On motion that the said report be received,
r. PARSONS moved and Mr. GLEN seconded
e following amendment to the second para-
aph of the address:—
While we admit the necessity for the large
tlay under the head of relief of the able bodied
oor, we cannot refrain from expressing our dis
proval of the injudicious mode in which such
tlay was effected, and our regret that no
medial measures had been adopted by the
overnment to relieve the evils accruing to the
oor from its stoppage.
The amendment was put and lost on a divi
on,—Yeas, Messrs Allen, Hogsett, Parsons,
renan, Kearney, Little, Talbot, Major,
nout; Nays—Hons Attorney General
Colonial Secretary, Receiver General, A. Shea,
Surveyor General, Messrs Rendell, Knight,
rton, Oakley, Evans, Barnett, Prowse
nsent, Barron, O'Reilly, Green, Goddeu,
vaugh.
Mr. HOGSETT then moved in amendment
onded by Mr. TALBOT, that the fourth
agraph be expunged, and the following sub-
uted in lieu thereof:—
In reference to the French shore question,
fail to discover in your Excellency's speech
y thing that relieves this important matter
m the difficulties which surrounded it on
e occasion of the address of the Legislature
the past session; and whilst we recognise
r Excellency's conduct in a desire to bring
s subject to a satisfactory conclusion, we
not but regret that no reply has been
de to the resolutions and petitions of this
gislature, and that the policy indicated in
rd Carnarvon's despatch of the 7th De-
mber, 1866, is approved of by the la
retary of State for the Colonies.
The amendment was put and lost on a
ilar division to the foregoing.
Mr. TALBOT then moved, in amendment,
onded by Major Renout, that the sixth para-
aph be expunged, and the following substitut-
in lieu thereof:—
With regard to the question of Confederation,
beg respectfully to observe that the only
eme having reference to this matter which
been submitted to our consideration was
t known by the name of the Quebec Resolu-
s, and that scheme has already been rejected
the Legislature and the country; and we
her take leave to express to your Excellency
conviction and desire that a subject of
vital importance to the liberties of the
ntry should be submitted to the decision
he people at the polls, before any further
on be taken upon it by the Legislature.
The amendment was put and lost, on a
ilar division to the foregoing.
The original motion was then put and
ried.
Ordered that the address be read a third
e to-morrow.
The House then adjourned till to-morrow,
5 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 17

he House met at 3 o'clock.
motion of Mr. GODDEN, pursuant to order
e day, the address to his Excellency the Gov-
or, in reply to his speech at the opening of the
on, was read a third time and adopted, as
ows:—
To His Excellency Anthony Musgrave Esq. Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.
IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—
e, the Commons House of Assembly of Newfoundland, beg to thank Your Excellency for the gracious ech with which you have been pleased to open resent Session of the Legislature, and for the rm courtesy which has marked your intercourse the House of Assembly during your Administra of the Government.
e fully approve of the course taken by the cutive Government in issuing the Proclamation in last, that relief in future would be confined to tute widows and orphans, and to the sick and n poor. We believe this act was well timed, and ordially hope and trust that the Executive may ccessful in its efforts to suppress the demoralize system of able-bodied pauper relief.
e thank Your Excellency for the promise that Public accounts for the year 1868, will be shortly before us.
e are pleased to learn that Your Excellency's onal exertions in endeavoring to settle the l question of the French Shore, have been so far essful that there is now a prospect of its being ged in a manner advantageous to both parties ested in it, and that the Policy indicated in Lord arvon's despatch of 7th December, 1866, has so far modified that Your Excellency will now abled to issue Grants under certain restrictions lining and other purposes in that locality.
o new statutory provisions which Your Excellency suggests, with regard to Licenses for Cutting er, shall receive our careful attention
e fully concur with Your Excellency that the has now arrived for us to take action on the question of Confederation; and we can assure r Excellency that we shall give our earnest tion to the consideration of our Union with the nion of Canada, on such fair and equitable s as may be calculated to serve the interests of olony, be approved of by the Government of the nion, and which we trust may prove acceptable classes of the people, when submitted to the tituencies, and also receive the final approval ratification of Her Majesty.
e Contract entered into by Your Excellency Messrs. Inman & Co., for the Conveyance of Mails between St. John's and Halifax, has been t carried out in a satisfactory manner. The new gement with regard to the detention of the ner in St. John's has been a great convenience e Public, and the Boats are admirably suited to ervice.
ered that the address be presented to his llency the Governor by the speaker and the e House.
e hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL informed the se that his Excellency would receive the aker and the whole House with the address on y next, at 12 o'clock.
e House then adjourned until Friday, at 11 K. A. M.

