

Dollars in aid of the Foreign Mission of the Church of Scotland in the Maritime Provinces. The above-mentioned sum was paid in to the Treasurer in New Glasgow lately.

#### OUR SYNOD'S GIFT TO EROMANGA MISSION.

The following acknowledgment has just been received by the Rev. Mr. Stewart of McLellan's Brook :—

*Sydney, New South Wales,  
30th Dec., 1886.*

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I duly received your letter of October 25th, with remittance of £20 11s. 10d. in favor of the Rev. H. A. Robertson of Eromanga, from the Synod. Mr. Robertson's work was never more promising or prosperous, and it is very gratifying that he is so well remembered and supported by his old friends.

This should have been sent by San Francisco yesterday ; but it was neglected. I send it therefore by Marseilles and London.

I am yours, sincerely,

ROBERT STEELE, D.D.,  
*Agent of New Hebrides Mission.*

ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D.—The Imperial Government has finally refused to give its assent to the act of the Newfoundland Legislature prohibiting the export of bait. This report has produced a profound impression and intensified the depression here, as French bounty-fed competition is ruining our markets. Sir Ambrose Shea had intended going to Canada, but remains in St. John's. The outlook is exceedingly gloomy. To join the Canadian Confederation appears to be our only hope, and is being generally and favorably debated.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

THE HONORABLE JOSEPH WIGHTMAN passed away from this earthly scene in his home at St. Andrew's Point, on 6th ult., leaving a widow, three sons, three daughters, an aged sister, and numerous friends and acquaintances, to mourn the loss of a kind husband, father and friend. He was followed to his last resting-place in the cemetery at Lower Montague, by a large concourse of people from various parts of the country. He had been for the last six years a confirmed invalid, from repeated attacks of paralysis, and thereby laid aside from his wonted activity, during which time he bore his affliction with singular submission and cheerfulness.

The deceased came to this Island with his parents in 1821, about the time the inhabitants

of this section of the country were recovering from the struggles of pioneer life. He carried on for many years a successful mercantile business at St. Andrew's Point, Georgetown, Murray Harbor, and Montague Bridge. Though the credit system largely prevailed during the early part of his business career, he was never known to distress any of his poor debtors ; he would rather suffer than put them to trouble. The writer remembers his first venture in shipping. The "Anadale" was built for him at Murray Harbour by two men who have long since passed away. This craft was commanded by himself for some time and was one of the best trading coasters of her day. He was one of the leading business men and ship-builders in Kings County, and as such was exceedingly popular with the farming community.

Mr. Wightman was elected to the House of Assembly in the year 1848, with a large majority, and continued to represent constituencies in King's County, with an interval of four years from 1863 to 1867, until he was laid aside by his late infirmity. He was a member of the Executive in several administrations, and was for some time Speaker in the House of Assembly, and President of the Legislative Council ; he also held the office of Commissioner of Crown Lands.

As a representative of the people, he supported every legislative enactment which he conceived to be for the benefit of his adopted country. Responsible Government, and especially those measures which ultimately resulted in extinguishing the proprietary claims, and the rendering the tenant farmers freeholders, always received his undivided support.

He was a genial, warm-hearted Scotchman, distinguished for his hospitality, and willingness to aid and relieve the poor and needy. He died trusting in the atoning merits of Him who came to save. — S.

Calmly fell asleep in Jesus, at Lot 48, on the 30th January last, JOHN WOOD, Elder, in the 79th year of his age. Deceased was long an Elder under the late Rev. Donald McDonald, and, since the decease of his much-revered minister, has consistently adhered to the doctrines taught, and maintained the dignity of the high and sacred office of Elder.

#### OLD CANADA.

WILLIAMSTOWN.—On Friday, 21st January, a most enjoyable social was held in the Sullivan Hall, Williamstown, in honor of the respected Minister, the Rev. PETER WATSON. The hall was filled with an enthusiastic audi-