Legislative Assembly,
THURSDAY, August 28.

This morning Mr. Sol. Gen. Drummond moved the consideration of the reported Communication from the Governor General, and the Bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Lyons objected. The House was to be prorogued next Saturday; every Upper Canada measure had been postponed for this bill; and if it were now pressed, every other measure must fall to the ground.

Mr. Cholret asked if it really were the intention of the Government to prorogue the House on Saturday.

Mr. Sol. Gen. Drummond replied that it was his intention to do so, if it were possible to get through the business of the session by that time, and go on with the rest that might yet remain.

Mr. Hincks said it was the intention to prorogue the House on Saturday.

Mr. Sol. Gen. Drummond reported that he was free sorry to have to introduce the Bill before the House, because he did think that it was advisable that a Bill for the consolidation of the Debt should be some time before the country before it became law.

Mr. Armstrong said he was free to say that of the estate the promising property, the best security for Sterling money in Canada, the Upper Canada Bible Society was eminent. As far as he knew, the Bible would not have gone into houses all that was required, which was the Government had said the House that it would not be pressed to go on Saturday, which was necessary now, he shall not pass this measure. He (Mr. Armstrong) had not made such statements. Some of the Bill, even for Baldwin, had stated on petition, where he said that religious bodies or could not use the any amount in the Court of Queen's Bench for Middlesex further bill that he (the hon. member for Middlesex) had better not carry on the matter to a D those who like the Bill, the Bible, and did not make such statements. Some of the Bill, even for Why, he dared the hon. member to deny what he stated was a fact—not the religious and a right, and very often exercised the right, to use in the Superior Court of Queen's Bench for any amount, aye, even for half a dollar. Why every other claimant is forced to go into Chancery to recover similar amounts. Could the hon. member deny that I. Nonsense! As if I should be the originator of such a thing, with the knowledge I possess of the subject. Why, sir, I am connected with the Bible Society, and I know how anxious it was; and for months past there, A. M., when the former motion was carried.

The House proceeded with unopposed business until five o'clock, A. M., when adjournment took place.

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THE COURIER.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1851.

THE TRIP TO BOSTON.—This little excursion to Boston, which is to be graced with the presence of Lord Elgin himself, is much talked of at present. On the 17th instant, the good people of Massachusetts will have an opportunity of showing off to advantage in the entertainment of a number of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, and we have no doubt the fete will be on an extended and very magnificent scale. It is not certainly one of Brother Jonathan's faults to be wanting in hospitality; every one who has travelled in the States must, if he chances to tell the truth, bear witness to the kindly feeling generally British strangers, are treated everywhere in the Union. These little reciprocities, therefore, and kindly acts of recognition, do more good than so simple a circumstance might be supposed at first sight to engender, because they tend effectually to wipe away the little animosities and bitternesses which are apt to spring up between two countries who keep proudly aloof from each other. This happy and agreeable intercourse which is becoming now so common with our neighbours across the lakes, and the intimate connexion which will soon exist between us by means of railway communication, will render it all but impossible that any misunderstanding amounting to a rupture can ever take place again. With such relations as these, the old adage, "in peace prepare for war," may be safely lost sight of, and a more humanising prospect opened up to us.

We wonder if, in the course of this excursion, the bland smile of the Governor General will shed its benignant rays once more upon the citizens of Montreal. We hope he will take heart of grace and come among us, if it were for no other reason than to belie the assertions that have been made respecting his very unScotchman-like want of physical and moral courage; besides it is not quite fair of His Lordship to keep away thus, because it not only perpetuates the reflection cast upon himself, but it also throws an imputation of unforgiving lawlessness upon this city, which we are very sure the citizens only want a fitting opportunity to wipe off as a stain upon their escutcheon.

We have just heard that the Mayor of the city has seized, or caused to be seized, the desks, benches, and other furniture of the National Free School, together with certain books belonging to the Lord Bishop of Montreal which happened to be on the premises at the time of seizure. We think the public will demand an explanation of this very extraordinary proceeding, and We at the same time hope that the Mayor will have it in his power to give a satisfactory reason for so very high-handed and apparently arbitrary a proceeding.

Catherine Hayes is expected to arrive in New York about the 19th instant. Her first Concert will be given at Tripler Hall on the 27th.

The Hon. James Ferrier arrived in town on Saturday evening from Toronto.

The N. Y. Courier & Enquirer is to be enlarged as soon as suitable presses can be built. The paper was never more prosperous than at present.

Whatever Mr. T. C. Aylesworth stated the bill be again referred to Committee to have an amendment added, that the Stellarton Railroad Company, or any other Company engaging under the existing Act, shall be allowed to construct their line without intending to confer on them any exclusive privileges.

The Legislative Council have sent down a Bill which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, viz:—The Act to make provision for the construction of a main trunk line of railways, with appendages.