FRIDAY, Feb. 19.

e House met at 11 o'clock, A. M.
12 o'clock the SPEAKER and the whole se proceeded to Government House, andented to his Excellency the address in reply s opening speech, and being returned,
e SPEAKER informed the House that while in

tatendance on his Excellency the Governor, at Government House, he had presented to his Excellency the address of thanks, to which his Excellency the made the following reply:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly.

I receive your Address with much gratification. I am glad to be assured of approval of the course taken by the Government, with regard to the Proclamation notifying that Government relief would in future be confined to destitute widows and orphans and the sick and infirm poor. I am satisfied that strict adherence to this course is essential to the future well being of the whole community. It is the interest, no less then the duty, of all those who can render any aid to the more necessitous of their fellow citizens, by doing so to assist the Government in their effort to rid the Colony of the vicious system which has hitherto paralyzed all healthy energy, and so greatly promoted imprudence among large numbers of its population.

Her Majesty's Government will learn with satisfaction that you are prepared to take action on the question of Union with the Dominion of Canada; and I have no doubt that you will be able to settle such terms of arrangement for this purpose as will be acceptable to the Government of the Dominion, while materially conducive to the interests of this Colony. In this case the good sense of the constituencies can scarcely permit them to withold their approval of such an arrangement: and its ratification by Her Majesty may confidently be anticipated.

Mr. HYATT asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL then said he was sure that all had heard with deep regret the melancholy intelligence which had just been received, of the death of the Hon. JAMES CORMACK. All who knew him respected him. He had been a long time engaged in the business of the colony, and perhaps no where would his loss be more deeply felt than in the locality where he had so long resided. He had for many years occupied a high public position as a Legislative Councillor, and his strict attention to his duties had met with the approbation of all. He (hon. A.G.) was sure that this House would testify its respect and sympathy for his family, by adjourning until Monday next. He therefore moved, that the House do now adjourn, out of respect to the memory of the Hon. James Cormack, M. L. C., of whose death news has just been received, and in token of the high esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held, and of the sympathy felt by this House with his widow and family.

Mr. GLEN begged to second the motion. The late hon. Mr. Cormack was a worthy gentleman, one whose loss we must all deeply deplore, and it was but right that we should thus recognise his merits, and pay a tribute of respect to his memory.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL was indeed pleased to see this disposition on the part of the House to respect the memory of a gentleman who had been alike an honor to his native and his adopted country, in every relation of life in which he had been placed. He had been an honorable merchant, and had done much service to the people of the locality in which he had so long resided, and carried on a large commercial business. Commercially his worth was well known, and he diffused comfort and happiness amongst all about him, by whom he would now be deeply missed. In his political sphere he had discharged his duty creditably to himself. He (hon. R.G.) was now himself fast approaching the "sere and yellow leaf," and thus he the more deeply felt the deprivation which the country had sustained, in the loss of a public man and a good citizen, while he privately mourned the loss of a valued and attached friend.

Mr. HOGSETT fully participated in the feelings of hon. gentlemen. The death of such a man as the hon. James Cormack was a loss which the community at large felt.

Mr. PINSENT might, under ordinary circumstances, not have given vocal expression to feelings which might be as well evidenced by silence, particularly after the apt manner in which hon. gentlemen who had preceded him referred to the deceased gentleman. But he had peculiar reasons for not allowing the occasion to pass without express reference on his part to one, the recollection of whom had been associated with his earliest years, for whom he had ever possessed a warm friendship and regard, and who, besides the associations of private life, had been for some years a brother member in the co-ordinate branch of the Legislature, the Legislative Council. He (Mr. P.) could therefore speak of the deceased hon. gentleman, in both his public and private relations off life, from intimate experience. He discharged both most worthily, and his genial disposition, urbane manners, and liberal mind, had made him endeared and respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. For these reasons he (Mr. P.) could not do otherwise than give open expression to his sympathy with the hon. gentleman's family, and public tribute to the memory of the deceased.

The House then adjourned until Monday at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, Feb. 22.

The House met, and adjourned immediately afterwards to attend the funeral of the late hon. JAMES CORMACK.

The Newfoundlander.

ST. JOHN'S:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1869.

