

and James McNab, *Members of the Executive*; Honbles. Mather Byles Almon, Edward Kenny, James Delap Harris and Jonathan McCully. At a meeting of the Commissioners held on the 25th April, it was finally resolved to postpone the holding of an Exhibition until the Autumn of 1854.

The sitting of the Supreme Court commenced at Halifax on the 5th of April. Bills of Indictment were found by the Grand Jury, against several of the crew of the American Ship Winchester, which vessel entered the port of Halifax in distress about the first of March last. True Bills were also found against several persons said to have been engaged in the riots which occurred on the 3rd of March.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt in the vicinity of Halifax, on the night of the second and morning of the 3rd April; it is also reported to have been felt in the Upper Provinces as far as Niagara.

H. M. Steamer Simoom arrived on the 23rd, in 45 days from Malta, bringing the Head Quarters of the 76th Regiment. She landed a detachment at Halifax, and proceeded with the remainder to New Brunswick.

A Public Meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on the 27th inst.—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in the Chair to consider the best means of appropriating the grant of the Legislature, for the promotion of Agriculture and the Improvement of Agricultural Stock in connection with a General Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, to be held at Halifax during the ensuing month of October.

We have to record the death of Robert Hume, Esq. M. D. in the 78th year of his age. It occurred in Halifax on the 25th inst. He was one of the oldest medical practitioners in this Province, and universally esteemed for his integrity and professional skill.

By late arrivals from England we have intelligence that Her Majesty had given birth to a Prince on the 7th April.

Both Houses of Parliament resumed their sessions on the 4th, and have been engaged in the discussion of the Canada Clergy Reserves Bill, the repeal of the taxes on knowledge, &c. The Ministry had been left in a minority in a division upon a resolution for the repeal of the Advertisement duty.

A magnificent project for the promotion of Railways in British America has been started in London. The object is to amalgamate existing and projected Railways into one Grand Trunk Line, extending to nearly a thousand miles, with the combined capital of nine millions and a half. Of this amount about a million and a half has been already raised, and three millions and a half is to be taken up by the contractors.

The Cunard Steam Ship Company are increasing their number of vessels. The Taurus, 1126 tons, which has just been completed, will be speedily followed by the Melita, of fully larger dimensions. The Teneriffe and the Carnac, will be appropriated to the opening of a new line to Egypt. The Persia, of nearly 4000 tons burthen, and a 1000 horse power will be the first iron steamer upon the Liverpool and New York line. The Etna and the Jura of 2000 tons burthen each, will reinforce the Andes and Alps on the New York and Chagres line. The Elk, the Stag, the Lyux and other steamers are also in course of construction or under contract for the Cunard Company.

France is quiet. The trial of the parties supposed to have circulated the lampoons at the date of the Emperor's marriage, had commenced.

A great deal of excitement is said to prevail throughout Italy, Turkey and Russia. Arrests are daily being made in Milan.