The Daily British Whig.

SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 31.

REMINDERS.

SUNDAY

ANNIVERSARY sermons in Baptist Church
SERMON by Bishop of Ontario at St. George's Cathedral—11 a.m.
MISSIONARY service at St. Paul's Church—6.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

TENDERS for purchase of Scotsan Farm received at Asylum for Insane.
TEA-MEETING of Baptist Church at 6.30 p.m.
PARADE of P.W.O. Rifles at 7.30 p.m.
DEBATE of Alma Mater Society at 7.30 p.m.
ENTERTAINMENT of Wesleyan Literary Association—7.30 p.m.
LITERARY Meeting of Y.M.C.A—8 p.m
MISSIONARY Meeting at St. James Church—7.30 p.m.
MINDEN LODGE—Regular meeting 8 p.m.

Mr. Robinson, Tory, elected for West Hastings, yesterday, only got about one-third of the majority he obtained last June.

MR. HOOPER'S DEFICIENCY.

The Napanee *Express* gives a lengthy extract from the report of the Commissioners who made an examination of the books of the Treasurer of Lennox and Addington and unveiled a deficiency which has been the talk of the county ever since. The Commission condemns the system of book-keeping followed by Mr. Hooper, an audit of which was rendered the more difficult and unsatisfactory in consequence of the absence of documentary evidence, and of the lack of of information which Mr. Hooper declined to give. When the investigation was ordered Mr. Hooper sought a postponment of the commencement of the work, but the Commissioner declined to allow it, feeling that the request was made for a purpose which was afterwards disclosed. Of debentures to the amount of $60,000 that were sold the Commission could only trace $49,318.72. Making allowance for all discounts there was still a balance unaccounted for of $4,681 28. Under the heading of Bills Payable there was a deficiency of $5,450. There were many erasures, the meaning of which could not be definitely understood. In the account between Frontenac and Lennox & Addington the discrepancy is as it was represented to be sometime ago—that is on the 18th of February, 1866. Mr. Hooper professes to have paid to the Treasurer of Frontenac $968 while Frontenac only gives credit for a payment of $698. The total liability of the Treasurer is placed at $50,458.28, which includes compound interest on some items for several years. In deference to the request of Mr. Hooper the Counties Council of Lennox & Addington has allowed Mr. Hooper until March to prepare a statement of his case.

THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES.

We are glad to observe that the Government measure, designed to amend the constitution and to improve the condition of our Agricultural College, has passed its second reading, and will shortly become law. There is no more useful nor necessary institution in the country than this one. It's very existence is a practical recognition of the dignity and importance of agricultural pursuits, and an expression of the Government determination that those pursuits shall share the advantage and assistance which science now renders to every sphere of human activity. Almost the only couper at the Bill, Abraham Lauder, of South Grey, expressed his fears that the College would infuse too much of this scientific information into modern Canadian farming. At present he said the teaching in the college was too theoretical. This can scarcely be when the students have to spend as much of their time afield or among the stock as they do at their books or in the class-room. But the value of Abraham's opinion in this matter may be gathered from the fact that he opened his little criticism with an expression of regret at hearing of any changes whatever in the institution, and yet wound up by saying he "hoped some change for the better would be made as the Province had now a large stake in the College!" So much, by the way, for Mr. Lauder's charming consistency. The Hon. S. C. Wood, in moving the second reading of the Bill, correctly remarked that the College had outlived adverse prejudices, and was now an assured and established success. As an experiment the institution was at first styled the "Ontario School of Agriculture and Experimental Farm." It consisted, besides the buildings, of 550 acres of land, composed of almost every variety of soil, and for this reason was well suited to the intended purpose. Its two-fold object was (1) to give to the young agriculturists of the Province a thorough mastery of the theory and practice of husbandry and (2) to conduct agricultural experiments, and publish the results of the same for the public information. The course of instruction embraced farm, live-stock, horticultural and mechanical departments, terms that, we should say, imply no lack of the practical. Of course the student is put through a curriculum of study, but all the subjects included therein, such as Botany, Chemistry, Geology, Practical Agriculture, etc., etc., have a direct bearing upon the primary object of the Government to promote intelligent farming and to elevate what is too often considered, even by those who are engaged in it, as a menial occupation into what should be regarded as the highest practical illustration of the "dignity of labour." Besides all this, the admirable discipline which prevails in the institution, and the systematic regularity with which all its operations are conducted, cannot fail to be of inestimable value to its graduates in their subsequent career in life. The Bill which has just passed its second reading changes the name of the "School of Agriculture" to the "Agricultural College," provides for its affiliation with the University at Toronto, and will introduce several improvements in its operations. The Provincial Treasurer took occasion to pay a just tribute of appreciation to the late President, Mr. Johnson, and to express the belief, which we cordially endorse, that his successor, Mr. Mills, will prove abundantly competent to fill a position which will be rendered more than ever responsible and important by the changes and improvements which the adoption of the new Bill will involve.

