

lency to send two delegates to advocate the interests of that body at the Colonial Office. Messrs. Stewart and Wilkins were subsequently appointed for that purpose. The remainder of the session was rather a stormy period.

April 4th. The session was prorogued. In his closing speech His Excellency inferred that the objection to the formation of the Councils arose from a disappointment which some members of the House felt because they were not placed at these boards.

June 4th.—Judge Haliburton, the author of the Clockmaker, was invited to a public dinner by a number of gentlemen in Halifax.

July 14th. Died at Pictou, in the fortieth year of his age, Jotham Blanchard, Esq., member of the last House of Assembly, and for many years Editor of the Pictou Colonial Patriot; the paper which first advocated the change in H. M. Council.

August 8th. James Bossom shot at with a pistol, and killed, in the streets of Halifax, by Smith D. Clarke. 16th. The Rev. Messrs. O'Brien and Deese, of the Catholic Church, arrived in Halifax.

September 13th. Sir Poilet Thompson, afterwards Lord Sydenham, Governor General of British North America, left England for Canada. 17th. The coal pits at Pictou took fire, and occasioned immense loss to the proprietors. About this time, Miss Morris, our native artist, published her sketches of the Wild Flowers of Nova Scotia.

October 26th. The first number of the Haligonian, a semi-weekly paper, published by J. Kuhn, made its appearance.

December 31st. The annual session of the Legislature was opened. Messrs. Young and Huntingdon having both been returned, took their seats at the opening.

1840 —January 21. An important dispatch from the Colonial Secretary, directing that in future, Executive Councillors, and all the higher public officers, shall retain their places no longer than consistent with the public good, was laid by order of his Excellency, before the house. 5th. Mr. Doyle presented his annually renewed bill, for limiting the duration of the House. [Note. This bill had for several years past, been agreed to in the house by large majorities, but was lost in the council. This year however, it was agreed to by the Council and subsequently received the Royal assent.] 6th. Messrs Young and Huntington reported to the house the proceedings and result of their delegation. 10th. A similar report was made to the Council by the Hon. Mr. Wilkins, respecting the Council's delegation. 20th. Smith D. Clarke found guilty of the murder of James Bossom, but recommended to mercy by the Jury. He was subsequently pardoned.

February 10th. The Hon. J. B. Uniacke having heretofore given a steady support to the Government of Sir Colin Campbell, announced in his place in the house, that he had retired from the Executive Council, and that he could no longer sustain the present Government, and avowed himself determined to aid in carrying out the form of Government, ordered by the Colonial Secretary.

March 14th. A hostile meeting took place between Mr. Howe and J. C. Haliburton, son of the Chief Judge. 15th. His Excellency having refused or delayed carrying out the order of the dispatches received from the Colonial Secretary relative to the formation of the Executive Council, the House, in a body, waited on him with an address, in which they besought him to conform to the letter of his instructions. This he still declined. £18,000 granted this session for the service of the roads and bridges, and £26,000 in addition for the service of the great roads, to be expended in the three following years. 16th. A public meeting was held in Halifax, for the purpose of considering the expediency of establishing a Gas Light Company. This was the first public measure to wards introducing gas lights into this Province. 22nd. Hons. John Leander Starr, and M. Tobin, junr., having been appointed by a mandamus from home, this day took their seats in the Legislative Council. 24th. The House of Assembly agreed to an address to her Majesty, wherein they solicit Her Majesty to recall Sir Colin Campbell from the Government of the Province, and by an address to His Excellency, prayed that he would remit it home to be laid before Her Majesty. 27th. The session of the Legislature was prorogued.

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