The discussion on the provisions of the bill grew out of before the House, was then continued, a regular match against time having been commenced, and the opponents of the bill giving notice that they considered they had been unfairly treated in the amendments carried in committee, being voted down on the principle on committee, and that the bill should not pass, unless other provisions be proceeded with, until the rights given under the bill of last year to the Brantford and Berlin Railway were protected in the present bill.

Many speeches were made on both sides of the House, and many motions made. At 10 minutes after 12, a motion was carried by 15 to 14, referring the bill back to committee.

In committee, more discussion took place, though of it is said, the most and most eminently eclectic. In the midst of this contest, a motion was made, not a question of order, or any point, but to "Auld Lang Syne," being with great taste, and just sentiment. It was refreshing to our ear to listen once more to the true Doric of the Scottish tongue, which both Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre speak with the unaffected and simple purity of the purest Lothian vernacular. They make their second appearance this evening in the old Saint Andrew's Church, Peter Street, when, we perceive, they will present the audience with a series of Scottish, Irish, and English melodies, of the most popular and approved character. We have no doubt that the audience will be a numerous one.

THE ASTECS.—These interesting and mysteriously born children still continue to draw crowded audiences every day. No one seems to be nearer a solution of their strange and unaccountable existence than at first. Should they reach England in safety, it is probable that some one of the literati of that country may devote himself to a solution of the enigma; but at present we suppose we must rest contented with staring, and wondering, and doubting the existence of that rock and mountain encircled city, which, like the happy valley in Rasselas, admits all into its bosom,

"Sed revocare gradum, superasque evadere ad auras
Hoc opus, hic labor est ——"

PARSON'S LIGHT.—Mr. Henry M. Paine, announces through the Worcester Spy, that a patent will soon issue for his new invention, by which he renders the atmosphere inflammable, and applies it to all the purposes for which gas, oil, camphene, &c., are applied for the production of light. He states that he is now ready to contract to light hotels, factories, or private dwellings, with a superior light, fifty per cent. less than any other artificial light known.

We notice, from advertisements, that Mr. J. Leeming will sell, at his office, this day, at 12 o'clock, Eleven Hundred Acres of valuable Land, situated in the Township of Farnham, Shefford Co.; and immediately afterwards, will be offered a number of Building Lots, on Colborne Avenue and its vicinity.—*See adets.*

At a meeting of the Board of Examiners of the Bar, for the District of Montreal, held on Monday, the following gentlemen were admitted to the practice of the Law:

Alexander Molson, B.C.L.,
Duncan Robertson,
Benjamin Brewster.

Mrs. Lunn gratefully acknowledges the receipt of ten dollars, for the University Lying-in Hospital, enclosed as "moisty of ground rent to the Circus."

Reviews.

DERRIANA. A History of the Siege of Londonderry in 1688 and 1689. By the Rev. John Graham. E. & A. Miller, Montreal, p.p. 341.

This is a reprint of "The Siege of Londonderry," which has been long a scarce book, having been out of print for many years. We are glad to see the Press of Canada so well employed as in the publication of so authentic narrative of so very important and momentous an affair as the defence of Londonderry against the forces of James II. The shutting up of the gates of this Irish city by the bold apprentices, and the defiance of its walls for so long a time by the devoted inhabitants, forms one of the most interesting and heroic incidents of modern history. It was here that the last expiring efforts of despotism were finally crushed, and the serpent of superstition, which was threatening to overwhelm and poison the whole land with its pestiferous breath, was finally trodden under foot, and deprived of life. The tide of bigotry rushed like a torrent of mighty waters against the walls of Derry, but by the zeal, and courage, and devotion of its brave defenders, that city was eventually snatched from the grasp of the tyrant, who was sent, in discomfiture and disgrace, to end his days in a foreign land.

This publication is also enriched with a voluminous selection of biographical notes, historical poetry, and other documents relating to the present and past history of Ireland, which are both curious and instructive.

We shall occasionally enrich our columns with certain extracts from these, as we can find room for them. In the meantime, we recommend this very interesting and instructive work to the notice and perusal of our readers. We all owe much to the bold oppressions of Derry.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—We have just received the September number of this Magazine from Mr. E. W. Ley. This number appears to be superior to any of the preceding, both in regard to letterpress matter and decorations. Many of the articles refer to subjects of the highest importance; and as they possess, from the lucid manner in which they are written, much literary merit, they deserve a careful perusal by all who take any delight in the popular literature of the day.