COAL SHORTAGE.

To the Editor of the British Whig.

SIR,—I am the man who is attacked in your issue of yesterday. The facts of the case briefly stated are these: On the morning of the delivery of this particular coal my weigher balanced the scale, the wooden platform of which was very wet, by allowing 100 lbs. on the beam, (viz., shifting the weight along the beam to 100 lbs.) and up to the time of weighing the coal referred to no other coal had been weighed, and at the time of weighing the coal my weigher omitted in gauging weight of carts to take into account the 100 lbs. necessary to balance the scale. Any one familiar with the working of platform scales (mine are Fairbank's best double beam scales), will readily understand how a mistake of this kind could happen.

Now the coal was weighed in the manner referred to and went out short in quantity. This occurrence is deeply regretted by me, as I desire at all times to give honest measure and honest weight, but what was more annoying was the action of the carters in endeavoring to right the matter (as they thought) by adding to the load, thus rather intensifying the evil, but done by them probably to save the weigher a reprimand on my return from Cobourg, they well knowing my displeasure on learning of such a blunder, but which course, however, was not with the approval of the weigher, who stopped the carters and told them to go to the market scale with the carts, as they were aware my desire would have been, had I met the carts coming back. So clear am I as to my intentions and as to the invariable correctness of my weights to have them go directly to the market scales and there weigh the coal.

I am willing and ready at any and all times to have the scale balanced and the coal weighed in the presence of every customer as the coal goes out from my coal house, and in addition to have the coal re-weighed at any inspected scale in the city.

Lastly my record is before the public of Kingston. I was born here, lived as a boy, and have grown to manhood in this city, and I do not think any one can accuse me of any unfair dealings during the whole of my career.

Yours, &c.,
R. CRAWFORD.

Jan. 31st, 1880.

Coal Weighing.

To the Editor of the British Whig.

SIR,—An anonymous correspondent in your issue of last evening complains of having been cheated by "his coal merchant," and evidently wishes the public to infer that he gives publicity to the statement from philanthropic motives. I submit that it would have been more manly and honest on his part had he given the name of "his coal merchant" and that of himself. But as he has left the public to surmise who the former is, in justice to myself I must say that the transaction referred to did not occur at my place.

To protect the trade from aspersions of this kind, and to satisfy consumers, I think the city authorities should direct that all coal retailed here be weighed on the city scales.

Yours truly,
JAMES SWIFT.

Jan. 31st, 1880.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

FRIDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Council resumed at 10.30 o'clock. The members were all present excepting Mr. Calvin. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

A NEW FENCE.

Moved by Mr. Vanluven, seconded by Mr. Mooney, that Dr. Bigham be permitted to build a new fence at the foot of his lot in Cataraqui.

The motion carried.

EQUALIZATION COMMITTEE.

Moved by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McConnell, that the following be appointed to equalize the real and personal property of the county of Frontenac in June next: Messrs. Stark, Dawson, Vanluven, Dennison, McConnell, Williams, and the Warden, all rules to the contrary being suspended.—Carried.

AUDITORS' BY-LAW.

On motion of Mr. Spooner, By-law 196, appointing the Auditors, was read a third time and passed. The Warden appointed Mr. Jas. Daly, of Kingston township, in place of Mr. M. Baker, who declined to act for the salary given.

FINANCE REPORT.

Mr. Watkins presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the payment of the following accounts: F. Tracy repairs, $1 50; W. B. & J. Anglin, lumber, 3.45; Kingston Water Works, $11.40; J. Jamieson, repairs, 50c; A. McMillan, for Court House, $1 50; R. M. Horsey, sundries, $13.13; Shaun & Meek, Inspector's Office, $6 25; Mrs. Grimason, supplies, $12 32; John Mahon, stormsashes, $29.50; I. Nobl, wood, $6; McKelvey & Birch, repairs $6 25; Richmond & Boyden, $3 08, the balance of their account, $19 15 for meeting for W. H. Fuller's office being rejected, Mr. Fuller having ordered it on his own responsibility; to Messrs. Power & Co., architects, superintending the cutting of a doorway in Mr. Fuller's office, they recommended the payment of $4.00 instead of $5 00 as sufficient for the service; that $25 for the Inspector and $1 for the Clerk be placed to their credit for postage; that no action be taken in the communication of the Ontario Rifle Association; that no action be taken in the communication from the counties of Northumberland and Durham regarding Auditors; that the accounts for things at the Governor-General's reception be laid over for further enquiry, the Chairman of the Reception Committee being ordered to pay all such accounts out of money placed to his credit; that the account of the Penitentiary, $62.50, for broken stone be laid on the table, the same not having been procured for the county; that two accounts, sent in after the time advertised, be laid over. Mr. McNeely's account was laid over. McKelvey & Birch's account, balance of contract $1320, was laid over until the June session. An account of McMahon's for night latches, $1 75 was ordered not to be paid as, no authority had been given for them. As to the account for books for the Judge's Chambers, no action was taken, no certificate being attached or authority shown for them. They also recommend that the Clerk be authorized to procure copies of the Canada Law Journal for the use of the county.

