.

A Railway Horror.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 13.

Four or five persons were killed to-day, by the wreck of a passenger train, on the Indianapolis, Bloomington and Western Railroad.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO May 14—10 a. m.

Moderate northeast and northwest winds, fair weather, stationary or slightly higher temperature, with a few showers in the southern portions towards night.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE

Charlottetown, May 14, 1886. Highest Temperature yesterday, (read at mid night) 41.7. Lowest Temperature yesterday, (read at midnight) 32.6. Lowest Temperature this morning, 29.5. Temperature this morning, at 8 o'clock, 37.3. Temperature this afternoon, at 1 o'clock, 47.0.

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PROGRAMME—Monday Night.

- PART I. 1. Solo—(a. Valse Brillante, Moszkowski (b. Transcription—H. Travotore.—Verdi Mr. Gilder. 2. Solo—Bolero, from "Sicilienne Vespers," Verdi Miss Chamberlin. 3. Song—(a. The Old Sweet Story, Gatty (b. Adventures of a Frenchman, Hunt Mr. Reynolds. 4. Solo—Fantasia, from "L'Esire D'Amore" Miss Christie. 5. Recital—(a. The Sagacious Hibernian, Newton (b. The Lost Watch, Newton Mr. Reynolds.

- PART II. 1. Solo—(a. Tremolo, Gottschalk Street. (b. Polka di Bravura, Gilder Mr. Gilder. 2. Solo—Chimes of Normandy, Planquette Miss Chamberlin. 3. Selection, (Humorous) Mr. Reynolds. 4. Solo—Seventh Concerto, DeBeriot Miss Christie. 5. Song—The Musical Party, Clifton Mr. Reynolds.

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