

The Souris Breakwater.

The Patriot appears to be very much alarmed lest "more jobbery" is likely to "crop up" in connection with the Souris Breakwater.

When Taylor and Wilson, the contractors, were allowed to build the work so that the outer end—before it was carried away—was about eighty yards nearer the shore than was contemplated according to the original specification and plan—thus favoring the builders to the amount of thousands of dollars—not a word was uttered in protest by the Patriot.

Before the Patriot complains again let him inform himself as to what the truth is in reference to the present contract. We are inclined to think that the present work will be carried out strictly according to the specifications laid down.

SMALL-POX.

SEVEN ADDITIONAL CASES AT ALBERTON.

We regret to learn that seven additional cases of small-pox are under treatment at the Hospital at Alberton. Dr. Brine telegraphed to the Government this morning the names as follows: Mrs. McLellan and two sons, Joseph Leonard, James McDonald, Moses Stapleton and Mary McDonald.

Goldwin Smith on Universal Suffrage.

The only basis for government known to us in the New World is the national will, and the more nearly universal the suffrage is made, the more complete is the expression of the national will and the broader is the foundation on which government rests.

A man who cannot read, instead of having a right to the suffrage, has a sacred right to be exempted from it. He has as good a right to be exempted from it as a blind man has to be excused from a public service requiring eyes.

Only three fires have been recorded since the commencement of the Christian era, in each of which the value of the property destroyed amounted to one hundred millions of dollars. Those three are, the Chicago fire of October 9, 1871, \$200,000,000; the Paris fire of May 1, 1871, \$140,000,000, and the Boston fire of November 9, 1872, \$100,000,000—all of these within the last eight years, and two of them in this country of steam fire engines, fire extinguishers, and all the modern improvements.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, in his new lecture, on Tuesday night, in Boston, on "New Men in a New Nation," vigorously assailed Congress for its passage of the Anti-Chinese Bill.

PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE OF "THE EXAMINER."

OTTAWA, Feb. 18, 1879.

THE DRAWING ROOM

given by the Governor General and the Princess Louise, on Friday and Saturday nights, was considered the grandest of the kind which the Capital has witnessed. The Princess Louise arrived at precisely half-past eight, p. m., but long before the presentation took place the Senate Chamber was filled with ladies, representing the beauty and fashion of many cities of this Dominion.

seized the opportunity to have his name announced in the presence of Royalty. Doubtless, this latter class will always look upon this little chapter of their history with pride, and in a garrulous old age relate with pleasure to their grand-children the account of the brilliant assemblage of which they formed part on the night of the 15th of February, in the year 1879.

did not remove the cloud or arctic which she wore, and none I believe were cruel enough to wish such an act with the thermometer 15° below zero, how curious soever they may have been to see her face.

And now I have come to some something which will be more likely to satisfy your political readers. I have been digging for political news for some time, but only succeeded in coming to "hard pan" to-day, and that because the House has held its first session in which business has been done.

rose and took a position behind Sir John McDonald, and then moved the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. He did not show any nervousness, but in a clear, ringing voice began his speech.

There has been much speculation, and latterly some impatience in regard to the announcement of the proposed changes in the tariff. The "Gazette" of the 24th says: "In consequence of Mr. Tilley having given formal notice on Monday, that on Friday he would move the House into Committee of Supply on ways and means, the conclusion has been jumped at that he would then introduce the budget, and announce the proposed changes in the tariff; and for three days past importers have been busily engaged passing entries at the Custom House, and withdrawing goods from warehouse. This was, however, unnecessary, as the Finance Minister will not announce the tariff for 14 days yet, which will be about the usual time for delivering it."

There has been much speculation, and latterly some impatience in regard to the announcement of the proposed changes in the tariff. The "Gazette" of the 24th says: "In consequence of Mr. Tilley having given formal notice on Monday, that on Friday he would move the House into Committee of Supply on ways and means, the conclusion has been jumped at that he would then introduce the budget, and announce the proposed changes in the tariff; and for three days past importers have been busily engaged passing entries at the Custom House, and withdrawing goods from warehouse. This was, however, unnecessary, as the Finance Minister will not announce the tariff for 14 days yet, which will be about the usual time for delivering it."

