

for that period of £57,446. From this, however, there were a few deductions to be made, the most important of which was £9,000 a year to the British postoffice for packet postage. Notwithstanding these deductions, there must have gone into the provincial chest an average of no less than £5,000 profit for postage for each of the four years. Commenting on these statistics, the Recorder said:—"As no Government who wishes for the welfare of the people, can consistently receive any surplus revenue from such a source, we trust that steps will immediately be taken on the completion of the new arrangement intended to throw the management of the postoffice into the hands of the people of Canada themselves, to make such a reduction as will be consistent with this view of the case. Small parishes and villages, whose postage account does not pay the postmaster, and which consequently are a drag upon the larger postoffices, are now gradually filling up. Means of communication are yearly becoming cheaper and more speedy. If the rates of postage were diminished one-half, it would still, we feel confident, be a source of profit to the province."

In this issue appears an advertisement from the executive council office, Montreal, signed by J. Joseph, clerk executive council, and dated August 10, giving notice, by order of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, that "sealed proposals to lease a ferry from Cole's Ferry, on lot 31, in the 1st concession of Elizabethtown, in the Johnstown district, across the St. Lawrence river to Oak Point, for the term of seven years, will be received at this office until Sept. 20 next." The following conditions were attached: "The lessee will be required to enter into the usual security for the due performance of the conditions. The lease to be subject to such rules and regulations for ferrage and attendance as the magistrates of the Johnstown district, in general quarter sessions of the peace, may be pleased to adopt."

Tenders were also asked for by Ogile R. Gowan, chairman of the Victoria macadamized road, for the draining, grading and macadamizing that part of the said road which

leads from Unionville to Addison, in the township of Elizabethtown, also for the erection of a framed toll-house and tollgate at or near the village of Unionville.

John Lamb and John B. McDonald, carrying on business at Coleman's Corners, under the name of Lamb & McDonald, gave notice of dissolution of partnership, the business to be continued by John B. McDonald.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1849.

A new municipal act was to come into force the following January, and the Recorder of the above date gives a synopsis of its provisions. As regards townships, the new act provided that each township having 100 resident freeholders or householders, shall be a body corporate, with power to have a common seal, to sue and be sued, to purchase and hold property within its township, for the use of its inhabitants and to exercise all corporate functions through and in the name of the municipality. District councils to have the power to annex a township with less than 100 resident freeholders to an adjoining township, such united townships to be represented as one municipality. Power was given councils to divide townships into five wards for the purpose of electing councillors. The time of election of councillors was fixed for the first Monday in January of each year. No person to be elected for councillor unless assessed for rateable property held in his own or his wife's right, to the value of £100. The new municipal councils to meet on the second Monday after their election, when a town reeve was to be elected from among the councillors, by the councillors themselves. Places having 500 resident freeholders to be entitled to a deputy town reeve. The act contained 211 clauses.

"Our noble Lieutenant-Governor has at length started from his residence with his family. He proceeds direct to the Falls, then to meet the President of the United States. When he returns, he will call at several places, and if Brockville is to be amongst the number, we will endeavor to let our friends know in time, so they may prepare to do him honor."