

Winter Communication.

A MASS MEETING OF CITIZENS

Strong Resolutions Passed

Efficient Communication in Winter Demanded.

An Appeal to the Foot of the Throne.

Short, Practical and Pointed Speeches.

A mass meeting of citizens was last evening held in Market Hall; and the inadequate and inefficient means at present provided for communication with the Mainland in winter were discussed.

Mr. P. P. Mayor, occupied the chair, and Mr. James Davis acted as Secretary.

A. B. Warburton, Esq., said the matter of efficient communication between P. E. Island and the Mainland was not a party question, and he hoped in its discussion citizens would leave party aside and unite as one grand body in this effort to obtain our rights.

Whereas, This the twelfth year of our connection with the Dominion of Canada, the people of this Province are still unsupplied with that efficient steam service for the conveyance of mails and passengers, which the General Government, as a condition of our entry into the Union, promised to establish and maintain between this Island and the Mainland, winter and summer; and

Whereas, The promise of such constant direct and efficient means of communication was one of the chief reasons which induced the people of this Island to unite with the Dominion; and

Whereas, It is indispensable to the welfare of this Province that our communication with the Mainland should not only be as perfect as possible, but should be, as guaranteed by the General Government, efficient and continuous; and

Whereas, The experience of the last few weeks has shown the terrible dangers and hardships to which both crews and passengers are exposed by the present system of crossing at the Capes, as well as the insecurity to mails;

Therefore Resolved, That this meeting insist upon the immediate fulfilment by the Dominion Government of that part of the Terms of Confederation which relate to communication between this Island and the Mainland, and that this Province receive compensation for the period during which those terms have not been carried out.

This resolution, he said, expresses just what we want. It does not point out in what way communication is to be carried out. It is not our business to instruct the Government in that respect.

It is only our business to see the terms are fulfilled to the letter. The terms of Union made with British Columbia were carried out at enormous expense. We have the same just right to a fulfilment of the solemn compact as that Province, and he could see no reason why the terms were not fulfilled ere this.

Alexander McKinnon, Esq., seconded the resolution. The Dominion Government, he said, entered into a contract and pledged themselves to give us constant and efficient steam communication winter and summer.

In return we surrendered certain rights and fulfilled our part of the contract to the letter. They therefore should not only carry out the terms and give us efficient communication, but they should indemnify us for the great loss the Province has incurred by non-fulfilment of the terms. The people of British Columbia, through energetic measures,—by an appeal to the foot of the Throne—compelled the Dominion Government to fulfil the solemn compact into which both Governments had entered. The same course is open to Prince Edward Island. Our representatives at Ottawa, he said, were not as energetic as they might be.

They are too much bound up in self to care anything for the Province. He therefore urged the people themselves not to rest until they obtain their just rights, viz: good and efficient steam communication in winter as well as summer.

The resolution being put was carried without a dissenting voice.

F. T. Newbery, Esq., moved the following resolution:—

Whereas, The Joint Address, adopted by the Legislature of this Province at its last session, ably set forth the inconvenience and loss which the people of this Island annually suffer, owing to the failure of the Dominion Government to furnish constant communication with the mainland, as guaranteed us by the terms of Confederation.

Therefore Resolved, That this meeting approve of the representations contained in the said Address, and hereby urge upon the Legislature the necessity of invoking the interference of Her Majesty the Queen, unless immediate and effective measures be taken, during the present session of the Dominion Parliament, to secure to us the efficient and continuous communication with the mainland guaranteed to us by the terms of Confederation.

And further Resolved, That this meeting hereby express their deep regret at the delay which has occurred in carrying out the compact between the Dominion and this Island, and their disappointment at the utter apathy with which the Government at Ottawa seem to regard the position of this Island, and its claims to what is nothing more than simple justice in the matter of communication with the mainland.

Our representatives at Ottawa, Mr. Newbery said, have not heretofore pressed our claims to efficient steam communication in winter as effectively as they should. It was therefore our duty to insist on the local Government carrying the matter to the foot of the Throne. He was pleased to note the press of the other provinces were giving the matter of communication with this Province in winter a fair share of attention.

One influential newspaper had justly remarked our claims were as strong as those of British Columbia. When we entered confederation, we surrendered certain rights, and the Dominion Government, in return, are bound to fulfil their part of the agreement.

Horace Hazard, Esq., C. C., seconded the motion. He said the Dominion Government treated us most shabbily in carry-

ing out the terms of union. It was now our duty to insist as one man that the terms be carried out to the letter.

Archibald McNeill, Esq., supported the resolution. He read from the joint memorial of both branches of the Legislature, showing the strong representation which had been made to the Dominion Government regarding winter communication.