There has been much speculation, and latterly some impatience in regard to the announcement of the proposed changes in the tariff. The "Gazette" of the 24th says: "In consequence of Mr. Tilley having given formal notice on Monday, that on Friday he would move the House into Committee of Supply on ways and means, the conclusion has been jumped at that he would then introduce the budget, and announce the proposed changes in the tariff; and for three days past importers have been busily engaged passing entries at the Custom House, and withdrawing goods from warehouse. This was, however, unnecessary, as the Finance Minister will not announce the tariff for 14 days yet, which will be about the usual time for delivering it."

There has been much speculation, and latterly some impatience in regard to the announcement of the proposed changes in the tariff. The "Gazette" of the 24th says: "In consequence of Mr. Tilley having given formal notice on Monday, that on Friday he would move the House into Committee of Supply on ways and means, the conclusion has been jumped at that he would then introduce the budget, and announce the proposed changes in the tariff; and for three days past importers have been busily engaged passing entries at the Custom House, and withdrawing goods from warehouse. This was, however, unnecessary, as the Finance Minister will not announce the tariff for 14 days yet, which will be about the usual time for delivering it."

blue book upon the table. The Hon. Alexander would have made the delay of these reports a subject of unfavorable comment. Doubtless his breath was taken from him by the promptness of the Ministry in the matter. He endeavored, however, to make a move in the direction of demanding something from the Government, and showed how far he was compelled to go out of his way when he asked that the tenders for a portion of the Pacific Railroad be brought down. How any man with such great pretensions for business should ask to have laid before Parliament tenders before the contract was awarded is somewhat mysterious. Dr. Tupper pointed out the fact that such a demand could not be legally complied with, but when the contract was awarded then the House would be called upon to approve it.

Ottawa Notes.

[From the Toronto Mail and St. John Sun.]

SENATOR HOWLAN. The Hon. Mr. Howlan remains very ill. He is occupying private apartments at the general Catholic hospital.

It is understood that during the present session a movement will be made by the banks to enable them to buy in their own shares in the stock market. As this will be an entire reversal of the policy of the country, it is understood that if the movement is likely to succeed there will be coupled with it a demand on the part of members of Parliament for legislation for the appointment of a Bank Inspector.

There was a very exciting scene in the House on the 21st, owing to an attack of illness sustained by Hon. Mr. Masson, Minister of Militia. Mr. McKenzie had just finished speaking on the motion for concurrence in the address of condolence to Her Majesty on the death of the Princess Alice, when Mr. Masson rose to speak in French. He had only uttered a few sentences when he suddenly placed his hand to his head, and a moment afterwards fell to the floor.

The Government are carrying out the promised economy so far as the Pacific Railway service is concerned, by abolishing the office of the following: John Robson, Purveyor for British Columbia; Thomas Dixon, Purveyor for Manitoba, and A. Bethune, Purveyor for Prince Arthur's Landing, these offices being found wholly unnecessary. The result of this will be a considerable saving to the country.

Mr. Brecken (P. E. I.) moved for a Select Committee to supervise the official reports of the debates of the House during the present session. He explained that the Government had come to the conclusion that it would be advisable to have the debates officially reported and hence had contracted to have the work done. Tenders had been asked for and the contract had been awarded. It was considered that a Select Committee should be appointed to supervise the debates, and hence his motion.

There has been much speculation, and latterly some impatience in regard to the announcement of the proposed changes in the tariff. The "Gazette" of the 24th says: "In consequence of Mr. Tilley having given formal notice on Monday, that on Friday he would move the House into Committee of Supply on ways and means, the conclusion has been jumped at that he would then introduce the budget, and announce the proposed changes in the tariff; and for three days past importers have been busily engaged passing entries at the Custom House, and withdrawing goods from warehouse. This was, however, unnecessary, as the Finance Minister will not announce the tariff for 14 days yet, which will be about the usual time for delivering it."

