

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE

The Colonial Legislature met on Tuesday last, the customary formalities being observed on the coming to, and departure of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor from the Colonial Building.

Before the delivery of the speech the President of the Council and Speaker of the House of Assembly had to be chosen—the choice for the first fell on the Hon. D. Montgomery, Speaker of the last House of Assembly, and the Hon. T. Heath Haviland was chosen for the second.

The Speech read by His Excellency is as follows:— Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to appoint to her Parliament that she has given to the Colonies the privilege of electing a Representative to the House of Commons.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has laid before the Queen the Petition passed by the Legislature last Session, praying Her Majesty to use her influence to obtain for this Island privileges in respect of property similar to those which have been conceded by the French Government to the Province of Canada.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I have directed the Estimates for the present year to be laid before the Public Accounts for the past, to be laid before you.

I observe with regret that the Expenditure for the year 1862 has largely exceeded the Revenue. The revenue has fallen short of that of the preceding year, and the deficit would doubtless be a great measure owing to the derangement of our Commerce, the result of the continuance of the unhappy struggle in the neighbouring Republic.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I have been desired by His Excellency the Duke of Newcastle to give you my views on the subject of the system by which money is introduced into the House of Assembly.

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THE CHAPLAINCY AND THE ASSAULT. The removal of the Rev. Dr. Jenkins from his Chaplaincy of the House has given great dissatisfaction to all but the extreme partisans of the Government.

THE ADDRESS IN ANSWER TO THE SPEECH. The Address in answer to the Speech of the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Legislature, was debated in Committee of the whole House on Saturday last.

CATACOMBS OF ROME.—His Lordship the Bishop of Charlottetown proposes to lecture on this interesting subject before the C. Y. M. L. Institute on Wednesday evening next.

THE ENGLISH, FOREIGN AND COLONIAL MAILS have arrived, we understand, at Cape Tormentine, but up to the hour of going to press, had not reached Town.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FOR THE PUBLIC.

MR. EDITOR: I am one of those few living men who, at the present day, never lose a political, social, and economical opportunity.

As far as the present is concerned, I make this little more than a common share of attention in introducing myself to the notice of the readers of your paper. You know that I am not a man of ordinary talents, and I am almost certain to command a special amount of observation.

It has become my solemn duty to inform the authorities and citizens of the Colonies of the movements of the enemy's fleet, and to indicate an early land or naval attack on one or both cities, and to urge that persons unabled to take an active part in the struggle shall retire.

It is hoped, however, that a temporary separation of you from your homes will be a blessing, and that you will be able to show that the only feeling which animates you in this hour of supreme trial is the right of being able to participate in the defence of your homes, your altars, and the graces of your kindred.

THE FOLLOWING piece of gossip has found its way from Cincinnati. Says the Cincinnati Enquirer:—A friend in this city, who has recently visited Canada, informs us that the British Government have, during the past summer, sent to Quebec, arms, cannon, and equipments for two hundred thousand men.

DESERTION IN CANADA.—Lt. Gen. Sir Fenwick Williams, commanding H. M. Forces in Canada, has issued the following General Order, by way of hint to the miserable wretches who make a trade of enticing soldiers to desert from the British ranks.

SKATING ON THE HILLSBOROUGH. On several days during the past week the Hillsborough river presented a truly beautiful and enticing scene, with the hundreds of all ages and both sexes, engaged in walking, skating, and skating on its polished surface.

ORANGEISM. TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER. Sir,—Writing as I am, a Protestant, many of you are your readers, you may, in all truth, sincerely, write over this communication: "We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents."

A YEAR AFTER THE WEDDING.—A young woman married. During the days of courtship she had been stimulated perhaps to unwonted care as to her appearance. It was her aim to show herself to her lover as ready and bright, and her dress, from bonnet to shoes, clean and becoming.

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reason to hope that Mr. Gladstone will be enabled to afford some relief to the taxpayer. Of our political, social, and economical condition, I have written in your paper, and I have anticipated against ill-judged retrenchment, but he will scarcely throw away the hope of Mr. Cobden's support by insisting on the maintenance of establishments on a scale which the government considers unwarrantable.

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