The Council adjourned until 2 o'clock

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council resumed at 2.30 o'clock, the Warden in the chair.

Mr. Watkins moved the adoption of the Finance report.—Carried.

REGISTRY OFFICE.

Mr. Watkins moved that the Chairman of County Property be instructed and empowered to procure all such further furniture as may be necessary for the County Registry Office, and procure the removal of the Registry department thereto, as soon as possible; that the Clerk be placed in the Registry office, and that the Inspector take full possession of the room vacated by the Clerk.

Mr. Dennison informed the Council that Mr. Rose, the Registrar, had stated that he did not intend to move into the new building until all the necessary furniture was placed in it. As Chairman of County Property he wanted to know how he could put Mr. Rose out.

Mr. Vanluven said that all the necessary furniture had been placed in the new building.

Mr. Coxe concurred with the remarks of the previous speaker.

Mr. Spooner thought the Inspector would make Mr. Rose move. At present his papers were in an unsafe condition.

Mr. Williams suggested that all the furniture Mr. Rose wished for be procured.

Mr. Rose was sent for to state what was required. He said he had handed a list of his requirements to the Chairman of County Property for the last few years, and as yet they were not supplied. He would be willing to go into the new office as soon as it was completed and ready for occupation.

The motion was put and carried.

COUNCILLORS' PAY.

Moved by Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Hewton, that with a view to economize the expenditure of the County, it be resolved that hereafter the sittings of the Council be confined to four days, any time sitting in excess to be given gratuitously.

A little discussion followed. The motion carried on the following division:

Yeas—Messrs. Denison, Greaves, Hewton, Joyner, McConnell, Mooney, Murton, Pope, Stark, Scott, Spooner, Vanluven, Walker—13. Nays—Messrs. Atcheson, Bourk, Coulter, Coxe, Dawson, McKenzie, O'Reilly, Watkins, Watson, Williams—10.

ABOLISHING COUNTY COUNCILS.

Moved by Mr. Hewton, seconded by Mr. Stark, that this Council memorialize the Ontario Legislature to do away with County Councils and allow the people to appoint a Board of five Commissioners, to be selected in the county, to transact all business in connection with the same.

Mr. Watson—Who would appoint the commissioners?

Mr. Hewton—The people.

The motion carried, without any opposition, amid loud laughter.

Mr. Hewton said he was sincere in the motion. It would do away with all Council humbug.

BY-LAW NO. 198.

By-law 198 was presented to confirm By-law 207, of the Township of Bedford, and on motion of Mr. Atcheson the By-law was read a first, second and third times, signed and sealed.

NOTICE OF BY-LAW.

Mr. Hewton gave notice that he would move, to-morrow, a by-law to make roads in the township of Storrington less than required by law.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Vanluven, that the County Council petition the Dominion Government to so amend the Confederation Act as to do away with all Local Legislatures.

Amid another roar of merriment the motion was put and declared lost.

VALUATORS.

Moved by Mr. Atcheson, seconded by Mr. McConnell, that three Valuators, Messrs. J. Ritchie, N. Palmer and G. Lake, be appointed to valuate the county; that a by-law to that effect be passed, and that the Valuators proceed with the work when ordered by the Council.

Mr. Atcheson explained who these men were.

Mr. Vanluven remarked that what was wanted was good practical farmers as Valuators.

Mr. Watkins moved in amendment that the matter be laid over for a day.

The opinion of the Council was that Valuators should be appointed, but they should be well known to the Councillors, and qualified for the work.

THE COURT HOUSE.

Moved by Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Atcheson, that as a report is current that the Court House is occupied by other than the Court House Keeper, and that the under part of the building is used as a storehouse for various purposes, a special Committee, consisting of Messieurs Atcheson, Joyner and Dennison, be appointed to make a thorough investigation of the building and report the result to-morrow.—Carried.

BATH ROAD COMPANY.

A conversation took place regarding the Bath Road Company, a deputation from which appeared before the Council yesterday. The general opinion was that the Company was asking far too much in requesting the County to assume the road at twenty five cents on the dollar. The Company was indebted to the County to the amount of $2,000. The road had been run down, and would have to receive considerable repairs. One member advocated the collection of the debt.

