WEEKLY CALENDAR.—JUNE.

○ Full Moon, 2d day, 0h. 33m., evening.
☾ Last Quarter, 11th day, 8h. 52m., morning.
● New Moon, 19th day, 1h. 10m., morning.
☽ First Quarter, 25th day, 6h. 23m., evening.

DAY MONTH.	DAY WEEK.	SUN rises	SUN sets	High water morn.	Moon sets	Day of the year
		h m	h m	h m	h m	h m
24	Sunday	4 14	7 49	2 30	11 10	15 35
25	Monday	4 15	7 49	3 17	11 30	34
26	Tuesday	4 15	7 49	4 5	11 58	34
27	Wednesday	4 16	7 49	4 59	morn	33
28	Thursday	4 17	7 49	5 57	0 22	32
29	Friday	4 17	7 49	6 9	0 54	32
30	Saturday	4 17	7 49	7 3	1 38	32

MAILS.—SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

The Mails for the neighboring Provinces, &c., will, until further notice, be made up and forwarded as follows:—

For Nova Scotia, via Pictou, every Thursday and alternate Monday, at 12 o'clock, noon.

For New Brunswick, Canada and the United States, via Shediac, every Tuesday and Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

For Newfoundland, every Monday.

For England, Bermuda and West Indies, and also for Nova Scotia, every alternate Monday at 4 o'clock p. m., viz:

May 28th; June 11th and 25th; July 9th and 23d; August 6th and 20th; September 3d and 17th; October 1st, 15th and 29th; November 12th and 26th.

LEGISLATIVE DEBATES.

ELECTION BILL.

Thursday, March 29.

Mr. Davies—I believe that the proper place for the capital of Prince County is Summerside; but it is not to be wondered at that the members for Princetown are opposed to the resolution. I may say, as I did on a former occasion, that Summerside is now certainly entitled to representation. It will no doubt become a place of importance; still I do not think it will outvie Charlottetown. It is perhaps more convenient to the railway in New Brunswick, but when the line is completed from Halifax to Pictou, Charlottetown will possess equal advantages. I hope if the representation is transferred to Summerside the people there will be prepared to bear any additional taxation which may be occasioned by the change.

Mr. Bell—A grand mistake was made when the site for the county town was chosen on the north side of the Island. The harbors there close up much earlier in the season than on the south side. Justice ought now to be done to the County, and the representation given to a place better adapted for the purposes of trade. Summerside is clearly entitled to the privilege, as it possesses, besides advantages for commerce, a numerous and enterprising population. The resolution shall have my support.

Hon. Mr. Whitehead—I never was at Princetown, and am consequently not in a position fully to judge of the advantages or disadvantages of the situation for a town; but I think the step proposed to be taken is a very summary one. For my own part I will lend my support to nothing of the kind, as Princetown has made no application for a change. The Colony is certainly retrograding, if we are going to disfranchise one of our boroughs. In Canada they are granting privileges to new towns almost every day. Instead of disfranchising Princetown we should foster it by all the means in our power. The people there are, I believe, as intelligent and industrious as at Summerside. We have heard it stated to-day that the place is unsuitable for a town; but all must admit that it is admirably adapted for the fishing trade, which probably, ere long, will be prosecuted to a much greater extent in the Colony. The hon. member Mr Sinclair proposed that the qualification of electors in Princetown should be made 40s. a year, in order that those who own land there might be under the necessity of improving it before they could exercise the privilege. This might be well, but to disfranchise them altogether is out of the question.

Hon. Mr. Pemar—I almost consider it my duty to support the resolution, because it was partly suggested by the hon. member for Princetown himself. Perhaps the people there feel the taxes burdensome. The population of Princetown has increased very little since I first came to this House, while in the same time that of Summerside has nearly trebled, and it would have increased more if the place had possessed a separate representation. I see a great number of my constituents have signed a petition in favor of the resolution, and I feel it my duty to carry out their wishes.

Mr. Sinclair—The hon. member says that he almost feels bound to support the resolution because I suggested it. He must know that I made no such suggestion; what I proposed was quite different—it was to protect the privileges of the people of Princetown. Summerside, with all its advantages, has not very many more votes than Princetown; and the Royalty of the latter place is much more populous than the Royalty of Charlottetown. It is only on account of the Court House and Jail being built at St. Eleanor's, and the traffic between Summerside and New Brunswick that these places have increased. The hon. member, Mr. Bear, stated that the harbor of Princetown is closed up earlier than those on the south side of the Island; but this is not correct, for vessels leave that harbor as late in the season as from almost any port in the Colony.

Hon. Mr. Longworth—I have listened attentively to the opinions of hon. members, and I must say that not withstanding all the arguments advanced by those opposed to the resolution, I have not been convinced that Princetown is entitled to retain its representation. The strongest argument which they have brought forward appears to be that there is Government land at that place; but I cannot understand why a borough should be entitled to representation because the Government holds property there. It is not on this ground that representation is granted in England or in any other country with which I am acquainted. The principle maintained by the reformers in Britain, is, that whenever a town has reached that state of decay that its population is too small to entitle it to representation, it ought to be disfranchised. Now here is a place which was laid off for a town some 80 or 100 years ago, and what is its history? The town has never been built. As has been already remarked, a mistake was certainly committed when a site for the borough of Prince County was chosen on the North side, but probably then the people had no means of judging more correctly. While the most of our communication is with the United States and the lower Provinces there is no prospect of it being built. In process of time it may become a fishing station, but can never rise to be more than a village. This House does not desire to deprive Prince County of a borough; the question is whether Summerside or Princetown be entitled to the privilege. I think on account of its population, and also from its position, Summerside has a superior claim. It has increased the last few years at a rate perfectly astonishing; and is calculated still further to rise in importance. I agree with the hon. member, Mr. Haviland, that it will probably soon outstrip Charlottetown. The hon. member for Murray Harbor appeared to take a very extraordinary view of the case. His argument seemed to be, that since the inhabitants of Princetown had made no application to be disfranchised they should not be interfered with. I wonder if this principle was acted upon when the famous bill was introduced by which the representation of the Colony was increased and Lot 18 added to Princetown. I never heard that the people of Princetown petitioned for the change. No, Mr. Chairman, it was contrary to their wishes. If an alteration could be effected in their representation then, when there was no application on the subject before the House, surely it can be done with much more reason now, when there is a petition on the table from Summerside and vicinity in favor of the resolution. We have a right to accede to the wishes of the people of Summerside, provided it is a more suitable place for the county town than Princetown. I would be the last person to rise in this House to deprive any town or district of a representation to which it is justly entitled. This privilege belongs to no place on account of Government land being there, but as has already been properly remarked, it is a trust which can be given or taken away. Princetown it is admitted on all hands is an inferior place now than it was 30 years ago. I visited the place about that time, and saw only one house in which it called the town. The number, I believe, remains the same to this day. Where, then, can be the injustice of disfranchising such a place?

Hon. Mr. Whitehead—I do not