

sent down to Grosse Isle, to report on the best course to be pursued in the present emergency, arising from the great sickness amongst emigrants. They have recommended that steam-boats be sent to take healthy emigrants from Grosse Isle to Montreal, without touching at Quebec.

The news from England by last steamer, received here on the 5th instant, had the effect of advancing the price of flour very much;—\$8-75 being in some cases paid for fine. We trust the year's harvest, all the world over, will be good.

Lady Elgin arrived here, per Hibernia, on the 5th. Lord Durham, her brother, accompanied her.

By the American papers, we learn that General Taylor would start for San Luis about 1st June, where another grand battle was expected, which would probably be the final struggle.

The provincial parliament assembled on the 2d instant, when the Governor General made the following speech:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.*

It gives me sincere gratification to meet you, that we may deliberate on the important interests committed to our charge.

The representations which have proceeded from this and the neighbouring Provinces on the subject of the Post Office, have engaged the anxious consideration of the Imperial Government. I am enabled to inform you, that her Majesty's Ministers are prepared to surrender to the Provincial authorities, the control of that Department, as soon as by concert between the several Legislatures, arrangements shall be matured for securing to British North America, the advantages of an efficient and Uniform Post Office system.

By a Statute passed during the last Session of Imperial Parliament, the Colonial Legislatures are empowered to repeal differential duties, heretofore imposed in the Colonies in favour of British Produce. It is probable that by exercising this power you may be enabled to benefit the consumer without injury to the Revenue. I commend the subject to your consideration, and I shall lay before you certain communications relating to it, which I have received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and from the Lieutenant Governors of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Measures will be submitted to you for extending more generally Warehousing facilities to Inland ports, and for effecting other improvements in our commercial system, all of which will, I am sure, engage your attention.

In pursuance of an address presented by the House of Assembly during the course of last Session, inquiries have been instituted with the view of ascertaining the practicability and probable cost of the construction of a Railway between Quebec and Halifax. A survey of the proposed line has been undertaken by the Imperial Government and is still in progress.

I shall submit for your information a Despatch from the Secretary of State describing the course which Her Majesty's Government propose to take in order to remedy the inconvenience which the Provinces of British North America appear to have sustained from the operation of the Imperial Statute for the protection of Copy right.

In view of the large Immigration which may be expected to take place this year, measures have been adopted for providing additional accommodation and Medical attendance for the sick; and for increasing the means of forwarding the destitute to places where their labour may be required. An increased grant has been made by the Imperial Parliament in aid of this service. Although it is to be feared that there may be much want and suffering among certain classes of immigrants who arrive this season, I have reason to believe that they will be accompanied by a greater number than usual of persons possessed of capital who are likely to prove an acquisition to the Province.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly*  
I have directed the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the past year, with the estimates for the current year, to be laid before you.

I observe with satisfaction that there is an increase in the Revenue derived from Public Works.

I rely on your making such provision for the maintenance of the establishments and credit of the Province who may be necessary to support the high character for probity and good faith which Canada has at all times maintained.

*Honourable Gentlemen and Gentlemen.*  
We have reason to bless Providence for our exemption from the

calamity of famine with which another part of the Empire has been so sorely afflicted, and I congratulate you on the liberality which the Inhabitants of this Colony of all classes and origins have evinced in contributing to the relief of their suffering fellow subjects.

I cannot refrain from adverting to the fact, that among those whose generosity has been so conspicuous on this trying occasion, are our Indian Brethren. The occurrences of the past year, though in some measure exceptional, indicate that there is a growing demand in Europe for the produce of this Continent, and render it highly important, that the inhabitants of Canada should improve to the utmost, its natural advantages, and those which attach to it, as an integral part of an Empire, abounding in wealth and population.

I feel confident that you will duly appreciate the responsibility which rests on Parliament at this conjuncture, and that you will endeavour by wise Legislation to afford all practicable extension and development to the trade and productive capabilities of the Province, and to give its institutions that hold on the affections of the people which is the foundation of public and private credit, and the best security for social progress.

In all measures calculated to affect these important objects, I am prepared heartily to co-operate with you, and I am authorised to renew the assurance of the earnest desire of our Gracious Queen, to promote the prosperity of Canada and the happiness of its people.