There has been much speculation, and latterly some impatience in regard to the announcement of the proposed changes in the tariff. The "Gazette" of the 24th says: "In consequence of Mr. Tilley having given formal notice on Monday, that on Friday he would move the House into Committee of Supply on ways and means, the conclusion has been jumped at that he would then introduce the budget, and announce the proposed changes in the tariff; and for three days past importers have been busily engaged passing entries at the Custom House, and withdrawing goods from warehouse. This was, however, unnecessary, as the Finance Minister will not announce the tariff for 14 days yet, which will be about the usual time for delivering it."

There has been much speculation, and latterly some impatience in regard to the announcement of the proposed changes in the tariff. The "Gazette" of the 24th says: "In consequence of Mr. Tilley having given formal notice on Monday, that on Friday he would move the House into Committee of Supply on ways and means, the conclusion has been jumped at that he would then introduce the budget, and announce the proposed changes in the tariff; and for three days past importers have been busily engaged passing entries at the Custom House, and withdrawing goods from warehouse. This was, however, unnecessary, as the Finance Minister will not announce the tariff for 14 days yet, which will be about the usual time for delivering it."

not in his possession abundant evidence to prove that never before in the history of Canada were government officials so bold, open and audacious in their display of partizanship. Gross as was this interference in the West, it is understood that it was even more marked in the Eastern Provinces, where the Intercolonial Railway was utilized by the Grits to carry voters from place to place, and where officials on the railway and in the custom houses and post offices left nothing undone to serve the return of government candidates. It is expected that before the session closes information will be laid before Parliament respecting the cost of the picnic trains (so called) over the Intercolonial Railway in 1877, when Mr. McKenzie held political meetings at Truro, Halifax, Kentville and other places. The facts, which can be brought forward from the Maritime Provinces at once in reference to official abuse of position and misuse of public works for electioneering purposes will startle the country when full revelations are made.

The Two Programmes.

From the Toronto Mail.

On the 27th March, 1874, Parliament met with Mr. McKenzie as leader of the Government. He and his friends had been maturing a reform policy for seven years, and had promised the country to legislate for it "in the true spirit and genius of Reform." Lately Parliament was formally opened under the leadership of Sir John Macdonald, a Tory, who has had four months in which to prepare a policy. Now here are the measures submitted or referred to in the speech of 1875 and the speech delivered recently:—

- Reform—1874. 1. The Ballot. 2. Establishment of Supreme Court. 3. Amendment to Election Act. 4. Amendment to Militia Act. 5. Amendment to Insolvency Act. 6. House asked to consider means for best securing trans-continental communication. 7. Amendment that canal and harbor improvements were being vigorously prosecuted. 8. Announcement that report of Chief Engineer on proposed Bay of Fundy Canal would be laid before House. 9. Announcement that Chief Engineer's Report on Intercolonial would be submitted, and that charge of work would be transferred from Railway Commissioners to Public Works Department. 10. Announcement that Government was negotiating a Reciprocity Treaty with United States. 11. Announcement of a deficit. 12. Reference to Immigration. Hope expressed that in spite of hard times Canada would receive a fair share of European immigration. 13. Announcement that House will be asked to consider feasibility of establishing system of Life Assurance under Government direction and guarantee. Tory—1879. 1. Tariff Re-adjustment in order to check Deficits and encourage National Industries. 2. Announcement that Government is negotiating with France and Spain, relative to trade matters. 3. Announcement that Fishery Award has been adjusted. 4. Reference to Cattle Plague, and announcement that Government intend to amend laws on subject. 5. Announcement that Government will push forward Pacific Railway and satisfy reasonable wishes of British Columbia. 6. Announcement that direct communication between Lake Superior and North-West will be secured as soon as possible, missing link being now under contract. 7. Government will amend Weights and Measures Act. 8. Government will submit measure for taking decennial census. 9. Government will submit measure for establishment of a Bureau of Statistics. 10. Government will submit measure for re-organization of Departments. 11. Government will submit measures relative to Public Land Surveys, to laws affecting Indians, and certain Admiralty and Ordnance Lands in Maritime Provinces. 12. Announcement of another deficit, and of policy of Government to enforce strictest economy. 13. Announcement that House will be asked to consider feasibility of establishing system of Life Assurance under Government direction and guarantee.

These are fair and candid abstracts of the two speeches, and what we want to know from our Reform friends is this: Which, on the face of these records, is the more enterprising, liberal and enlightened statesman? In short, which is the better Reformer?