THE Government propositions as to the terms on which they think this colony should enter into Confederation were introduced for discussion in Committee of the Assembly yesterday by the Hon. Attorney General; Mr. Glen, the hon. Mr. Shea, and Mr. Hogsett followed, when the Committee rose and the debate was adjourned to to-day.

These terms (for which we have not room *in extenso* to-day), are in the first place that the Dominion Government shall defray a sum of $208,462 of our public expenditure, being the salaries and expenses of those departments of which they would assume control, Governor, Judges, Customs, Post Office, Light Houses, Surveyor General, &c. &c.

In addition to this sum of	$208,462
would be Assets applicable to local purposes	$408,922
	$617,384

"Together with the just claims of this colony for other charges and concessions of like character with those borne or made by the Dominion with reference to the other provinces."

The public debt and liabilities to be assumed by the Dominion Government.

No tax to be levied on our exports unless a similar one be laid on all the staple products of the other provinces.

Dominion Government to assume the charge for interest on £50,000 of Water Company's Stock.

Oceanic, Colonial and Coastal Steam Communication to be provided by the Government of the Dominion.

No final arrangement until an appeal be made to the people at next general election.

In connection with these proposed terms, is a plan of a future constitution on a reduced scale, abolishing the Legislative Council, reducing the number of representatives to fifteen, and largely decreasing allowances for salaries &c. This would bring the future expenditure for these services down to $215,810, which being defrayed from the above stated sum applicable to local purposes, viz., $408,922, would leave an annual balance available for roads and other public improvements of about $163,112.

We think the opinion of the country will infallibly be that these terms comprise a most equitable arrangement, and that the colony should not hesitate to ratify it.

The remains of the Honble. James Cormack were brought here for interment on Monday last by the Steamer *Lizzie*, which arrived about four o'clock. The body was met at Messrs. Baine Johnston & Co's. premises, by the members of the Council and Assembly, the Benevolent Irish Society, and a vast concourse of citizens, who accompanied it to its final resting place in Belvidere Cemetery.

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT IRISH SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 17TH FEBRUARY, 1869.

ORPHAN ASYLUM SCHOOL,
February 17th, 1869.

The Sixty-third Anniversary Meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society was held here this day. There being but few members present, owing to the inclemency of the weather, the meeting was adjourned to Friday, the 19th current, to be then here holden.

ORPHAN ASYLUM SCHOOL,
February 19th, 1869.

The adjourned Anniversary Meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society was held here this day. Hon. Edward Morris, President, in the chair.

M. O'Regan, Esq, being proposed and seconded was admitted by ballot a member of the Society.

The Minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read over and confirmed, the roll was called, and the sum of £59 12s. 11d. collected.

The Treasurer reported the gross amount expended during the year, for Teachers' salaries, improvements. &c., &c., as £515 15s 2d, and the gross receipts from all sources £675 9s 10d, leaving a balance to the credit of the Society, irrespective of the day's collection, of £159 14s 8d, but subject to claims for Teachers' salaries now due. The Report was on motion received and adopted.

The Chairman of the School Committee then read his Report of the condition of the Schools and the Industrial Department, which was as follows:

Report of the Committee of the Orphan Asylum-School, for the year ended, February 17th 1869.

Your Committee, in resigning the trust reposed in them for the past year, beg respectfully to submit the following Report:—

That the daily attendance in both Schools shows an increase over the preceding two or three years; still your Committee regret that the attendance is not such as the Society might expect from the large amount expended in their support, but this non-attendance may in some degree be attributed to the extreme poverty of the times.

The Industrial Department, as the Society will observe from the returns laid on the table, has not been able to meet the expenses attending it; still the balance is trifling, and your Committee hope that the advantages derived by the youths therein engaged, in Nett making and mending, and the relief to poor families from their earnings, will, on the whole, prove satisfactory to the Society.

Your Committee beg to state that the expenditure in the way of improvement or repairs the past year has been trifling, and only what was absolutely necessary to keep the Building water-tight, and this your Committee believe, will scarcely be possible much longer, as the wood-work is so decayed in many places, it will not bear repair; the Committee would, therefore, urge upon the Society the necessity of adding to the Building Fund as largely as may be convenient, so as to be able, as soon as possible, to commence the erection of a suitable Hall.

The Nett-work forwarded to the Paris Exhibition has been returned in good condition, and your Committee are pleased to state that, although no mark of distinction has accompanied them, they are led to believe from correspondence received from persons who were present at the great Exhibition, and interested in the welfare of Newfoundland, that they ranked equal to most of the Net-work exhibited there.

