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3 do Sweet Potatoes;
2 do Marrowfat Squash
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1 cask Sugar-cured HAMS;
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2 boxes Grapes, 1 bag Filberts;
1 do Pea Nuts; 1 do Chestnuts;
60 qt bottles Tomato Ketchup at 25 cents per bottle. For sale by
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ALSO—Colebrook Factory CUT NAILS;
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☞ Stoves and Stove Pipe fitted to order. ☜
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Hot Rolls every morning at 8 o'clock.
(oct 22 d e y ly)

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Several Houses and Town Lots, Stanley and improved Farms, will be sold at reasonable rates
References,—WILLIAM J. BERTON, Esq Company's Agent, Saint John.
JOHN A. BECKWITH
Commissioner
Company's Office, No. 8, Brunswick Street, Fredericton. April 24th, 1861. may 6

Encourage Domestic Manufactures.
EXHIBITION PIANOS!
THE subscriber would respectfully intimate to those who wish to encourage "NATIVE MECHANICS", that he has now on hand several PIANOS of his own Manufacture, made expressly for the Provincial Exhibition. One of which is of Native Wood, of this Province. They are all of superior Tone, and Workmanship, and new design. Are all 6½ Octaves, and are warranted for three years.
Pianos, Repaired, Regulated, Tuned, and Polished.
JOHN R. COLEMAN,
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N. B.—For sale—One New Bagatelle Table, a bargain.

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G. M. C. HOWARD,
NO. 17 KING STREET,
HAS just received per American Steamers:—A large assortment of American Goods consisting of Satinets, in Black, Blue Brown, Light and Dark Grey, &c.
Doeskins in Plain and Mixed, in a great variety of colors.
Gray and White Merino Drawers; Lumbermens and Sailors Shirts, and Jackets and Shirts in Blue, Red and Grey Woolls.
The above goods will be sold at a very small profit for Cash. (d e y) oct 22

CENTRAL BANK NOTES!
CENTRAL BANK NOTES will be taken in exchange for Jewellery, Silver-plated ware, Cutlery, Fancy Goods, Toys, Sheet Music, Musical instruments, &c., at No. 56, Prince Wm. Street.
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FIRST Quality Kerosene Oil. Retail price 4 CENTS PER GALLON—at the Albertine Oil Depot, 33 Prince William Street.
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Butter, Eggs, etc.
JUST Received from Sussex—10 tubs Prime Yellow BUTTER;
80 dozen EGGS, (fresh;)
100 bush. Potatoes, (Blacks, Early Blues, and Cups;
60 bushels Turnips; 5 brls Blood Beets.
Also—From Petersville,
286 rolls Fresh butter; 40 dozen Eggs.
Cheap as the cheapest, at the corner of Germain and Duke Streets.
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EX Steamer Forest City—10 doz BROOMS, all sizes. For sale reasonable at the
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THE Celebrated Finch Haddie, Pickles Vinegar and spiced; Cranberries, Sugar-cured Hams, Paraffine Oil, Burning Fluid, Goshen Cheese, Pickles, Sauces, &c, &c. May be obtained in any quantities.
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SPEEDY RELIEF.
THE Subscriber has just received from the Proprietors, Messrs. Fellows & Co., and will keep constantly on hand, a supply of the following well known Patent Medicines, viz:
Fellows' Speedy Relief;
" Dyspepsia Bitters;
" Balsam of Coltsfoot & Liverwort;
" Leeming's Essence;
" Golden Ointment;
" Juniper Powder.
Noble's Invigorating Balm for the Hair, &c, &c, &c For sale wholesale and retail at the Proprietors prices. P. R. INCHES, Druggist,
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Molasses, Gin, etc.
THE Subscribers offer for sale at lowest rates:—
25 hhds. MOLASSES;
2 cases GIN;
40 cases do;
20 qr. casks SHERRY;
10 cases BRANDY.
jan 25 CRANE & GILCHRIST

Moccasins! Moccasins!
JUST RECEIVED—a few pairs of Moose Hide (Indian made) MOCCASINS. Price $2 50 per pair. Also—A few pairs of Bead-worked Moccasins, very fine. For sale at 75 Prince William Street.
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On Consignment.
To arrive from Halifax ex the barque Lotis.
30 HHDS Porto Rico SUGAR;
40 hhds Porto Rico Molasses;
34 hhds Cienfuegos Molasses, (all this years crop). A superior article, and will be sold low for satisfactory payments before storing by
J. W. M. IRISH,
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Pickled Blueberries.
ONE of the richest Pickles ever made,—just received, and for sale by
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First of New Crop Muscovado MOLASSES.
LANDING this day at LEAVITT'S SLIP, the cargo of the Schr. "Mary Jane," from Cienfuegos, consisting of:—
113 Puncheons, 15 Tierces } Finest New Crop MOLASSES.
☞ For sale low from the Wharf, before Storing
Feb 17. BERTON BROS.