DROWNED.—On Saturday morning last, on the departure of the *Lord Elgin* steamer, three persons were endeavouring to save matters to the public wharf, by pressing, with one of the steamer's boats, a small vessel, and two of the men with the assistance of a third person, who was on board the vessel, were saved, the latter was a Canadian, the 30th Regt., who immediately rose to the surface, A gig was observed, and in about fifteen minutes the body was brought to shore. Great credit is due to Mr. J. P. Sandeck, of Kingston, who, with much presence of mind, threw off some of himself to rescue the man, but unfortunately without effect. Coroner Jones was present, but, we believe, here's a good character, has been 19 years in the army, and has left a widow and six children to deplore his loss.—*Cor.*

THE CROPS.—The late dry warm weather has had a most beneficial effect on the ripening crops. The hay harvest is now completed, and the crop is above the average. It is useful too in another point of view. Grain crops are coming in untimely fast on the high lands; but the harvest will be late on the low grounds. Wheat looks well, and promises to be an average crop, as well pumpkins and potatoes. Indian corn will be very plentiful, but not to any extent. Barley has been cut in some extensive situations, and the crop is rather light, owing to the continuance of so much wet weather in the early part of the spring. On the whole, the grain crops have a very promising appearance. The pease blight is making rapid strides in the neighbourhood of St. Ray. A few days ago, fields that appeared completely green, have become almost completely brown. We are informed by a respectable farmer of St. Ray, that out of a field he prepared for market he obtained a bushel of decayed potatoes, which plainly proves that the disease is progressing to a great extent. Farmers that were detained by their land being overflowed in the spring and had to plant late are going to have no crop, on account of the plants being totally black. The pastures are good, and dairies are well supplied. The turnip crop promises to be good.—*Montreal Herald.*

Coal is not cultivated to any extent. Chicken stuff is a good crop and very plentiful in our markets. —*Quebec Chronicle.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Toronto, 26th August, 1851.

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz:

William Fitzgibbon of Belleville, and
Lawrence W. Measer, of Niagara, Esquires, to be Notaries Public in that part of the Province called Upper Canada.

The Reverend Simon C. Fraser, to be associate Member of the Board of Trustees for Superintending the Grammar Schools in the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew.

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to appoint the following Gentlemen to be Members of the Boards of Examiners, in examining Candidates for admission as Provincial Land Surveyors, under the recent Act, 14 and 15 Vict. Cap. 4, viz:

LOWER CANADA BOARD.

The Honorable The Commissioner of Crown Lands, (*ex officio.*)
Joseph Bouchette and Andrew Russell, Esqrs., Senior Surveyors and draftsmen, Crown Lands Department.
Alphonso Wells, of Montreal,
Adolphus Lareau, of Quebec,
Charles François Fournier, of St. Jean Port Joli,
William Ware, of Quebec,
Joseph Hamel, of Quebec, and
John Ostell, of Montreal, Esquires, Provincial Land Surveyors.

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John Booth, of Elizabethtown,
Publius V. Elmore, of Belleville,
David Gibson, of Township of York,
William Hawkins, of Toronto,
John Stroughton Dennis, of Weston, and
John Knatchbull Roche, of Port Hope, Esquires, Provincial Land Surveyors.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Toronto, 30th August, 1851.

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to make the undermentioned appointments within Lower Canada, viz:

Daniel McMillan, of Milton; Stephen Chartier of Milton; William Kierson, Senior, of Lochaber; John M. Dole, of Lochaber; Luke Morgan Knowlton, of Brome; Benoit Goyette, of Ste. Brigide de Monnoir; and William Murray, of Ste. Brigide de Monnoir; Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the District of Montreal.

Isaac Mesnier, of Ste. Brigide de Monnoir; Francois Mortel, of St. Hugues, and William Clegborn, of St. Phillipe, Esquires, to be Municipal Councillors in virtue of the 15th Section of the Act 10 and 11 Vict. Cap. 7.

Jaques Phillippe Lantier, Marie-Pierre Theophile Ledue, Archibald McIntosh, Antoine Chevette, and Pierre Giroux, (dit Jean Olivier), Esquires, to be Commissioners of Small Causes in and for the Parish of St. Polycarpe, County of Vaudreuil. Commission dated 24th August, 1848, revoked.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
TORONTO, 27th August, 1851.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to make the following promotions and appointments in the Militia Force of Canada, viz:

First Battalion Leeds

To be Ensigns: James Henry Morris and George W. Malloch, Gentlemen.

Fifth Battalion Leeds

To be Captains: Lieutenants Gideon Lohey and George Percival.

To be Lieutenants: Ensigns William Rowsom, William De Wolfe and Robert Armstrong.

To be Ensigns: William Smith; Thomas Boyd and Levi Kilborne, Gentlemen.

First Battalion Frontenac.

To be Ensign—Ellery W. Palmer, Gentleman, taking rank and precedence from the 25th June last, next after Ensign John Dull.

Militia Independent Artillery.

To be Captain—Captain Andrew H. Armour, late of the Montreal Artillery, taking rank and precedence from the 10th December, 1845.

With reference to the resignation of Colonel J. Connel Baldwin, late of the 8th Regiment of North York Militia, His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to permit that officer to resume the rank of Colonel on the Retired List of the Militia of Canada.

The following officers have been permitted to retire from the Militia Service of Canada, viz:

Major John Heggart, late of the 3rd Regiment of Lanark Militia, with the rank of Lt. Colonel, and Captain William Chue, of the 1st Battalion Stormont with the rank of Major, and Captains Charles Hitchins and Charles Van Every of the 8th Holton, retaining their rank.

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