

The British Ministry were defeated after an animated discussion, on the Income Tax Bill, by a majority of 14.

The Industrial Exhibition progresses satisfactorily—the receipts being Two Thousand Pounds daily.

The Caffre War continues, with unabated fury. Since last accounts, the enemy were defeated, but not discouraged.

The death of Earl Bantry, is noticed in the papers.

France is quiet, but there is abundance of revolutionary gossip in the papers.

General Changarnier has been publicly charged with proposing an invasion of England, at the last Revolution.

The Revolution in Portugal has been entirely suppressed, placing the victorious General Saldhana at the head of the Ministry.

There are symptoms of agitation in Hungary.

Austria demands from the Sultan that Kossuth be confined for the period of two years.

THE GREAT QUESTION.

(From the London Standard, May 15)

Lord Stanley rose pursuant to notice to put a question as to the recent proceedings in the Legislature of New Brunswick respecting the Railway from Halifax to Quebec. A Bill was at present under consideration in the United States for the construction of a line of railway communicating between Lake Superior and the Pacific, which would give increased advantages to those states by making their territory the great highway between the Atlantic and Pacific; and there was every reason to believe that the Bill would soon be passed into law. Now, it appeared, that the Colonies of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, had made a proposal for the construction of what he considered to some extent as a competing line, would greatly develop the resources of those colonies; but the Colonial Office, in this country had not acceded to their proposal; and, on the other hand, the Legislature of New Brunswick had refused to undertake the construction of such a line on the terms which had been offered by our colonial officer. He wished to ask the noble earl the Secretary for the colonies whether he had any objection to lay on the table of the House such information as he had received with regard to the resolutions adopted by the legislature of New Brunswick upon that subject; and next whether Her Majesty's government were prepared to take any new steps to meet the views of the legislature of New Brunswick.

Earl Grey said he had no objection to lay before the house any information he could give upon that subject, although that information was at present very imperfect. He should say that he did not consider that anything that had as yet taken place in New Brunswick that would necessarily prevent a satisfactory settlement of the question.

Lord Montagu said, he had heard with much pleasure that there was no reason to believe that that subject might not yet be satisfactorily settled.

Much dissatisfaction exists in England relative to the Caffre War; and it is now generally admitted that if Responsible Government had been extended to the Cape Colony, long ago, those troubles would not have occurred. The news from that quarter is very unsatisfactory.

Still later News.

The Royal Mail steamship Canada arrived at Halifax from Liverpool on Monday last, with later dates than those furnished by the Africa. The Mails for this Island reached here on Friday last. We select the following items of the latest news.

The Czar has declined to push forward Austria into a Germanic insurrection.

The King of Naples has died of an excess of food.

Italy is as tranquil as if MAZZINI and Father GAVAZZI had been praying and smoking on the steps of the Vatican.

Turkey was to have had a "little go"

with Egypt, but wanted pluck; and the tranquillity of India extends over all Asia.

Spain is anticipating an heir to the throne; and although there has been a report of the probable abdication of the Queen of Portugal, nobody believes it, for the idea of a republic at Lusitania is too absurd to be entertained.

There is a renewal of the old talk of a war on the River Plate; but, like the cry of wolf, it has been so often repeated without cause, that nobody is likely to believe it when it does come, if come it will.

At home, the dulness seems irresistible, for it resists alike the industrial labours of the Queen, and the blandishment of the Industrial Palace. In vain her Majesty provokes curiosity by frequent but uncertain visits to the Exhibition. People go there to see, or in expectation of seeing her; but the royal courtesy praised, and the Chrystal Temple admired, the leaden goddess pours down something worse than somnolency on an inert world, beyond the site of Hyde-park. Concerts at Buckingham Palace, levees at St. James's, and an announced state or fancy ball, do not divert the pensive public, and the proceedings in parliament have long since ceased to interest.

The House of Lords can hardly be said to make an effort to do business; and, in the Commons, a foregone conclusion imparts an air of idleness to even the most important debate. On Monday, Sir CHARLES WOOD spared the legislature the infliction of another discussion on the income-tax by a concession to the Protectionists, and the measure is now safe.

LETTER FROM THE HON. MR. WARBURTON IN REPLY TO MR. RAE.

Charlottetown, May 31.

