

6th. That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Corporation for its liberal donation.

7th. That the Mayor of this City for the time being, be President of the Society.

8th. This meeting be adjourned to Saturday next, at 12 o'clock.

His Worship the Mayor having left the Chair—It was further resolved that the thanks of this Meeting be given to His Worship the Mayor, for his able and dignified conduct in the Chair.

A subscription was immediately opened; and the names of fifty-eight Annual Subscribers, in addition to the donation by the Corporation, inserted on the list.

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.

Lieut. Governor Ready appears to have found the Financial affairs of Prince Edward's Island in a flourishing condition. In a communication made to the House of Assembly, His Excellency informed them that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer after discharging all the outstanding Warrants would be £4,000—of this sum, the Lieut. Governor recommends the appropriation of £2500 for Roads and Bridges.

The following resolutions were passed by the House of Assembly of Prince Edward's Island on the 17th February.

Resolved; "That the duties exacted for the Cranberry Island Light House, upon vessels anchoring in the Gut of Canso and the adjacent seas, are and have been a heavy burthen on the trade and shipping of this Island.

"That the imposition of a tax by the Legislature of Nova Scotia on the Shipping of this Island while anchoring in the Gut and the adjacent seas, is an illegal exaction on property no ways subject to the laws of that Colony.

"That assuming but never admitting that such imposition were legal, the rate of it is excessive, amounting to 6d. for every ton, which far exceeds the amount of all light dues throughout the British and Irish channels, and that the Cranberry Island light is a very poor one.

"That the Mode of collecting these Light dues by boarding vessels on the high seas, is to the last degree dangerous and exceptionable, and may lead to riot and bloodshed among the crews of vessels, whose masters are either ignorant or doubtful of the legality of the demand, and that several instances have occurred where the Collector of the Light dues has seized and taken part of the sails of vessels, bound from this Island to Europe to satisfy the same.

"That this House is willing to sanction the Collection of Light dues at the ports of this Island in behalf of Nova-Scotia, or any of the other adjacent Colonies, that may erect Light Houses which are deemed beneficial to the trade of this Island, the rate of the charge being first submitted to the consideration of this House.

LOWER CANADA.

There is certainly no want of inclination in the British North American Provinces to improve their resources, and the following abstract of what they are doing or have done, reflects, we think great credit upon them:—

Lower-Canada has given in 1824 upwards of £15,000 for Roads, as a bounty for establishing a Steam Vessel between Halifax and Quebec, for agricultural and other purposes, for a census of its population, &c.; besides having authorized an additional loan of £30,000 to complete the Lachine Canal, near Montreal.

Upper Canada before the Session of its Parliament terminates will probably vote £25,000 to the stock of the Welland Canal Company to make the Canal uniting Lakes Erie and Ontario, large enough to admit the passage of the ordinary vessels sailing upon the Lakes. It has in consideration to take a Loan of 70,000*l.* sterling, offered by the Imperial Government, for the purpose of uniting Lake Ontario with the River Ottawa; and the improvement of the Navigation of the Rapids of the River St. Lawrence, &c. &c.

Nova Scotia has voted 12,000*l.* to improve its Internal Communications, besides considerable sums on the Shubenacadie Canal, and to improve its Agriculture, to encourage Commerce, &c.