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In May, 1862, the work was again suspended, by direction of the Government, until January, 1863, when it was once more resumed, with the intention of bringing it to a speedy close. The selections from the papers in the Secretary's office had been brought down to the year 1841, and it was deemed advisable that those from the files of the House of Assembly should be also completed to that time. They occupy four volumes, no papers being selected but those of chief importance and which had not been printed in the Journals. During this year the missing portion of the census of 1838 was found, and was arranged and bound up with the rest. Also, a considerable number of papers connected with the mines and minerals, and the questions in dispute between the Government and the Mining Association of London; and also some despatches from the Colonial Office relative to important changes in the government. These have been also bound and catalogued.

The most important work performed during the present year, has been the progress made towards the completion of a copious Index to the registry books of crown grants of land in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton. A complete Index of the names of all grantees from 1725 to 1817, with the dates of the grants, number of acres of land granted, the locality, and other particulars, embracing the names of upwards of 24,000 grantees, has been carefully prepared.

The value and importance of this Index will be apparent, when it is known that frequently from 25 to 800 names occur in one patent, and the first name only on the list of grantees is given in the old Index. Much inconvenience has hitherto resulted, both to the Government and private parties, in consequence of the want of such an Index as that now in progress. It is, however, a work of time, and cannot be completed until July or August next, when I hope to have it brought down to 1845, from which period the crown grants have been recorded in the Registry of Deeds in each county, and proper Indexes of them have been kept.

A large quantity of papers to which reference is never made, consisting of government vouchers, treasurers' reports, and duplicate accounts, papers appertaining to the custom house, excise, board of revenue, school returns, and those of the