Special Notices.

THE regular monthly communication of Victoria Lodge, No. 2, this Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, sharp.

SMOKED SALMON at Beer & Goff's.

Where can you get the best boots and shoes for the least money? At Gass's.

REGULAR Convocation of Port la Joie Encampment will be held at Oddfellows' Hall, this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock. Conferred the G. R. Degree.

TRY our Climax Ice Creeper—the best ever invented. Satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.—W. R. BOREHAM, South Side Queen Square—1m law

SCOTCH JAM in bulk, 25 cents per lb., different kinds, choice. Golden Syrup 10 cents per pint, 18 cents per bottle, at B. & G. Goff's.

TROTTING RACES.

RACES to take place on the West River ice, on SATURDAY, the 1st February, for TWO BOX SLEIGHS; 1st Race open to all Entrance \$5.00.

2nd Race, for farmers' horses, barring Fred McLean's mare "Fairy." Entrance, \$5.00. Race, mile heats, three in five.

FRANK POLLARD, North River, Feb. 25, 1879—3in

THE CONCERT OF THE SEASON!

WILL BE GIVEN IN THE Y. M. C. A. HALL, — ON —

Thursday, the 27th February,

In Aid of the Funds of Zion Church.

The best Musical talent in the city has been engaged for this entertainment, and no effort will be spared to make it worthy of public patronage.

Concert to commence at 8 o'clock. Doors open at 7.30.

Tickets 20 cents. Reserved seats 30 cents.

D. M. FRASER, Musical Director.

Feb. 24, 1879.

UNDERTAKING, &C.

JAMES M. BUTCHER is now prepared to give close personal attention to all funerals that may be entrusted to him.

COFFINS, CASKETS, &C., of various sizes, styles and quality, always on hand, ready-made.

"PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES."

Ch'town, February, 24, 1879.

Union Bank of P. E. Island.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at their Banking House, Charlottetown, on Wednesday, 5th proximo, at 12 o'clock, noon, to elect Directors for the ensuing year, and transact such other business as may be laid before the meeting. Proxies for voting must be left with the Cashier at least one day previous to said meeting.

GEORGE MACLEOD, Cashier.

Ch'town, Feb. 20th, 1879—

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that prosecution will be immediately commenced against all persons who are known to be in the possession of DOGS and who have not registered them and paid their Dog Tax for the current year, in conformity to the provisions of a by-law of this city, passed 4th December, A. D. 1878.

A. F. TOMLINS, Clerk of the City Court.

Feb. 11.

MAIL NOTICE.

MAILS to be forwarded via Cape Traverse will be closed at this Office daily—Sundays excepted—at 8 o'clock p. m.

The mail for Great Britain, by Canadian Packet sailing from Halifax on Saturdays, will be closed here on Wednesdays at 8 o'clock, p. m.

The mail for Great Britain via New York will be closed on Thursdays at 8 o'clock, p. m. Mails for all places West of Charlottetown receiving Mails by Railway Train or Postal Car, will be closed daily at 7 o'clock, a. m.

Mails for Georgetown and Souris East, also for all places on the route to those points, will be closed daily at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Post Office open from 8 a. m., till 8 p. m.

A. A. MACDONALD, Postmaster.

Post Office, Charlottetown, } 20th Feb., 1879.

BANK OF P. E. ISLAND.

THE Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank will be held at their Banking House, in Charlottetown, on Tuesday, the 4th day of March next, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may be laid before them.

Proxies for voting must be left with the Cashier at least on day previous to the meeting.

J. R. BRECKEN, Cashier.

Ch'town, Feb. 19, 1879—a rg p till meeting

FLOUR, Cornmeal & Tea, CHEAP FOR CASH,

— AT THE —

LONDON HOUSE.

Charlottetown, Feb. 18, 1879.

NORTHERN LIGHT.

IN the present state of the Straits, no particular days of crossing can be given. The Northern Light will cross whenever there is a fair chance of success. Intending passengers had better be at Georgetown, in order to avail themselves of the first opportunity.

WILLIAM MITCHELL, Agent of Department.

Feb. 17, 1879—tf