

lands in the island. I beg to assure you of my regret at this unavoidable postponement of the measure, and to add the expression of my hope that we may have it in our power to take the necessary steps for its introduction in the next Session. As you mention in your despatch that some time must necessarily be occupied in the verification of plans and in other arrangements preliminary to any purchase of lands under the Colonial Act, I trust that this postponement of the Imperial measure will not be without its advantage, as the interval will enable you to have those arrangements made.

I have, &c.
(signed) *H. Labouchere.*

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EXTRACT of DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir *D. Daly* to the Right Honourable *H. Labouchere*, M. P., dated Government House, Prince Edward Island, 7 September 1857.

(No. 46.)

(Received, 27 September 1857.)

I HAVE the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your Despatch of the 14th August, No. 22,* informing me that the circumstances of the present Session have been such as to prevent Her Majesty's Government from proposing to Parliament to guarantee the loan intended to be raised for the purchase of lands in this island.

Whilst highly appreciating the expression of regret with which you are pleased to accompany the announcement of the unavoidable postponement of this measure, and the favourable effect which it is calculated to produce on those who are disposed to take a proper and reasonable view of the subject, yet, I deem it my duty respectfully to apprise you that I fear this delay will occasion much disappointment to the tenantry and others who have been anxiously looking forward to the early completion of arrangements from which they expect to derive much benefit, and more especially the tenantry on Lord Selkirk's estate, as his agent declines to proceed with the negotiation, or submit the titles, plans, &c., until the Imperial Act shall have been actually passed.

— No. 22. —

EXTRACT of DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir *D. Daly* to the Right Honourable *H. Labouchere*, M. P., dated Government House, Prince Edward Island, 5 January 1858.

(No. 1.)

(Received, 26 January 1858.)

So much has already been effected in mitigation of the evils that have arisen out of the "Land Question," that much anxiety is felt for the completion of the arrangements for the purchase by the local Government of lands from absentee proprietors, on an extended scale.

It is very creditable to the tenantry, and to those who more especially see in the proposed guaranteed loan a prospect of the early accomplishment of their desire to obtain freeholds on reasonable terms, that they are patiently waiting for the Imperial measure, the introduction of which in the last Session was unavoidably postponed.

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