**Monies Received on Account of**

*Adroente.*—H. Lyons, Mascouche, 2s 6d; A. Carlyle, North Williamsburgh, 2s 6d; Sundries, Montreal, 11s 3d, and 5s; D. McLaren, Litchfield, 1s 6d; Rev. C. McKay, St. Andrew, 4s 6d; W. Cotte, St. Johns, 5s; Mr McLellan, and Thomas Neon, Middleton, 5s; Miss R. Mallock, Brockville, 2s 6d; D Fisher, Darlington, £3 17s 6d; A. Kugour, West Williamsburgh, 5s; M. Magill, Hamilton, 12s 6d; W. Russel, Thurso, 2s 6d; Sundries, Montreal, per J. McCallum Agent, 11s 3d; L. Houghton, Brockville, 2s 6d; J. Dunnet, Paekinham, 2s 6d; T. Eager, Leeds, C. E. 2s 6d; J. Loyd, New Glasgow, 1s 8d; J. Pikes, Moulinette, 2s 6d; Rev. G. Cheyne, and H. Lewis, Stoney Creek, 5s; Thos. Sanders, Richmond, C. W. 2s 6d; A. Elliot, and W. Stevens, Beverly P.O., 5s; Rev. R. Neil, Seymour East, 10s; Jas. Mandaville, Port Dover, 2s 6d.

*Consignments.*—M. Magill, Hamilton, 10s; M. Hay, Port Hope, 12s 6d; L. Parsons, St. Catharines, 10s.

*Tracts.*—J. Edwards, Barric, 5s; Dr. MacDiarmid, Prescott, 10s.

*Tract Effort.*—Received at Office.—Mr. Jas. Cooper, Montreal, £2; T. Weldon, Darlington, 6s 8d; T., balance, £4 10s; Received by the Agent, Mr. J. McCallum—Ch. Jus. Reid, £2 10s; John E. Mills, £1 5s; S. Straug, 5s; "A friend," £1 6s 1d; Mrs Lyman, 1s 3d; "Cash," £1 17s 10d; D. A. R., 1s 3d; W. D., 1s 3d; C. E. A., 1s 3d; T. D. H., 2s 6d; J. Twamley, 1s 3d; W. S. W., 5s; Dr. Meilleur, 2s 6d; J. Fox, 2s 6d; Jas. Stewart, 2s 6d; John Black, 5s; James Duncan, 2s 6d; John Nice, 1s 3d; C. U. Pollen, 5s; W. H., 5s; J. McCutchen, 7d; T. L., 1s 3d; James Day, 2s 6d; Robert Lavers, 1s 3d; T. A. Gibson, 1s 3d; Mr Langhorn, 1s 3d; J. Hilsley, 5s; J. Alley, 1s 3d; J. Johnston, 1s 3d; Rev. Mr. L., 1s 3d; J. Gillespie, 1s 3d; James Potts, 2s 6d; Mrs A. Westwood, 7d; James Poet, 1s 3d; Thos. Wright, 1s 3d; E. W. P. T., 2s 6d; John Campbell, 2s 6d.

N. B. Parcel for J. Edwards, Barric, sent off May 18th by Express. One for Rev. J. T. Byrne, Bytown, on 21st through Wm. Lyman & Co.

**MONTREAL PRICES CURRENT.—JUNE 12.**

ASHES—Pots, 25s 6d a 26s 0d	PEASE - per min. 5s 9d a 6s 3d
Pearls 26s 6d a 26s 9d	BEEF per 200 lbs.—
FLOUR—	Prime Mess (do) 60s 0d a 00s 0d
Canada Superfine (per brl.	Prime - - (do) 50s 0d a 00s 0d
196 lbs.) - - 42s 0d a 00s 0d	PORK per 200 lbs.—
Do Fine (do) 40s 0d a 41s 3d	Mess - - 95s 0d a 00s 0d
Do Extra (do) 00s 0d a 00s 0d	Prime Mess 7s 6d a 7s 9d
Do Middlings, none	Prime - - 67s 6d a 68s 9d
American Superfine	BUTTER per lb. - - - 0d a 0d
(do) - - - 00s 0d a 00s 0d	
Wheat, U. C. Best,	
(per 60 lbs.) - 10s 0d a 0s 0d	