Moved by Mr. Atcheson, seconded by Mr. McConnell, that the Warden be instructed to proceed at once to collect the amount of the judgment against the Bath Road Company.

Mr. Vanluven said they had better let the judgment run on, as they were receiving six per cent interest on it. The stockholders were good enough for the amount. It would be harsh to ask them for it when the interest and security were so good.

After some discussion the motion was lost—Yeas 6; nays 16.

Moved by Mr. Vanluven, seconded by Mr. Mooney, that the Treasurer be instructed to collect the interest due the county by the Bath Road Company.—Carried.

The Council adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Council resumed at 9.30, the Warden in the chair. The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

ASSESSOR'S GUIDE.

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Mackenzie, that the County Clerk be instructed to purchase two copies of the Assessor's Guide for each township, the same to to be transmitted by mail to them before the 14th February.—Carried.

REPORT ON PRINTING AND EDUCATION.

Mr. Hewton, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Education, reported that having made enquiry and learned that no reduction could be procured on the prices paid under the contract last year, they recommend that the existing contract, be continued; that the Committee be authorized to ask for tenders, and award the contract for stationary required by the county.—Adopted.

VALUATORS.

The motion of Mr. Atcheson was taken up.

The general opinion of members was that Valuators should be appointed, but not until the June session.

Mr. Watkins gave notice that he would move a by law for the appointment of Valuators at the June session. The names proposed were erased and the motion passed, that Valuators be appointed.—Yeas 14, nays 8.

AWARD COMMITTEE.

A Special Committee, consisting of the Warden and Messrs. Dennison and Atcheson, was appointed to go over the accounts and examine the amount of the city's indebtedness to the county in connection with the running expenses of the Court House and Gaol.

BY LAW PASSED.

A by-law, permitting townships to open roads less than the width required by law, was read a first time.

Mr. Hewton moved the second and third reading of the by-law.

Mr. Watkins hoped the by-law would not pass. It would be the worst thing the Council could do, as if narrowed the roads would be filled up with drifts of snow in winter.

The Warden explained why the by-law was presented.

Mr. Watkins asked that his township be struck out of the by-law, as he did not wish to have such a thing passed.

The motion lead to a general discussion, but it was finally carried. The by-law was read a second and third times, signed and sealed.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Special Committee appointed to investigate into the Court House Keeper's apartments presented their report. They stated that there were no grounds for the rumor about them.

ASSESSMENT.

The following telegram was received from D. D. Calvin, M.P.P.: "I would recommend the County Council to select one of the back townships and assess it as a test question. Answer."

The Councillors could make no meaning out of the telegram and some very humorous remarks were made regarding it. No action.

ECONOMY.

Moved by Mr. Vanluven, seconded by Mr. P. Dawson, that with a view of economizing the funds of the County a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Mooney, Starke and the mover, be appointed to prepare a memorial to the Ontario Legislature, for the reduction of the number of members of the County Councils, the number to be elected in proportion to the assessment.

The motion was lost on the following division:

Yeas — Messrs. Dawson, Mooney, O'Reilly, Pope, Stark, Spooner, Vanluven, Watkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Atcheson, Bourk, Coulter, Coxe, Denison, Greaves, Hewton, Joyner, McConnell, Murton, Scott, Walker, Watson, Williams—14.

PETITION.

A petition was presented by Mr. Watson, on behalf of the inhabitants of Hinchinbrooke, asking for a grant of $50 to open a road between Lots 10 and 11, in the 1st con. of Hinchinbrooke; also for $50 to open a new road from the Wager road to the Olden & Kennebec road. This was required to allow the residents of the southeast parts of Hinchinbrooke, Kennebec and Olden to get to market.

On motion the petition was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges to report at the June session.

MORE ECONOMY.

Moved by Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. McConnell, that the Warden and Messrs. Stark, Pope, Dennison and the mover be a Committee to prepare a memorial to the Ontario Legislature, praying that the Jury Act be so amended that the selectors of jurors be paid the same per diem as that drawn by members of the County Council for attendance. Lost—yeas, 5; nays, 16.

A short adjournment occurred for the benefit of Committees.

HEATING THE GOAL.

On resuming Mr. McKelvey was heard regarding the heating of the gaol. He considered it a hardship to be compelled to wait for five months longer without payment for the heating apparatus of the gaol. His firm would give a bond for $1,000 that they would keep the apparatus in good order and efficiency for one year. They could keep the money if they allowed 7 per cent. interest on it.

REBATE OF COUNTY RULE.

Moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr Hewton, that the Township of Barrie having been unable to pay its county rate for some years past, and being still unable to do so without making great sacrifice, be it resolved that the interest on said indebtedness be struck off, or applied on this year's county rate.

