

Officers for Knights, Citizens and Burgesses to serve in the Assembly. Of the two remaining Acts one was "an Act to allow to the province of Upper Canada, a proportion of the duties imposed by the Legislature of this province (Lower Canada) on such articles as have been transported from this province into the province of Upper Canada, between the first day of March, and the thirty-first day of December, 1797." The other Act was to repeal the Act appointing commissioners to treat with commissioners appointed by Upper Canada to settle the proportion which should belong to each province of the duties collected on articles imported into one province and passing thence into the other, and for appointing other commissioners for a like purpose.—A fire broke out in St. Francis Street, Quebec, on Sunday, 17th June, and rapidly assumed alarming proportions. By the strenuous exertions of the troops, encouraged by the Governor-General, who had turned out at the first alarm, the Seminary was saved, but fifteen houses were entirely destroyed.—The tempestuous weather on the Atlantic coast in the latter part of 1797 and beginning of 1798, cast a gloom throughout Nova Scotia. Wrecks were frequent, and the loss of life heavy. The people of Halifax, as on many previous occasions, were, however, quite equal to the emergency. Boats were manned, provisioned and despatched to the relief of the sufferers, and every thing which willing hearts and strong arms could effect was done to mitigate the severity of the season. Upwards of thirty persons were wrecked on Sable Island at one time.—The officers and men of the Royal Nova Scotia Regiment subscribed a week's pay towards the fund raised to assist His Majesty in meeting the heavy expenses of the war; the people of Halifax contributed £4000

to the same fund.—The General Assembly of Nova Scotia met at Halifax on 8th June. Sir John Wentworth in his opening speech expressed his great satisfaction at the loyalty displayed by the people of Nova Scotia as evidenced by their liberal subscriptions in aid of the expenses of the war.—On the 30th June the Nova Scotia Assembly voted five hundred guineas to purchase a star to be presented to Prince Edward.—On Saturday, the 7th July, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Council and the Assembly proceeded from the Council Chamber to Government House and there presented an address to the Prince, offering this star,\* which he very graciously accepted. During the session, which terminated on 7th July, six Acts were passed, one of which was an Act to prevent aliens from remaining in the province, unless by special permission from the Government. On the 8th August, Prince Edward met with a serious accident whilst riding in the vicinity of Halifax. His horse stumbled and fell upon him, severely bruising his leg and thigh. After a short time the symptoms became so serious that the medical staff recommended His Royal Highness to go to England, advice which he was reluctantly compelled to follow. The Prince sailed from Halifax on 23rd October, in H. M. S. *Topaz*. Addresses were presented to him by the Lieutenant-Governor and Council, and also by the citizens of Halifax, deeply lamenting his accident and his departure, and expressing the earnest wish that he might soon return to them.—An Act was passed this year by the Legislature of the Island of St. John, changing the name of the Island to

\*The star itself (a diamond star of the Order of the Garter) was not presented to the Prince until the 9th of January, 1799, when it was conveyed to Kensington Palace by Mr. Charles Wentworth, son of the Lieutenant-Governor, and Mr. Hartshorne, who presented it to His Royal Highness.