TEAS!
JUST Received.—20 chests, 20 half chests } Congou TEA
20 half-chests Oolong;
—IN STORE—
15 chests, 46 half chests } Very Choice Souchong;
100 catties Fine Congo. For sale low,
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HAY OATS AND FEED.
400 TONS pressed HAY; 7500 bush OATS
4000 do FEED;
In store and for sale low by
J. W. & F. HARRISON,
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Apples, Apples.
60 BARRELS best quality assorted APPLES, For sale by G. M. BURNS,
jan 23 South Market Wharf.

MOLASSES—MOLASSES—Daily expected from Halifax, N. S.—25 puncheons Bright Porto Rico MOLASSES.
JOHN W. NICHOLSON,
jan 1 7 Nelson Street.

CHESTNUTS.—A good article may be obtained at the corner of Germain and Duke Streets.
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Official Debates.

House of Assembly.

MONDAY, March 17.

Mr. SKINNER stated that he had in his hand a petition which he desired to lay on the House. Before doing so, he wished to state that money was involved in it, he knew it could not come before the House in that way, without a violation of its rules. He then read a petition from Mr. John Roberts, of St. John setting forth that he had invented a machine for erecting and holding scaffolding around ships, and all kinds of buildings, in a superior manner, and with much less cost than heretofore. That the petitioners was in very straitened circumstances, and had been unable to show his invention at the Exhibition, owing to want of means; he asked a small grant to assist him to maintain himself and family, while perfecting his invention. Mr. Skinner said, that it was important to the interest of the Country that inventors should be encouraged. The invention mentioned by the petitioner was met with the approbation of all the important shipbuilders in St. John, and no doubt, could exist about its utility. A grant was made last year to a poor boy, for improving a printing press; and he thought this claim equally entitled to encouragement. The party had shewed much ingenuity; his invention was one calculated to be of great benefit to shipbuilders, and he was of opinion, that the grant of a few dollars to the petitioner, in order to enable him to work out a matter so intimately connected with public interest would be highly judicious.

There was no debate to-day. B.

TUESDAY, March 18.

BILL RELATING TO LANDS HELD FOR PUBLIC USES BY THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES OF THIS PROVINCE.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. GRIMMER said, that there had been a bill introduced relating to School Reserves, &c, and that it was referred to a Select Committee. Upon examination it was thought too general in its provisions, and it was agreed to report this bill, as an improvement upon the original one. The object of this bill was to enable the Justices of the Peace to carry out the existing law relating to property held by them, in trust for public uses, and the necessity for such a bill was suggested by the fact, that there are some doubts as to whether the present law empowers the Sessions to deal with the ferries, held by right in their respective counties, so far as the collection of rents are concerned. This bill would place the question beyond a doubt, and apply to all the Counties in the Province.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER had no objections to the passage of a bill calculated to afford facilities for carrying out the existing law, provided the provisions of such bill were correct in principle. The Sessions now had no power to sue for ferries dues; neither had the individual power to sue the Sessions; and thus, both parties were placed upon an equal footing. But this bill, while it gave the Sessions power to proceed against a contractor, and compel him to fulfil his engagements, did not empower the individual to compel the Sessions to perform their part of the contract.

Mr. WILLISON thought such a bill necessary, to give Justices of the Peace full control over lands held by them for Public uses.

Mr. LINDSAY moved as an amendment, that nothing in this bill shall apply to municipalities.

Progress was reported.

Mr. FISHER's bill relating to Corporations was committed, and a lengthy and desultory debate ensued. The only principle involved was, the double and single liability of Stockholders in incorporate companies, and the arguments for, and against this principle, are so well understood, that we do not deem it necessary to report this debate.