All the Nets made in the Industrial Department during the past year, have been taken by Messrs L. O'Brien & Co. at the current price, as heretofore, and your Committee have only to reiterate, that the thanks of the Society are preeminently due to that Firm for its continued interest in their affairs.

The property of the Society in connection with the Schools is insured as heretofore.

Your Committee in conclusion would report that the wall around the Society's property will in many places require pointing during the ensuing summer, and the covering plank and railing ought to be puttied and painted to prevent decay and preserve the respectable appearance of the property, and recommend that sufficient funds be reserved for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,
WM. DOUNEY,
Chairman O.A. School.
M. BERNEY,
Secretary O.A. School

This Report was on motion received and adopted.

The Chairman of Charity then presented his Report, showing that the monies placed in his hands had been expended in accordance with the desires of the Society. It was then proposed by Michael Rice, Esq., seconded by William P. Walsh, Esq., and unanimously resolved,—That the sum of £140 be placed in the hands of the Chairman and Committee of Charity for distribution amongst the poor, to be expended as usual in the purchase of provisions.

After which the Annual Report of the President and officers was submitted to the Society, and by them, on motion of Michael Stafford, Esq., seconded by Michael Power, Esq., received and adopted:—

Report of the President and Officers of the Benevolent Irish Society for the year ending 17th February, 1869.

Our first pleasing duty is to congratulate the Society upon the attainment of this its Sixty-third anniversary.

The Society celebrated the anniversary of St. Patrick by the usual procession to the Cathedral, where they attended the sacred ceremonies of the day, and were accommodated with seats within the rails of the high altar; after mass they called to pay their respects upon his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Mullock, who received them in the spacious library of the Episcopal residence.

The Society's vote of One hundred pounds for the relief of the poor was expended in the purchase of bread, which was distributed by the Committee of Charity as effectively as was possible.

At the quarterly Meeting in May last the Society decided upon the purchase of a Debenture for Fifty pounds, with funds which had been provided to augment the building-fund, which was accordingly done by the Treasurer, and there is now accumulated towards that object Two hundred and fifty pounds in Debentures of the colony.

On the 31st August the Society received Five pounds in aid of its funds, through F. J. Wyatt, Esq., M.H.A., from Horatio Bland, Esq., a native of this country, who made a visit here after an absence of forty-six years. The Treasurer, on the part of the Society, acknowledged the donation.

We have to renew our acknowledgements of the liberal assistance given by the Legislature towards the Schools and the Industrial Department.

The Building continues to be insured for One thousand pounds sterling.

The Report of the Chairman of the Orphan Asylum School will afford full information as to the condition of the Schools, and the accounts of the Treasurer will exhibit the state of our funds, shewing that the expenditure for the year has been £515 15s 2d, and the receipts £675 9s 10d.

Eighteen new members were added to the Society's roll during the past year.

We have to record the death of three of our members during the past year, of Mr. William Flinn and Mr. Richard Delahunty, two old and respected members, and also of the Very Rev. Kyran Walsh, V.G., and late Parish Priest of Harbor Main, who had long been a leading and highly esteemed member of our body.

Our year of office having now terminated, we resign our positions, tendering to all the members our sincere thanks for the support which we have uniformly received, and the order and decorum which have been always observed.

We beg to subscribe ourselves.

EDWARD MORRIS,
President.
HENRY V. BORN,
Secretary.

The hon. Robert Kent, after a few pertinent remarks on the many acts of kindness done the Society by the late Thomas Holdsworth Brooking, Esq., proposed the following resolution, which being seconded by Richard Howley, Esq., was unanimously passed:

Resolved,—That this Society deeply sympathise with the family and relations of the late Thomas Holdsworth Brooking, Esq., upon the death of that gentleman, who for very many years acted gratuitously as the agent of this Society in London.

The following resolutions were then passed:—

1. *Resolved*,—That the expression of our warmest gratitude is due to the Legislature for its munificent grant in support of the Institution.

2. *Resolved*,—That the thanks of the Society are due and hereby tendered to his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Mullock for his his patronage and support in promotion of the objects of the Society.

3. *Resolved*,—That the Chairman and Committee of the Orphan Asylum School are entitled to the thanks of the Society for their efficient management of that department.

4. *Resolved*,—That the proprietors of the public journals who publish the reports and other matters of the Society, gratuitously, are entitled to our thanks.

