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improvements on St. Lawrence. Agrees with Neilson as to doubtful wisdom of young country undertaking expensive public works on credit. Events in Europe must have their effect in Canada. People of Upper Canada manly and independent, but scheme of Government makes an independent Assembly nearly impossible.

Captain F. Archambault and two others to Neilson. (In French.) St. Roch, Inviting his consideration to the difficulties in obtaining government aid 21st Feby., to two schools one in St. Roch village, the other on the concession called 1831. to two schools, one in St. Roch village, the other on the concession called

Ruisseaux St. Jean, parish St. Roch.

W. Morris to Neilson. At Neilson's request, he sends a copy of the House of Commissioners Bill as amended by the Legislative Council. Thinks the Assembly, Assembly will not accept the amendment vesting the appointment of the 23rd Feby. commissioners in the Governor.

W. L. Mackenzie to Neilson. Commissioners Bill. Welland Canal. York. Sends a return procured by Mr. Hume on the Canadian Post Office and a 1831. copy of a report made by himself on the Post Office. Desires greatly to go to Quebec to see the Legislature in session. Minority in Upper Canada doing great good.

Draft of a lease of part of the building held by the Old Quebec Quebec, Exchange and News room to the Quebec Mechanics Institute.

Michael Scott to Neilson. Furnishing reasons for the repeal of the Quebec, Ordinance 17 George III cap. 4, entitled an Ordinance for regulating the 1st March, 1831. markets of the towns of Quebec and Montreal.

Charles Caron to Neilson. (In French.) Respecting road building Machiche, 6th March, and supervision, and other matters. 1831.

W. L. Mackenzie to Neilson. Commissioners Bill. He will leave for York. Quebec on prorogation of Legislature. Mr. Ryerson left for London with 1831. large petition. Various obligations assumed by Legislature, increasing provincial debt, which is approaching £270,000. List of abuses.

W. Hamilton Merritt to Speaker of Assembly. Urging that Lower York.

Canada furnish £25,000 more for the Welland Canal.

1831.

Draft of the instructions to D. B. Viger on his departure for England in April 1831, as the representative of the Assembly, in the submission of its views respecting public affairs in Lower Canada. (In Neilson's handwriting.)

W. L. Mackenzie to Neilson. Bad state of roads, which he describes Cornwall, prevented him from reaching Quebec in time for prorogation. If Upper 2nd April, Canada can second the purposes of Viger's mission, in any way, they will cheerfully do it. Impossibility of effecting anything valuable with the

Legislature constituted as it is.

W. L. Mackenzie to Neilson. Has seen Mr. Papineau and is pleased Montreal, April, with him. State of the representation in Upper Canada, and general 1831. political conditions worse than in Lower Canada. Anxious to see Viger and Neilson. Begins to despair of the colonial system ever being amended so as to preserve the connection between the colonies and the motherland, and to enable the colonies to furnish a fair field for men of talent and patriotism. Fears the extension of the bank monopoly.

Memorandum in Neilson's handwriting on the relations between Great Quebec, Britain and the Colonies. (In a note at the bottom it is stated "copied by May, 1831.

Mr. M. Upper Canada").

D. B. Viger to Neilson. (In French.) Asks if he is writing to Mr. Montreal, Wynn and Mr. Labouchere. Cuvillier is plotting to gain the favour of the 4th May, 1831. Government party, and to injure the popular party. Viger is vexed at a