Mr. Watson moved in amendment that the Township of Barrie be relieved of $75, on condition that it pay the full amount with interest to date.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. Stark, that a rebate of $50 be allowed.

The three resolutions were lost.

FINANCE REPORT.

Mr. Watkins presented a second report of the Finance Committee, to the effect that Messrs. McKelvey & Birch be paid the balance of the amount of their contract, $1,320, a bond for $1,000 to be given that they will keep the heating apparatus in good order.

Mr. Dawson moved that they be allowed 6 per cent interest from the 1st February until paid if the apparatus proved satisfactory.

Mr. Joyner in amendment moved the adoption of the report.

The report was adopted on a vote of 17 yeas, nays 5.

ANOTHER TRIAL.

Mr. Scott moved that the township of Barrie be allowed $75 on their indebtedness, on condition it they pay up all arrears in full. Carried on a division of 12 yeas, 9 nays.

SPECIAL AUDIT.

Moved by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Pope, that a special audit of the late Treasurer's book for his term of office be made.

Mr. McConnell opposed the motion unless something definite was alleged to be wrong.

Mr. Pope said that it had been stated that there were deficiencies in the late Treasurer's books. He had so much respect for the late Treasurer that he would only withdraw his name on condition that the Council would exonerate him from all blame.

The motion withdrawn, the Council adjourned until the second Tuesday in June.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting of the County Council was called at one o'clock to-day. The business to be conducted was the appointment of a special audit to examine the books of the late Treasurer, Mr. Irvine.

The following were nominated: Messrs. T. Andrew, Kennebec; T. Cruse, late Auditor General's Office; J. J. McGrath, G. Malone, Wolfe Island; S. O. McGinnn.

Messrs. Andrew and Cruse were elected.

They will commence their duties after the audit of the books which will be reported in at the June Session.

DISTRESSED IRELAND.

Deaths from Starvation — The Pope's Remittance—Coquetting Politicians.

London, Jan. 31.—Three deaths from starvation have occurred this week in the neighborhood of Parsonstown, County of Louth, Ireland.

The Pope has sent 10,000 francs for the relief of the distress in Ireland. His Holiness has also ordered a collection to be taken up in all the churches of Rome in aid of the sufferers.

The Right Hon. Wm. H. Smith, First Lord of the Admiralty, Liberal Conservative, speaking in Westminster last night, condemned the disposition of certain Liberal politicians to coquette with the Home Rulers, evidently referring to the promise of Lord Ramsey to support an enquiry into the question of Home Rule in the House of Commons, in return for which the Liverpool Home Rulers promised him their votes.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Why they Should not be Erected.

Toronto, Jan. 31.—When the proposition to erect new Parliament buildings comes up in the Legislature one of the strongest cards to be played by the opponents of the proposal is an opinion given by Colonel Growski, that in a few years a great deal more could be obtained for the present site and buildings than could be now. The necessities of the traffic of the Grand Trunk will compel the company to look for additional premises, and that they might be induced to become the purchaser.

He stuck like SPALDING'S GLUE to his customers and cured them.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

Condensed for the "Whig" To-day.

—The Police Committee of Montreal has resolved to reorganize the detective force so as to make it more efficient.

—Joseph Gillespie, Statesville, Me., colored, was hanged at Taylorsville yesterday for the murder of Wm. G. Tumler, age 78.

—The Hon. Mr. Macdonald, Minister of Justice, paid a lengthened visit yesterday to St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary.

—A despatch from Mount Washington says the severest storm of winter is raging. The wind is blowing 132 miles an hour.

—Mrs. Harry J. Phillips, Scranton, Pa., wife of a prominent politician and ex-member of the Legislature, suicided by poisoning last night. She accused her husband of desertion.

—The Liberal Conservative Workingmens' Union, Toronto, propose to give a dinner in honour of Mr. J. J. Evans, their President, on Tuesday evening.

—Mr. Ballantyne, M.P.P., has recovered $997.96 from W. Watson, Toronto, for failing to deliver seven hundred boxes of cheese after their purchase.

—The President has decided to place upon the retired list Paymaster General Alvord, and promote Assistant Paymaster General McClure to the vacancy.

—Some of the lumbermen who are operating on the southern tributaries of the upper Ottawa, complain that there is an insufficiency of snow to successfully carry on work.

—Hurley and O'Brien, of Fredericktón, who were awaiting trial on an alleged charge of rape, escaped from gaol by breaking a hole through the cell wall.

—The railway on the ice across the St. Lawrence from Hochelaga to Longueil was successfully inaugurated to-day by a locomotive and some platform cars having passed over safely.

—Miss Minerva Ellis, a Brooklyn school teacher, became violently insane, caused by the loss of $2,000 of her savings for ten years, which she loaned recently to the husband of an old schoolmate on worthless terms.