The memorial, he said, was the concentrated essence of the case. It was not for us to point out to a Government who have scaled the Rocky Mountains how the difficulties of navigating the Straits of Northumberland are to be surmounted. He referred to the construction of the Cape Travers and Cape Tormentine branches, and said our representatives should join with the other Maritime members in urging the Dominion Government to give a grant towards the completion of the Cape Tormentine Branch.

Hon. D. Laird moved that a copy of the resolutions be printed and forwarded to the Secretary of State. He then said that unless we take determined action in this matter, we will have no results. The resolutions would be courteously received, and we would hear nothing more about them.

He then accused the Government of trifling with the matter, and read from returns showing that the Government had given the captain instructions which meant nothing more nor less than not to force the Northern Light, but to make trips when convenient.

He also referred to the promise made by the Minister of Marine, that the Lansdowne would be placed on the route to assist the Northern Light, but she never appeared on the route. The Government, he said, also promised tugs at the Capes, but not a stone was turned at Cape Tormentine pier, or a blow struck on the tug. He believed that if matters did not take another turn, we would have to take the same action as the British Columbians.

Hon. D. Ferguson seconded the motion. He said the steps taken by both Governments to carry out the terms of Confederation had been feeble indeed. He was one of the first advocates of Confederation in this province, and in advocating that great question he looked forward to the formation of a strong Federal Government which would carry out several great works then projected, such as the Intercolonial Railway, the canal system, and winter communication with P. E. Island.

As an advocate of Confederation he was greatly disappointed at how the terms were carried out with respect to the last. For three years the Albert was put on as an experiment. Then we got the Northern Light, which is doing her best, but no attempt was made to improve her. It is only a short time since it was discovered she could break this ice better with her stern than her stem, thus proving that great improvement can be made.

He did not agree with Hon. Mr. Laird that the Northern Light should be put out in dangerous weather because if a disaster should occur, and valuable lives were lost through recklessness, it might militate against further experiment being made with steamers in the Gulf in winter. He claimed credit for the Local Government for urging the subject of better communication, and said the efforts would be powerless unless the people were strong behind them.

He felt sure that if united action were taken we would ere long get our rights.

D. Farquharson, Esq., M. P. P., urged the people to unite as one man and demand their rights in respect to winter communication.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was then tendered to the Chairman, and the meeting adjourned.

We learn that Mr. Benjamin Richard, of Tignish, will arrive here on Monday evening for the purpose of arranging a match with his trotting mare, "Mag Perry." There is no doubt he will find several in Charlottetown glad to accept any challenge he may make.

WM. ICKLIFFE, a village blacksmith of Stockton, has fallen heir to an earldom in England and an estate valued at two million dollars. His father married a blacksmith's daughter and was disinherited. The property was left to Ickliffe by his grandfather.

The members of Victoria Division Sons of Temperance intend holding a social next Monday evening in Scott's Hall, Kent Street. All friends of temperance and members of Sister Temperance Societies are cordially invited.

SIXTY FOUR bags of mails arrived at Cape Traverse at 4.30 this evening, and left immediately for town. The mails from Cape Traverse arrived at Cape Tormentine at 1.30 p. m.

We are requested to state that Mr. P. R. Bowers was proposed as one of the assessors, at the late meeting of the City Council, without any solicitation or knowledge on his part.

THE Rev. Mr. Hutchinson will preach in St. James' Church to-morrow morning and evening at the usual hours.

"MIRACLES" will be the subject of the Sunday evening lecture in St. Peter's Church to-morrow night.

ONE case of drunkenness at the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this forenoon.

THE Imperial Parliament will reassemble on the 19th inst.

THE first game of Hockey at the Rink to-night.

BIRTH. In the city of New Westminster, British Columbia, on January 2nd, the wife of R. C. McDonald (of the firm of McDonald Bros.) of a daughter.

DIED. At Charlottetown, February 13th, Moses Doucette, aged 62 years. [Funeral to-morrow (Sunday) from James Daley's, Richmond Street, at 3.30 p. m.]

At Ch'town, Feb. 14, 1885, leaving a large family to mourn the loss of an affectionate mother, Dorothy, wife of the late Thomas Davey, in the 72nd year of her age. [Funeral from her late residence, Richmond Street, at half-past two p. m., on Tuesday, 17th inst. via train for Sherwood Cemetery.]

At New Glasgow, P. E. I., February 11th, the infant son of W. and C. J. Honeywell.

On the 24th December, 1884, at Byram, Miss, in the 37th year of his age, John B. McLean, of New York, eldest son of Malcolm McLean, Graham's Road, New Perth, New London, P. E. Island.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.]