Mr. BOYD moved an amendment to the 10th Section of the bill, in effect to establish the double liability principle, which was carried 13 to 16. It was then agreed to report progress. J. H. S.

Diplomatic Difficulties with the Federal Government.

A blue-book has recently been printed and laid on the table of the House of Commons, which contains the diplomatic correspondence of Lord Lyons, H. M. Minister at Washington, which shows that since May last, England has been on the eve of a rupture with the Federal Government. The "Trent" affair was simply "the straw that broke the camel's back," and our readers will read with just indignation the following letters, which show how insolently and unjustifiably Mr. Seward had conducted himself, prior to the last and crowning insult:—

Lord Lyons to Lord J. Russell.

Gen. Sir Edmund Head will make your Lordship acquainted with the steps taken by me with regard to a report that secret agents have been sent by this Government to Canada.

The Mr. George Ashman who is stated to be one of these agents, was president of the Convention of Chicago, which nominated Mr. Lincoln as the candidate of the Republican Party for the Presidency of the United States.

In one, at least, of his speeches during the Presidential canvass, Mr. Seward alluded to the eventual acquision of Canada as a compensation for any loss they might sustain, in consequence of the disaffection of the Southern part of the Union.

I suppose, however, that the agents who now appear to have been sent to Canada have been dispatched with some definite and practical object. Your Lordship will perceive from my letter to the Governor General, that although Mr. Seward refused to give me any other information on the subject, he did assure me that no agents were employed by this government for any object affecting the Colonial relations been Canada and the British Crown.

I have, &c., (Signed) LYONS.

Lord Lyons to Sir E. Head.

[Extract.]

WASHINGTON, April 19, 1861.

I informed you in a private letter some days ago, that I had learnt, from what I thought good authority, that this Government had determined to send two secret agents to Canada, and that it was supposed the object was to ascertain the state of feeling in the Province with regard to annexing itself to the United States.

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I showed him the paragraph in the paper yesterday referred to at the State Department, and asked him whether there was any truth in it.

"That," he replied, "is a question which I cannot answer."

"I is," I said, "a very irregular proceeding."

I repeated this remark, and then Mr. Seward asked why it was irregular.

I answered that it was an attempt to hold communication otherwise than in the regular official manner, and through the regular recognized channels.

After a pause, Mr. Seward went on to say: "If you suppose that any agent of this Government has been despatched with any object affecting the present Colonial relations of Canada to Great Britain, you are entirely mistaken."

I said that I was very far from having intended to suggest so grave a charge against the Government of the United States as this.

"After all," observed Mr. Seward, "if we did send an agent to Canada, I suppose it would be no treason."

I replied that "treason" was usually applied to breakers of the obligations between subjects and the Power to which they owed allegiance; that breaches of international obligations were a different matter.

Here the conversation ended. The impression left upon my mind was, that undoubtedly an agent or agents had been sent to Canada, and that whatever the object was, it was clearly one which the Secretary of State was unwilling to avow to the British Minister.

A DIPLOMATIC SQUALL—REBELS PURCHASING VESSELS IN CANADA.

Lord Lyons to Lord J. Russell.

WASHINGTON, May 2, 1861.

MY LORD.—Mr. Seward, the Secretary of State of the United States, sent for me yesterday to the State Department, and told me that he had reason to believe that an iron steamer, the *Peerless*, had been sold to the *de facto* Southern Government, and was over her way out of Lake Ontario, to be used as a privateer. He read to me a part of a telegram, which stated that the vessel was still at Toronto, and that it was believed she carried the British flag, and had regular British papers.

Mr. Seward proceeded to suggest that perhaps the Governor General of Canada might be induced to detain the vessel. I said, somewhat doubtfully, that if her papers were in order, and there was no direct proof of her being actually engaged in any unlawful enterprise, the Governor-General might not have power to interfere with her. Mr. Seward replied that that might very well be; and, without further allusion to the Canadian authorities, proceeded to read to me a draft of a telegraphic order to the naval officers of the United States to seize the Peerless, "under any flag, and with any papers," if they had probable information that she had been sold to the Southern insurgents. He went on to say, "I suppose you will hardly assent to this."

I replied that, far from assenting, I most positively dissented.

Mr. Seward said that if the seizure was ef-

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