—The Government have purchased, and not leased, from the Skead estate the Clarendon Hotel. The figure paid was about one third of what it cost the former, $20,000. A force of men are at work fitting it up for the Geological Museum.

—Marcus Socia, prime mover in the celebrated Lewis will conspiracy, was arrested in Jersey City last evening by the United States Deputy Marshal. Lewis left his estate of a million dollars to the United States Government, and a woman claiming to be his wife appeared and demanded the property.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Chancery Fees Free Grant and Crown Lands Members Absent.

Toronto, Jan 31.—After routine and the adoption of several motions, including one for a return of the fees received by the guardians *ad litem* of infants in the Court of Chancery, several additional municipal bills were read a second time and referred to the municipal committee.

Mr. Pardee moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Act respecting Provincial Land Surveyors. The motion was carried without discussion.

The motion for the second reading of the bill of the Commission of Crown Lands, to amend the Free Grants and Homestead Act, gave rise to a long and spirited debate.

The motion for the second reading was carried by a majority of 17, no fewer than 13 Government supporters being absent without pairing.

WEST HASTINGS.

Election of Mr. Robertson by a Reduced Majority.

Belleville, Jan. 31.—The following are the returns of the election in the West Riding of Hastings at the election yesterday for the Local Legislature:

	Robertson.	Sills.
Belleville	754	477
Sidney	152	323
Trenton	170	162
Totals	1076	962
	962	
Maj. for Robertson	114	

AMERICAN.

THE ISTHMUS CANAL.

The *Herald* says the State Department authorizes the statement that the French Minister, under instructions, has communicated to Evarts that the French Government has no concern or participation in the movements of DeLesseps in regard to the Isthmus Canal, that project being an entirely private enterprise.

THE REMARKABLE CASE.

The *Tribune* says yesterday the President signed a patent for a grant of land in California, claimed by the new Idria Quicksilver Mining Company, thus ending, so far as executive is concerned, the famous McFarrahan case which has occupied the attention of the public for a quarter of a century, and has been the direct cause of the removal of at least two Cabinet Ministers. Scores of Congressmen and other public men have been publicly accused of being in connection with it.

NICARAGUAN PROJECT.

The *World* says the House Inter-Oceanic Canal Committee yesterday heard Francis M. Morris, of New York, who claims to have been originator of the Nicaraguan route, that he has expended several millions in locating this route, that to him was granted the right of way over this route by the Nicaraguan. If Morris is possessed of the right of way over the Nicaraguan route the United States would acquire a protectorate over the same.

THE PARIS OF AMERICA.

Several wealthy Californians are arranging to remove to New York, and Flood, the bonanza king, is negotiating for a mansion on 5th Avenue. The family of the late Mr. O'Brien, Flood's partner, contemplates establishing a residence here. It is also stated that the retired capitalists of Boston and other cities are coming to New York, which will soon become the Paris of America.

A SWEEPING REDUCTION.

At midnight the new tariff of the Anglo-American Cable Company, first aggressive step in the war on the new company, goes into effect to all places in Europe except Great Britain and Ireland, and the rate will be reduced to 12½ cents a word against 75 cents, the present charge.

PROPERTY ROW.

Benjamin E. Smith, of Buffalo, who is building a railroad across Jamaica Bay, recently purchased for $200,000 six hundred acres of land in Rockaway Beach, long in dispute. Four houses on the property, built by other claimants, were torn down early yesterday, before the occupants had risen. Proceedings, civil and criminal, will be begun to-morrow, and a lively warfare between the rival claimants, including Benjamin F. Butler, is anticipated.

Fellows' Syrup of Hypophosphites saved the life of my wife, after her case became apparently hopeless from tubercular consumption. H. L. Harding, Nelsonville, O.

QUEBEC.

Mr. A. D. Holman's Box Rifled and Robbed.

Quebec, Jan. 21.—A daring robbery was committed at the St. Louis Hotel last evening during the performance in the Music Hall of the opera "La Grande Duchess." The room of Mr. A. D. Holman, manager of the Holman Opera Company, was entered by some dishonest party, during the absence in the Hall of the occupant, and his trunk forced open. Upon entering the room after the performance Mr. Holman saw not only that the trunk had been forced but its contents had been ransacked and several hundred dollars in Canadian bills taken, a portion of the Company's receipts for the week in this city, which would have been better in the hotel safe. In a cash box in the trunk was a very much larger amount of money, and some valuable diamond jewelery. This cash box was taken from the trunk, but was found intact in a recess of the passage, the thief having evidently been unable to get it away undiscovered. Suspicion at once rested on an employee of the hotel, who had charge of the gas and heating apparatus, and he had left the house unusually early. Search near the trunk revealed on the carpet a small piece of steel which it was thought at first formed part of the broken lock, but further investigation showed it to be the broken end of a file. The tool box of the engineer was next searched and a file was found in it with the end missing. The detectives arrested the engineer, a young man named Farrel, at his residence. He protested his innocence.

DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

A Drunken Squabble—A Wife Kills Her Husband.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—A painful tragedy has been brought to light at Billings Bridge. A laboring man named Sabourin went home on Wednesday night in a drunken condition and quarrelled with his wife, who says she was also under the influence of liquor. Words ran high between them, and according to the woman's story her husband struck her when she seized an axe and returned the blow with interest, forgetting in the heat of the moment the terrible weapon she had in her hand. At the second blow her husband fell at her feet with two frightful gashes in the back of his head. As soon as the woman partially realized the character of her fearful work she removed her husband to a bed and did what she could to relieve him. Having restored him to consciousness she did not call a doctor, and the poor fellow laid in agony until yesterday morning, when he again became unconscious. His wife then sent for a physician, who pronounced the case a fatal one, the man being in such an exhausted state that he could not live until morning.

CABLEGRAMS.

News From Across the Ocean.

A PEER DEAD.

The Marquis of Anglesey, Liberal member of the House of Peers, is dead, aged 59.

PERE HYACINTHE'S REQUEST.

London, Jan. 31.—A Paris despatch says M. Layson Pere Hyacinthe has asked the Prefect of the Department of the Seine to grant him the use of the Church of Assumption, Rue St. Honore, at present occupied by the Polish Confraternity. Layson pleads that his present church is unsuitable, being too small, too high rental, and that his work addresses itself to persons requiring religion free from superstition and fanaticism. The application will certainly be refused as his community occupies the same position as the Protestant free churches, which provide their own edifices and pay their own pastors.

HONOR TO AN ARTIST.

London, Jan. 31.—The King of the Belgians has conferred the Leopold Cross on Madamoiselle Rosa Bonheur, artist, the first lady who has received this distinction. The King of Spain has also recently conferred on this distinguished painter an equally high order, which has never before been granted a lady.

THE NIHILIST CAUSE.

Odessa, Jan. 31.—The persons charged with the robbery of 1,500,000 roubles from the Government-Receiver's office, at Cherson, South Russia, in June, have been tried by a court martial. Three of the prisoners were sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment at hard labor, and the woman who originated the scheme of the robbery has been sentenced for life to hard labor. Two of the accused were acquitted. It is supposed the robbery was committed to aid the Nihilist cause.

EMPRESS' TRAVELS.

Cannes, Jan. 31.—The Empress of Russia leaves this afternoon for St. Petersburg.

A HORRIBLE MURDER.

London, Jan. 31.—A rich land owner near Barcelona, his wife, three daughters, one son and two women servants have all been murdered in their beds. The deed was apparently done with a hatchet. The house was ransacked. Swinherd and his two sons have been arrested.

GUN TRIAL.

A hundred ton gun has been tried at Spezzia. It attained a range of 10,000 metres with a charge of 220 kilogrammes.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Montreal, Jan. 31.

Flour—receipts 700 bbls, sales 000; market quiet and easier; Quotations: Superior extra 6.10 to 6,15; extra superfine 6,00 to 6,05; fancy, 5.90 to 6.00; spring extra new ground, 5,75 to to 5,85; superfine, 5.50 to 5.60; strong bakers' 6,00 to 6,40; fine 5.20 to 5,25; middlings 4,20 to 4,30; pollards 3.25 to 3,50; Ontario bags 2,80 to 2,90; city bags delivered 3,10 to 3,15.

Wheat per 60 lbs—No. 2 Canada spring 1,32 to 1,34; white winter 0,00.

Corn per 56 lbs—65c to 70c duty paid.

Peas per 66 lbs—77c. to 77c.

Oats per 32 lbs—31c to 32c.

Barley per 48 lbs—45c to 60c

Rye per 56 lbs—82c to 82.

Oatmeal per 200 lbs—4,60 to 4,70

Cornmeal per 200 lbs—2,90 to 2.90.

Butter—Quiet and steady; Western 15c to 20c; Brockville and Morrisburg 17c to 20c; Eastern Townships 19c to 21c; creameries and selection 24c to 27c.

Cheese—13c to 14c.

Pork—mess $17,00 to $17,50.

Lard—10c to 11c for tubs and pails.

Dressed hogs per 100 lbs—5,75 to 6,00.

Bacon—8½ to 9½c.

Hams—11 to 12c.

Ashes per 100 lbs—pots dull, easier, 6 sts 4,00 to 4,10; pearls nominal.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, Jan. 31.

Bank of Montreal—137 1-2, 136 3-4; sales—2at.

Merchants' Bank—88, 87 1-2.

