

The several Legislatures of these Provinces, as before noticed, are still in Session, and have been variously engaged in the ordinary business of the country. The contested election for the County of Cumberland which came off on the 18th, resulted in the following return of votes:—**FULTON**, 1320; **HOWE**, 1312; **McFARLANE**, 1133; **DEWOLF**, 1071. The two former declared elected.

A movement for an Industrial Exhibition for Nova Scotia, to take place in 1853, has commenced, and appears to meet with general approbation and support. The Committee for the furtherance of the object have for some time been actively engaged in reference to ways and means, obtaining funds and enlisting the services of efficient persons to aid in carrying out the design.

Of the European news received since the issue of the March number of the Provincial, the most important has been that of the defeat of Lord John Russell, in the House of Commons, on a clause of the Bill for embodying a Militia force for England, the consequent resignation of the Whig Administration, and the formation of a new Ministry.

We notice in the Newspaper Obituary the death, on the 14th February, of **ROBERT BLACKWOOD**, of the firm of Blackwood & Sons, eminent publishers of Edinburgh—and on the 25th February, the death of **THOMAS MOORE**, the distinguished Poet, in the 73rd year of his age.*

Accounts from the Cape of Good Hope to 26th January, are of a more favorable character than formerly. Major General Somerset had driven the hostile Kaffirs into the uninhabited Bushman Country, and it is thought they will sue for peace. The estimated further sum required for prosecuting the Kaffir war, beyond the ordinary grants for Army, Navy, Ordnance and Commissariat Services, is said to be no less than £460,000.

It is stated that the Regiments ordered home from Canada and Nova Scotia, will not be replaced by others.

Lord John Russell's resignation was accepted by the Queen on the 21st February—and Edward Geoffrey Smith Stanley, Earl of Derby, kissed hands on his appointment to office, Feb. 26th. The new Ministry is announced as follows:—

First Lord of the Treasury and Prime Minister	Right Hon. the Earl of Derby.
Lord High Chancellor	Sir Edward Sugden.
Lord President of the Council	The Earl of Lonsdale.
Lord Privy Seal	The Marquis of Salisbury.
Chancellor of the Exchequer and Leader of the House of Commons	Benjamin D'Israeli.
Secretary of State for the Home Dept.	Spencer Horatio Walpole.
“ “ for Foreign Affairs	The Earl of Malmesbury.
“ “ for the Colonies	Sir John Somerset Pakington.
First Lord of the Admiralty	Duke of Northumberland.
President of the Board of Control	John Charles Herries.
President of the Board of Trade	Joseph Warner Henley.
Postmaster General	The Earl of Hardwicke.
Chief Commissioner of Woods and Forests	Lord John Manners.

The foregoing compose the Cabinet.

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster	Robert Adam Christopher.
Commander-in-Chief	The Duke of Wellington.
Master General of the Ordnance	Lt. Genl. Viscount Hardinge.
Judge Advocate	George Banks.
Secretary at War	Major Wm. Beresford.
Secretary to the Admiralty	Augustus Stafford.

* This gentleman held an office under Government at Bermuda, and visited that Island in 1803. He subsequently spent some weeks in Nova Scotia, and visited the United States before returning to Britain.