MY DEAR SIR—

On my way to Charlottetown on Friday last a printed Circular was placed in my hands, signed, "Alexander Rae." I have no desire to enter into a paper warfare with Mr. Rae; but I am desirous of contradicting statements made by that gentleman, in reference to myself, directly contrary to the real facts.

I did not request Mr. Rae to draw up a Memorial for me to Earl Grey, because I was unable to draft one, but because—having been excluded from the House—I was desirous of returning to my home, where I considered my presence necessary. I then thought Mr. Rae capable of drawing out a Memorial—(no very difficult task)—not for one moment imagining that he would absent himself from the Colony at a time when his presence (were he really of the Liberal party) might have been of service to the cause which he pretended to advocate. I have been given to understand that threats held out against him by his *adversus* opponent, Dr. Conroy, were the cause of his flight.

Mr. Rae's celebrated letter respecting myself, in connection with the office of Secretary, is not forgotten; his desire for office is well known to the people of this colony; and I have just been informed by Mr. Fraser, (who has other matters to communicate to the public at the approaching Election) that Mr. Rae endeavoured to get him (Mr. F.) to resign the office of Collector of Impost in his favour, and that Mr. Fraser would be appointed Speaker to the Assembly.

I assure you I am not at all anxious for Mr. Rae's support; nor do I believe Mr. Pope needs it. Moreover, I believe any attempt on the part of Mr. Rae to support the present Majority, under existing circumstances, would render them rather suspected of deserting the Liberal cause, than otherwise.

I voted for Mr. Rae as Speaker;—did he not advertise for support in the *Examiner*? and does he mean to insinuate that he was outwitted by men whom he considers inferior to himself in political knowledge? He coveted office,—but not believing Responsible Government so

near at hand, he became Speaker, because, I use his own words as nearly as I can recollect them—nothing better offered at the time.

I remain, yours very truly,

J. WARBURTON.

HON. E. WHELAN.

NEW COMMISSIONERS OF ROADS.

His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor in Council, has been pleased to appoint the following persons, to be Commissioners of Highways, for the several Road Districts in this Island, under the authority of an Act, passed in the late Session of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to consolidate, and amend the Laws relating to Statute Labour, and the expenditure of Public Moneys on the Highways."

PRINCE COUNTY.

- District No. 1—Thomas Ruggles, to be Commissioner for District No. 1, comprising Townships, Nos. 1, 2, and 3.
- No. 2—Joseph Murphy, comprising Townships Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 11
- No. 3. Michael Dalton, comprising Townships Nos. 7, 8, 9, and 10.
- No. 4. David Ramsay, comprising Townships, Nos. 12, 13, and 14.
- No. 5—Peter McGregor, comprising Townships Nos. 15, and 16.
- No. 6. Harry C. Green, comprising Townships Nos. 17, and 19, and the line Road, between 19 and 25.
- No. 7—Robert M'Nutt, comprising Township No. 18, and Princetown Royalty.
- No. 8—Stephen Wright, comprising Townships Nos. 25, and 26.
- No. 9—John Lord, comprising Townships, Nos. 27, and 28.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

- District No. 1—George M'Kay, comprising Townships, Nos. 20, and 21.
- No. 2—William Bagnall, comprising Townships, Nos. 22, and 67.
- No. 3—John Doynt, comprising Townships, Nos. 23, and 24.
- No. 4—Patrick Bearney, comprising Townships, Nos. 33, and 34.
- No. 5—Joseph Trosdale, comprising Townships, Nos. 29, 30, and 65.
- No. 6—John M'Kaig, comprising Townships, Nos. 31, and 32.
- No. 7—John Mooney, comprising those portions of Townships 35, 36, and 37, on the North Side of the Hillsborough.
- No. 8—James Duffy, comprising Townships, Nos. 48, and those portions of 35, 36, and 37, on the South Side of the Hillsborough.
- No. 9—James Lewis Hayden, comprising Townships, Nos. 49, and 50.
- No. 10—Samuel Murchison, comprising Townships, Nos. 57, and 58.
- No. 11—Roderick Morrison, comprising Townships, Nos. 60, and 62.

KING'S COUNTY.