Bank of Commerce—115 1-4, 114 3-4.

Ontario Bank—70 1-4, 00.

Bank of Toronto—00, 121 1-2; sales—14 at 2 1 4.

Molson's Bank—76 1 4, 75 3 4.

Exchange Bank—50, 00.

Montreal Tel. Co 91, 90 3-4; sales—25 at 1-2, 30 at 3-4.

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

THE Annual Meeting of the Subscribers to the above Institution will be held in the Council Chamber, City Buildings, on FRIDAY, 6th FEBRUARY NEXT, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the election of officers and other business.

ISAAC SIMPSON,
Hon. Sec.-Treas.

Kingston, Jan. 27th, 1880

OSWEGO MARKETS.

Oswego, Jan. 30.

Flour—No. 1 spring 6,75 to 7,00; amber winter at 7,00 to 7,25; white winter at 7,25 to 7,50; double extra 7,50 to 7,75; new process at 7,75 to 8,75; Graham 7,00 to 7,25.

Wheat—steady; white state 1,35; red 1,35; sales 0,000.

Corn—steady; Mixed Western 58 to 58.

Barley inactive; No. 1 bright Canada held at 1,00; No. 1 Canada 85 to 87; No. 2 Canada above grade 76 to 78.

Rye—Quiet and scarce; Canada nominally 88 in bond.

Mill feed—shorts 18 to 19; shipstuffs 19 to 20; middlings 20 per ton.

Cornmeal per ton—bolted 23; unbolted 22.

BIRTHS.

At Pembroke, on Jan. 27th, the wife of Mr. Edward Love, of twin daughters, stillborn.

At Jones' Falls, on Jan. 18th, the wife of Mr. Thomas Kenny, of a daughter.

At Gananoque, on Jan. 27th, the wife of Mr. W. H. Britton of a son.

MARRIED.

In Detroit, on Jan. 27th, by the Rev. J. F. Dickie, Mr. James Good, of Detroit, to Miss Margaret Parsley, of Kingston.

On Jan. 21st, Mr. John McKerracher, to Miss I. J. Davidson, both of Perth.

On Jan. 5th, Mr. Walter T. Briggs, to Miss Eva Foster, both of Smith's Falls.

At Gananoque, on Jan. 28th, Mr. Charles Cole, of Alexandria Bay, N.Y., to Miss Minnie, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Harrison, of Gananoque.

At Newburg, on Jan. 29th, Mr. L. E. Percy, of Ernestown, to Miss Kittie Caton, daughter of Mr. Miles Caton, of Newburgh.

DIED.

At his son's residence, Greenville, Michigan, of inflammation of the lungs, on January 18th, Mr. William Kennedy, aged 67 years. He was for many years a well known resident of Kingston, where he resided until within the last four years, during which time he has resided with his son at Greenville.

At Napanee, on Jan. 29th, Mr. James Blake, aged 71 years.

At Sidney, on Jan. 25th, Mr. Peter Daly Aikins, aged 69 years.

CHARITY ASSEMBLY!

IN AID OF THE CITY POOR.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE YOUNG IRISHMEN AND SHAMROCK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.

CITY HALL!

On Wednesday, 4th February.

TICKETS—50 cents. Supper will be served in Ontario Hall.

J. DONNELLY,
Jan 27th. Secretary.

St. Paul's Church Annual TEA AND CONCERT, VICTORIA MUSIC HALL,

Tuesday Evg., Feb. 3rd.

Tickets 25c. W. F. RUDSTON.

Jan 24th, 1880.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

PASTOR'S

ANNIVERSARY.

On Sabbath, Feb. 1st,

The Anniversary Sermons will be preached by Rev. S. A. Dyke, of Toronto.

On Monday Feb. 2nd,

Tea at 6.30 p.m. Public Meeting at 7.30, when the chair will be taken by Rev. Principal Grant. Rev. Joseph Young, of the M.E. Church, Rev. Alex. Turnbull, B.A., of Belleville, and Rev. S. A. Dyke, of Toronto, are expected to address the meeting. Music by the Choir, Tickets 50c.

Jan 24th 1880.

OPERA HOUSE, KINGSTON.

Mr. Pitou, Manager of the Grand Opera House, Toronto, has the honor to announce for one night only.

Thursday, Feb. 5th,

MISS ADELAIDE NEILSON,

Supported by MR. EDWARD COMPTON and her own Company in Shakespeare's great Love Comedy of

'AS YOU LIKE IT.'

Rosalind ..... Miss Neilson.
Orlando ..... Mr Compton

SCALE OF PRICES

Reserved Seats, Lower Floor $1 50
Reserved Seats in Balcony 1 00
Private Boxes, admitting five 10 00
Admission to Lower Floor 1 00
Admission to Gallery 50

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