

gentlemen were requested to draft a petition to the Postmaster-General and obtain signatures thereto: Thos. Newsom, Wm. Smith, Septimas Soper, Joseph Goff and Reuben L. Hamblin.

An express train had made the run between Utica and Albany, 95 miles, in 2 hours and 34 minutes, and this was considered remarkable time. Now the Empire State express covers the same distance in about an hour and a half.

Married—At the residence of the bride's father, on 29th ult., by the Rev. S. Mylne, Mr. Henry Shaw, of Smith's Falls, to Miss Johan McGregor, of the township of Montague.

MAY 22, 1851.

The fourth session of the third Parliament of the Province of Canada had been opened by the Governor-General, in Toronto. The following is an abstract from His Excellency's Speech from the Throne:—

"On again meeting you for the discharge of our legislative duties, it affords me much satisfaction to congratulate you on the general prosperity of the province. The crop of last year was abundant, the revenue from customs and the traffic on the provincial canals are steadily increasing, and the securities of the province command a high price. The effect of recent changes in the Imperial Navigation Law is also beginning to be felt in the more frequent resort of foreign shipping to our sea ports. It is alleged, however, by persons connected with the shipping interest that certain provisions of the Navigation Act are unfavorable to the extension of a valuable branch of our import trade. The subject is an important one and I recommend it to your consideration. Under those favorable circumstances the further improvement of the means of internal communication has recently engaged a large share of public attention. In many parts of Canada capital has been applied extensively and with much advantage by

persons interested in the several localities and by others to the construction of good country roads; and measures have been taken in both sections of the province with the view of pressing forward important lines of railway. Parliament has already given proof of its disposition to afford the undertakings of this description which are calculated to be beneficial to the province, such aid as can properly be given to them without impairing the provincial credit, or encouraging unprovident speculations."

Reference was made to the new postage law which had come into operation. A proposal for the construction of a railway between Halifax and Quebec or Montreal would be laid before the House. A conference was to be had with the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick to settle the long pending boundary dispute between that province and Canada.

A local item stated that H. Jones, postmaster at Brockville, had been furnished with a supply of postage stamps, for the accommodation of parties who might wish to use them in prepaying letters. These stamps, it is said, would save much trouble, as letters prepaid in this manner may be placed in the post office at all hours.

Examinations had been held in the public schools, the results of which were very gratifying. The only drawback to extended improvement in the education of the children of the town, was the very imperfect accommodation supplied in the way of school houses, and this reproach, it was hoped, would be remedied by another year.

Francis Beaufort, the murderer of William Barrie, was executed at Perth on Saturday last in the presence of 1,000 spectators. He acknowledged his guilt, but charged his wife with having incited him to the act.

The World's Exhibition was opened at the Crystal Palace, London, on April 29th, and considerable space is