Balloting for Officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

Hon. Edward Morris	re-elected	President
John Casey, Esq.	"	Vice President
Thos. S. Dwyer	"	1st Assistant V.P.
Michael J. O'Mara	"	2nd Assistant V.P
Wm. P. Walsh	elected	Treasurer.
Henry V. Born	re-elected	Secretary.
Wm. Doutney	"	Chairman O.A.S.
Michael Rice	"	Chairman Charity
James Calinan	"	Chairman Review & Correspondence
Michael Berney	"	Secretary O.A.S

HENRY V. BORN,
Secretary

BY TELEGRAPH.

TO THE COMMERCIAL ROOM.

LONDON, Feb. 16th.

The formal opening of Parliament, which was postponed last year by the resignation of the Disraeli Ministry, took place this afternoon. The members of the House of Commons were summoned to attend at the Bar of the Chamber of the Peers, to hear the Royal Speech. The Queen was not present and the speech was read by the Lord Chancellor.

The Queen assures the Lords and Commons that at present the relations of Great Britain with foreign Powers, are on an excellent footing. The hostilities which threatened to break out in the East have been prevented by the Conference of the Great Powers at Paris. The hope is expressed that the negotiations with the United States will place on a firmer and more durable basis the friendships which should exist between England and the United States. The continued suppression of the writ of Habeas Corpus is regarded as unnecessary. The ecclesiastical arrangements for Ireland are to be considered by Parliament. Her Majesty is persuaded that a careful regard will be had to the interests involved and the welfare of religion, and that through the application of the principles of equal justice to the question before them, Parliament will secure the individual feeling of the people of Ireland on the side of loyalty and law, efface the memory of past contentions, and cherish the sympathies of an affectionate people.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

An immense mass meeting of citizens in favor of freedom of Ireland and the liberation of American citizens held prisoners by England, took place last night. Mayor Hall presided.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.

Whelan's confession was to the effect that he was one of a gang of three who plotted McGee's murder; that his duty was to watch McGee; that he dogged his victim's steps on the night of the murder, and when he left the Parliament House he ran across the Parliament Square into the vacant lot opposite Mrs. Trotter's, where it will be remembered footsteps like his were discovered. Here he gave the signal of McGee's approach, and one of his accomplices fired the fatal shot. He said that both of them would yet be known, but steadily refused to give their names.

MARRIED.—On January 5th, at St. John's Cathedral by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rupert-Land, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon McLean, the Rev W. C. Pinkham, formally of St. John's, Newfoundland, now of St. Augustine College, and Canterbury, England, now Incumbent of St. James, to Jane Ann, second daughter of Wm. Drover, Esq., Merchant.

DIED.—On Monday afternoon, the 15th inst. after a short illness Mr George Stevers, a native of Devonshire, England, in the 81st year of his age.

At Halifax, N. S., on Tuesday, 9th inst., Mrs. A. G. Rutherford, late of Newfoundland, aged 53 years.

At Bay Roberts, on Thursday last, the Hon. James Cormack, Member of the Legislative Council, aged 61 years.—R. I. P.

On Sunday morning last, Jane, the beloved wife of Mr Gilbert Withycombe, aged 75 years,

On Sunday evening, after a protracted illness, which she bore with truly christian patience and resignation to the Divine will, Eliza Mary Rose, eldest daughter of Dr. J. J. Dearin, aged 23 years. Her funeral will take place on to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at four o'clock. Friends and acquaintances of the family are requested to attend. The death of this truly amiable young lady will long be felt by the suffering poor of this community. Her many virtuous and truly Christian qualities, her humility and self denial, were conspicuous in all her walks through life, and endeared her to all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

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John L Rogers, (late Wyeth, Rogers & Co. Importers) 54 William St
John Mairs, (Merchant) 20 South St
Wm H Appleton, (Appleton & Co, Publishers) 93 Grand St
Robert B Collins, (Collins & Brothers, Stationers) 106 Leonard St
William Barton, (Banker) 33 Wall St
Wm A Booth (Booth & Edgar) 95 Front St
George A Osgood (Banker) 35 Broad St
Henry Bowers, (Bowers, Beeckman & Bradford Jr Dry Goods) 59 Leonard St
Charles L Anthony, (Anthony & Hall, Dry Goods) 66 Leonard St
Sanford Cobb, President Eagle Fire Insurance Co. 71 Wall St
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Lewis F Battelle, (late Battelle & Renwick) 162 Fron St
H B Claflin (H B Claflin & Co Dry Goods) corner Church & Worth St

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WILLIAM H. BEERS,
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