

From 26th October, 1846, to 26th October, 1847..	Gate No. 1.....	639 0 0	£ 639 0 0
	Gate No. 2.....	557 18 5	557 18 5
	Gate No. 3.....	389 2 10	389 2 10
		£	1586 1 3
From 26th October, 1847, to 26th October, 1848..	Gate No. 1.....	1196 0 0	*1159 0 0
	Gate No. 2.....	932 0 0	909 18 8
	Gate No. 3.....	701 0 0	603 10 0
From 3d January, 1848, to 26th October, 1848..	New Gate erected in Beverly (now called Gate No. 2), collected by a hired Collector. Gross Receipts..		318 18 10
		£	2991 7 6

\* £176 of this sum was credited for work done. The balance of £37 was, by mistake of the Bank of British *North America*, placed to the credit of the Lessee of Gate No. 1, instead of the Lessee of Gate No. 2, which was not discovered until after a settlement with the Sureties of the Lessee of No. 1.

April 20, 1849. The balance at the credit of the Commissioners in the Bank of British *North America*, this day, is £9 5s. 9d.; and the Commissioners stand indebted to that Institution in their joint and several summary Notes, in a balance, exclusive of interest, of £900. Besides money borrowed on Debentures.

A. AINSLIE,

Chairman *Dundas* and *Waterloo* Mac'd Road.

General Post Office.

Mr. *Morrison*, from the Committee to take into consideration the Message of His Excellency the Governor General relative to the establishment of a General Post Office in the Provinces of British *North America*, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That whereas it is expedient that a uniform and cheap rate of Postage should be established throughout *British America*: And whereas the Imperial Government has signified to His Excellency the Governor General its readiness to relinquish the management of this Department so soon as a uniform system of Postage should have been agreed upon by the different local Governments: And whereas the different local Governments of *British America* have agreed upon the following propositions, namely: "That there be one uniform rate of three-pence, Provincial currency, throughout *British North America*: That no transit postage between the Provinces be allowed: That two-pence sterling the half ounce shall remain as the rate in operation as regards letters by British Mails, to be extended to countries having postal conventions with *Great Britain* (unless Her Majesty's Government shall see fit to permit this rate to be changed to three-pence currency): That the prepayment of postage shall be optional: That each Province shall retain the amount of postage it collects: That the packet postage shall be paid in *England*, the Provincial rate of two-pence sterling to belong to the Province which collects it, and if pre-paid in *England* to be credited to the Province to which the letter is addressed: That no privilege of franking be allowed: That postage stamps for prepayment be allowed, and Colonial stamps be engraved: That newspaper, pamphlet and magazine postage be allowed to remain at the present rates, with power to each Legislature to send them free of charge: And that the rate of remuneration for the transport of British Mails by express through the Provinces of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, be left for future arrangement." And whereas the Imperial Government has approved the said propositions, but, nevertheless, Legislative

action is necessary to enable Her Majesty's Government to give effect to the proposed arrangements: And whereas it is expedient to enable the Governor General in Council to give effect to such arrangements as he may deem right for the establishment of a uniform rate of postage, so soon as the necessary enactment may have been passed by the Imperial Legislature: It is therefore expedient that the Governor in Council be empowered to enter into such arrangements with the Imperial Government, and with the Provincial Governments of the other British *North American* Provinces, as shall, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, be expedient to secure a uniform and cheap rate of postage; and that the Governor in Council be authorized to make all such regulations for the management of the Post Office Department and the officers thereof, and of all matters thereunto belonging, as to him may seem meet, and from time to time to alter the same, which regulations shall have the same force and effect as if embodied in this Act, until the expiration of the next Session of Parliament.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that such regulations as shall be then in force, be laid before both Houses of the Provincial Parliament within ten days after the opening of the next Session of the said Parliament, and that the same shall remain permanently in force as law, unless it shall be otherwise provided in some Act to be passed during the said Session.
3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the Governor in Council be authorized to pay out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, such sums (if any) as may be required to make up any deficiency in the funds arising from the Revenue of the Post Office Department to meet the expenses thereof.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Solicitor General *Blake* have leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the management of the Post Office Department, whenever it shall be transferred to the Provincial Government.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, tomorrow.

Mr. *Polette*, from the Committee on the subject of *Dorchester Bridge* and the Roads in the vicinity of *Quebec*, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to authorize and enable the Trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike Roads* to acquire and assume the possession and property of the Bridge called *Dorchester Bridge*, over the River *St. Charles*, near the City of *Quebec*.
2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to extend the provisions of the Ordinance passed in the fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Ordinance to provide for the improvement of certain Roads in the neighbourhood of and leading to the City of *Quebec*, and to raise a fund for that purpose," to the said Bridge, as well as to certain Roads and parts of Roads in the vicinity of *Quebec*.
3. *Resolved*, That for the above purposes, it is expedient to authorize the said Trustees to raise a further Loan, not exceeding Twenty-five thousand pounds, currency, on the security of the Tolls and other monies which may come into their hands, and to give a preference and priority

Post Office Bill.

Dorchester Bridge and Quebec Roads.