- District No. 1—John E. W. Alleyne, comprising Townships, Nos. 38, 39, and 40, West of Morell River.
- No. 2—James M'Kay, comprising Townships, Nos. 41, 40, and 39, East of Morell River, & St. Peter's Harbour Mouth, and Morrell Bridge.
- No. 3—John Mackintosh, comprising Townships, Nos. 42, and 43, including the Division line Road between 43, and 44.
- No. 4—John M'Gowan, comprising Townships, Nos. 44, and 45.
- No. 5—Ronald M'Donald, Prospect Hill, comprising Townships, Nos. 46, and 47.
- No. 6—William Underhay, comprising Townships, Nos. 56, 55, North of Grand River, & Grand River Bridge.
- No. 7—Peter Walker, comprising Townships, Nos. 55, South of Grand River, 53, North of Cardigan River, and 54.
- No. 8—Charles Stewart, comprising Townships, Nos. 53, South of Cardigan River, 52, 51, 66, and Georgetown and Royalty, and Common, and Land adjoining the Royalty, known as reserved Land.
- No. 9—Thomas Clow, comprising Townships, Nos. 59, and 61, and Montague Bridge.
- No. 10—Edward Thornton, comprising Townships, Nos. 63, and 64.

Secretary's Office, May 27, 1851.
His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor

nor has been pleased to direct the name of Richard Hays, Esq., of Morrell, to be inserted in the Commission of the Peace for King's County.

JAMES WARBURTON,
Col. Secy.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Hon. Provincial Secretary, we learn, will proceed to Montreal, as a Delegate from this Province to confer with Delegates representing Canada and New Brunswick on the matter of the Rail Road. He will take his departure after the 23th—previously to which His Excellency Sir John Harvey will have taken his temporary leave of this Province. The Hon. Mr. Chandler, and not Mr. Partelow, as rumoured, will represent New Brunswick in this Provincial Convention.

UNITED STATES.

DESTRUCTION OF THE CATHEDRAL AT PITTSBURG.

PITTSBURG Pa. May 7, 1851.—The Roman Catholic Church, the oldest and largest in this city, which was erected at a cost of \$30,000, was discovered to be on fire at eleven o'clock yesterday morning, and was totally consumed. It contained a splendid organ, valued at \$6,000, which was also consumed. There was but \$5,000 insurance on the building. While the church was burning, a man was arrested in the act of setting fire to the bishop's residence, adjoining.

CALIFORNIA GOLD.—From Assays of the Gold Coin of California, perfected at the United States assay office, it appeared that in each of the twenty dollar pieces the holder would lose sixty cents, should he present them to the mint, or three per cent; on the tens the loss would be twenty-six cents, or nearly the same per centum. The class of coins named last in the list of Mr. King, (Dubois's) appears to approach most nearly to the United States mint standard value, the loss being only seven tenths of one per cent, or seven cents on ten dollars, while that of Baldwin is three per cent, or thirty cents on ten dollar.

MARRIED.

At Halifax, N. S., on Monday, the 26th May, by the Very Rev. T. L. Connolly, V. G., Capt. John McDonald, of Georgetown, P. E. Island, to Miss Mary Jane Shanks, of Montreal.

DIED.

On Monday the 23th inst., at Charlottetown, of Influenza, Josiah, youngest Son of Mr. John Williams, Queen Square, aged 7 years.

PASSENGERS.

In the Steamer from Pictou on the 25th instant—Messrs. Porteous, James Anderson, James M'Intyre, Patrick Walker, Captain Walsh, and 3 in the steerage.

In the Steamer Rose from Pictou on Friday, May 30—Miss Noonan, Mrs. M'Lean, Hon. C. Young, D. Reddin, Esq., W. W. Irving, Esq.; Messrs. Bynon, A. Binns, and 3 in the steerage.

SHIP NEWS.

ENTERED.

May 23—Providence, Lavoir, Quebec; Flour 26th—Union, Jones, Montreal; do. Priscilla, Lamur, Bathurst; Shingles, Surprise, Kennedy, Sydney; Coals, 28th—John Wallace, Jarvis, Halifax; Goods, Susan, Mullins, N. S.; Limestone, Joseph Nickerson, Halifax; Goods, Trial, Millard, Pictou; Salt.

CLEARED.

May 26—Star of Hope, Collins, Boston; grain, 27—Union, Jones, Gaspé; Bal. 28th—Surprise, Kennedy, Cape Breton; produce, 29th—Susan, Mullins, N. S.; ballast.

Appledore, May 8—The *Civility*, Molton, for P. E. Island, in working out, took the ground on Spatrage, where she remained, but came off on the tide, without damage, and proceeded this morning.

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