THE SOUDAN.

Death of Gen. Gordon.

Killed on January 26th.

The News conveyed in an Arabic Document.

LONDON, Feb. 14. General Brackenbury telegraphs from Kertek, Feb. 11th. A translation of an Arabic document, found near the camp, deserted by the rebels on Tuesday. It is from the Governor of Barber to his faithful followers.

The document commences: "To-day, after midday prayer, I have received a letter from faithful Khalifa Abdullah Eden Mohammed, in which he says that Khartoum was taken on Monday, the 9th Rabi, 1302, on the side of Elborri, in the following manner: El Mshdi prayed and blessed the troops, who then advanced against the fortifications. They entered Khartoum in a quarter of an hour, killed the traitor Gordon and captured his steamers and boats. God has made him glorious. Be grateful then and praise God for His unspeakable mercy." It may be noted that "Ninth Rabi" corresponds to January 26th, European style. The foregoing confirms previous reports that Gordon was killed.

WOLSELEY AT KORTI. LONDON, Feb. 13. General Lord Wolseley is compelled to remain at Korti owing to the importance of communications constantly passing between him and the Government.

An offer comes from New South Wales to send five hundred infantry and two batteries of artillery to the Soudan within a month.

ITALY'S ACTION. NAPLES, Feb. 13. Two transports, bearing forces of the second expedition to the Red Sea, sailed yesterday. The troops received an ovation before they departed.

BULLER TO ATTACK METAMNEH. LONDON, Feb. 13. A despatch from Korti says Col. Sir Redvers Buller will probably attack Metamneh next Sunday. The rebels are taking no aggressive steps.

THE OFFERS OF CANADA AND AUSTRALIA. LONDON, Feb. 14. The Marquis of Hartington, Secretary of State for War, advises the acceptance of offers from Canada and New South Wales, to send troops to the Soudan; but the War Office authorities opposed the proposition.

The question will be referred to the Cabinet for decision owing to the opposition of Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-chief, and other officers. It is probable that the Ministers will decide to inform Canada and New South Wales, that their assistance is not needed. The authorities of New South Wales have offered to defray expenses connected with sending an Australian contingent to the Soudan.

Boer Troubles. LONDON, Feb. 13. Advice from Durban, South Africa, state that the bellicose section of the Boers declare that if a single shot is fired in Bechuanaland they will absorb the colony of Natal. Inhabitants of the latter country are firmly resolved to resist aggression.

More Earthquakes. MADRID, Feb. 13. Earthquake shocks were felt to-day at Ture del Campo, severe enough to do serious damage to the hospital.

Burned to Death. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13. The county almshouse here was burned last night. Twenty-eight inmates perished in the flames.

Parliamentary. OTTAWA, Feb. 13. Nothing of special interest transpired in the House to-day. The House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Mr. Yeo of P. E. I. arrived to-day. The Senate adjourned for one week.

Weather Bulletin. Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces. TORONTO, Feb. 14—10 a. m. Moderate winds, generally fair weather, not much change in temperature.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE. Charlottetown February 14, 1885. Highest Temperature yesterday, (read at midnight)..... 16.9

Lowest Temperature yesterday, (read at midnight)..... -11.1

Lowest Temperature this morning,..... -6.7

Temperature this morning, at 8 o'clock..... -5.0

Temperature this afternoon at 1 o'clock..... 14.2

Below zero.

SHIP NEWS. Bark Moselle on the berth at Liverpool loading for Charlottetown.

Bark George Peake at Bordeaux. Bark Ralph B. Peake sailed from Cardiff for Bahia, Brazil.

Bright Zelica sailed from Cardiff for Pernambuco. Bright Zerelda at Santos, Brazil, on the 5th January.

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By order of the President and Directors, JOHN HUGHES, Secretary.

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KING'S COUNTY Liberal Conservative Association.

A MEETING of the supporters of the Liberal Conservative Party, for the purpose of organizing a Liberal Conservative Association for King's County, will be held in the Town Hall, Georgetown, on Tuesday, the 24th February inst., at the hour of 3 o'clock, p. m.

Delegates from each polling division in the county are respectfully invited to attend.

D. GORDON, M. P. P., Georgetown. ARCH'D J. McDONALD, M. P. P., Georgetown. JOHN McLEAN, M. P. P., 1st District, King's Co.

L. KICKHAM, M. L. C., 1st District, King's Co. TH. MAS ANNEAR, M. L. C., 2nd District, King's Co. JOHN McDougall, M. P. P., 3rd District, King's Co.

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